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EDITORIAL

Before I hear you cry 'Why is the magazine late AGAIN this year?' in justified indignation, let me hastily assure you that your long-suffering and over-worked editors are not *entirely* to blame. As ever, the task of wringing reasonably coherent reports from reluctant contributors has required singular perseverance but we trust that the wit, elegance and perspicacity of this year's collection of Strathallia will more than make up for its tardiness.

1983/84 was, by all accounts, an excellent year for the School. Not only did Strathallan's all-conquering 1st XV emerge from a truly memorable season undefeated, but the Hockey XI pulled off the same trick in the Spring Term, aided—perhaps—by the new all-weather hard court. In the Summer it was the athletes who stole the show, winning all their fixtures save one.

The hearties did not have it all their own way, however, and Strathallan's much-maligned culturists for once disposed of their shyness and stepped forward with one or two outstanding contributions throughout the year. The Headmaster's Musick was one of the most successful ever whilst of Mr Forster's dramatic coup, 'Twelfth Night,' I need say little the rave review on p. 30 says it all. Not all of this flowering of culture was prompted from above either—the spontaneous but short-lived proliferation of internal radio stations in the Summer bears witness to that (O.K., so what if they were universally dreadful).

Meanwhile the improvement and expansion of School facilities continued apace. We all soon adjusted to a new entrance at the back of the main building whilst the long-awaited renovation of the senior School dormitories brought them up to something more approaching the palatial resplendence of Woodlands. Riley underwent significant changes, partly to allow for the intake of up to 16 girls (could this explain Mr Wareham's sudden departure?), and the proceeds of last year's fête helped to pay for new stage lighting and the installation of a multigym.

Not all achievement was on such a grand scale, however, and even 'the tone of the School,' to use H.M.'s hallowed phrase, appeared to improve as the year progressed. It was entirely fitting, therefore, that such an all-round successful year should be caught forever on celluloid with the professional recording in the Summer Term of a School video.

All that remains, then, is to thank both the 'backroom boys' (who did so much work typing the contents of this magazine into the computer) and the hardworking but oft-forgotten Mr Clayton, and to invite the reader to turn, for a more comprehensive account of the year's many activities, to the pages that follow



Escapism ~

Matron and one of her mattresses





SPEECH DAY PRIZE-WINNERS

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| The Smith Cup for the Captain of School | R. A. M. Sinclair |
| The Houston Prize for all round Merit | D. W. Davidson |
| Dux | R. Suri |
| The William Tattersall Art Prize | J. R. Hanson |
| The Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings | Lindsey Chisholm |
| The Robert Barr Memorial Prize for Music | G. Pettinger |
| The Richard Moffat History Prize | Lorraine Brewster |
| The Wilfred Hoare Senior Reading Prize | K. Orr |
| The David Bogie Prize for Economics | Lorraine Brewster |
| English | Lorraine Brewster |
| French | D. W. Davidson and F. W. Fyfe |
| Mathematics | W. M. MacDonald |
| Chemistry | Lindsey Chisholm |
| Physics | R. A. M. Sinclair |
| Sixth Form Maths and Science | N. H. McKee |
| Biology | J. McLaren |
| Art | Gillian N. Niven |

SCHOOL AUTHORITY

- Head of School: G. E. McClung then
R. A. M. Sinclair
- Head of Freeland: J. N. Beckman then G. M. Brown
- Head of Leburn: D. E. Uprichard
- Head of Nicol: R. A. M. Sinclair
- Head of Ruthven: D. W. Davidson
- Head of Simpson: F. W. Fyfe then N. J. Tether
- Head of Woodlands: Rachel C. Beveridge then
Elspeth S. Mearns
- School Prefects: Sarah A. Brown, G. V. F. Clayton,
M. Drummond, B. S. McCall-Smith,
W. M. Macdonald, E. McIntosh,
N. H. McKee, A. E. J. Wood.

Salvete

January 1984

- V – Liddell, S. J. (L).
- IV – Lenman, A. B. (R), Liddell, C. M. (L), Liddell, Fiona
G. (W), Miln, S. (L).
- III – Austrick, G. S. (N), Nicol, D. J. (S), Notman, L. H. R. A. (S).
- II – Gowers, A. G. C. (Ri), Smith, R. D. (Ri).
- I – Lannen, K. L. F. (Ri).

April 1984

- LVI – McBride, K. J. (L), Schnetzer, K. (N).
- I – Thorpe, M. W. (Ri).

September 1984

- UVI – Coutts, Philippa D. (W), Millar, Sheena A. (W),
McMillan, Gaile, E. (W).
- LVI – Cooper, Jane E. (W), Cornish, Gail V. (W), Gadie,
Clare E. (W), Holst, M. J. (N), Meikle, A. (F), Meikle,
Lesley J. (W), Mackie, Sandra J. (W), Mulligan, E. C. (S),
Pearson, Helen F. (W), Sheal, D. K. (S), Wharton, D. (S).
- V – Huxley, I. (R), Thomson, D. M. (F).
- IV – Currie, S. A. (N), Cuthbertson, Elizabeth (W), Hutch-
eson, K. N. (N), Kaddurah, F. (F), Meikle, K. (F), Pearson,
A. (F).
- III – Arnott, K. (N), Batchelor, R. J. H. (R), Beale, Nicola
J. (W), Brown, R. G. (N), Clark, D. A. (L), Cornish, R. M. (S).
Crichton, Dawn (W), Dalrymple, F. D. (S), Dewar, A. C. (F).
Dickinson, A. J. C. (F), Dinsmore, K. C. (L), Dods, N. A. (L),
Dow, A. H. (N), Eason, R. G. (S), Glimm, C. N. A. (L),
Gordon, Sheila L. R. (W), Gregory, C. A. (N), Hogg, M.
R. A. (S), Howes, N. D. (F), Jardine, Fiona A. (W),
Johnston, C. C. A. (S), Logan, A. C. (S), McAuley,
Nicola A. (W), Macintyre, R. C. (N), McIver, Corrie S. (W),
Mackenzie, Louisa (W), McLay, C. T. (S), Moffat, R. (S),
Park, A. M. (F), Paterson, Jane L. (W), Pawson, M. D. (L),
Peters, S. R. S. (R), Philip, S. R. M. (F), Reynolds, Kirsty
A. (W), Robb, G. T. (F), Smith, Jennifer A. (W), Stocks,
J. G. (N), Tait, I. D. (N), Tilley, B. A. M. (L), Verden-
Anderson, J. E. (F), Walker, P. J. M. (F), Whitley, N. E. (F).

Riley

- II – Anderson, Carol A., Banks, D. J., Butler, Gail C.,
Cook, A. C., D'Ath, J. F., Forster, C. M., Jamieson, R. E.,
Leiper, Susan E., Moir, R. I., Philip, C., Ross, Ailsa J.,
Smart, D. W. J., Smith, E. S. H., Walker, T. S. T.,
Wynans, D. F. J. J.
- I – Baillie, D. S., Clark, Julie A., Cowie, A., Docherty, C. M.,
Drummond, C. S., Du Cane Wilkinson, P. N., Dunn, N. A.,
Goody, P. T., Green, Elspeth J., Hawksford, Hilary M.,
Hay, J. T., Jones, D. A., Kennedy, Nicola K., Laing, P.
M. A., Lawman, R., Lawrence, T. P., McDonald, C. F.,
McKellar, J., MacLennan, G. R., McMahan, R. J., Nicoll,
A. R., Pate, Judy M., Ross, M., Sochart, P. D. H., Steele,
T. A., Stewart, R., Taylor, J., Thurlow, J., Vance, M. G.,
Walker, J. A., Watt, G. H., Wilson, Paula, Young, D. A.



FREELAND HOUSE

Last year I was able to hand over the task of writing the House Report to Gilbert McClung. Consequently it was finished on time and I did not have to spend weeks scuttling from corner to corner, avoiding the glint in the eyes of Messrs Clayton and Macdonald. Part of the reason for this year's delay has been the difficulty in making a final assessment of the House's performance. If one judges it by cups, it has been a bad year. So much so that, following the redecoration of the House Common Room, the decorators (from a sense of mercy, no doubt) did not replace the cup shelf for five weeks. Having said that, the House was runner-up in just less than half of all the competitions. Considering the small number and lack of outstanding sporting talent of our juniors, winning the House Circus was a real triumph of determination. Dominik Diamond deserves congratulation for winning the junior Victor Ludorum. Indeed that determination was shown in most of the competitions, particularly in the area of House Leagues. In minority sports such as ski-ing and sailing some people put in an enormous amount of effort.

In non-sporting areas members of the House have been very active. David Brown, Graham Brown and Tom Lawrence gained their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards; we were heavily represented in musical activities and in the school play. Friendly relations with Woodlands were maintained in a very unselfish manner. Kyle Smith continued to infuriate more people than anyone else in the school.

As far as facilities are concerned, the new dormitories are a great improvement while the study block continues to cause remark, with its charming blend of enlightening wall hangings and progressive decay.

Frankly, I viewed the coming of last year with some misgivings. As an upper sixth we had more than our share of those whose commitment to school life was, let us say, less than wholehearted. By and large, I was pleasantly surprised. Most of those who could have been difficult, turned out to be pleasant and positive individuals. A great deal of the credit for this must go to Charles Court, a loyal and committed House Tutor, and to the Prefects, especially the Head of School Gilbert McClung, and the Heads of House, James Beckman and Graham Brown. In general, the atmosphere has been friendly and enthusiastic and, I am sure, will lead to more material signs of success in the future.

R. J. W. P.

LEBURN HOUSE

Another year has gone by – all too quickly – and the time has come once again to think of a new inspirational way of relating a familiar collection of annual events. Fortunately, the course of events is never the same from year to year and one always looks back with a mixture of pleasure, satisfaction, and disappointment on the way things turned out!

Just for a change, let me deal firstly with the disappointing aspects of the year. Unfortunately, there was a degree of casualness and lack of commitment at the top end of the House which over a period of time led to an above average level of slackness in day to day routine matters. Certain individuals consistently scored nought out of ten for tidiness and the smoking habit seemed to be more of a problem than usual at all levels. Quite a bit of re-training will be needed in the early stages of next year and some hard work lies ahead for the in-coming prefects.

And now for the good news. We haven't had a great deal of games success over the past few years but things certainly took a turn for the better this year. The talented indoor hockey squad, ably led by Euan McIntosh won a tense semi-final against Simpson before going on to beat Nicol in the final. Nicol, however, gained revenge by beating us in the outdoor final in the Spring. Although we were denied a hockey double, the senior and junior teams saw to it that we got a squash one, both winning their respective finals with something to spare. Having been 'conned' by Simpson on the tennis courts last year it was satisfying to win the cup this Summer – John Thain and David Uprichard kept their nerve and played well to win the deciding set against the Freeland first couple. Of the other teams, the junior cricket XI gave Simpson a few frights before losing to them in the final, and the junior cross country team won their race in convincing style with Keith Dunlop the overall winner. The golf and sailing teams did well too and were worthy runners-up in their competitions. All in all a very creditable games 'season.'

And now for some individual noteworthy deeds, Ken Orr and Gregor Truter starred in the very successful Twelfth Night production, and Ken later progressed through two auditions to end up working with a National Youth Theatre group in London in the Summer holidays – he is now a member of the N.Y.T. which is a considerable achievement. His drumming wasn't too bad either, for he won the junior drumming award in the West of Scotland Pipe Band Competition. Jamie Hanson won the art prize on speech day, and we picked up our share of work prizes over the year. The McAlister brothers, Archie and Richard, were the school tennis doubles champions; Chris Henderson was the top junior squash player of the year; and Gordon Lawson won the Golf handicap competition. Which reminds me, Archie McAlister arrived back from Liberia in April with a enormous glossy golf trophy which he claimed was the Liberian Open handicap prize. What a bandit – I didn't even know he played the game – but the trophy looked good in the House photograph! And finally it should be recorded that we were saved from disqualification in the ski-ing competition by the heroic efforts of Ruari Truter who, having fallen, trudged all the way back to the top and eased his way down gently so that he could secure sixth place! Never mind this time we weren't last!

Unfortunately I must end on a very sad note. The news came through just before Christmas that Andrew Dunbar, who left in July 1982, had died of cerebral malaria when on a Trans-African hike. It came as a great shock to all of us.

Philip Meadows, a new member of staff, took over Shiraz Dharsi's House tutoring duties and has made his considerable presence felt in all sorts of ways. My thanks to him, to Mr Glimm, to Mrs Robertson, and of course to my wife for all the help they have given me over the year. I wish the leavers all success and happiness in their future.

Head of House – D. E. Uprichard

Deputy Head of House – E. McIntosh

Prefects – D. C. Bell, J. M. Hanson, G. J. Lawson, S. Mitchell, J. R. Thain, G. W. A. Truter

LVI Prefects – A. C. Buchanan, M. Gowrie, L. M. Low, K. F. Orr

House Colours – D. E. Uprichard, E. McIntosh, D. C. Bell, G. J. Lawson, S. Mitchell, J. R. Thain, G. W. A. Truter

H.C.A.

NICOL HOUSE

Completing the first five years of a Housemaster's sentence, I look back on this year with some 'fatherly' feelings. For the first time there were no 'Fairbairn's bairns' in the House, all were my own produce – and not a bad crop too! Once again we had the Head of School and with three other School Prefects and a good batch of able, dedicated House Prefects the House and Housemaster were kept in good order and heart.

In the Summer term we were joined by Karsten Schnetzer from Hamburg, here to sample the delights and rigours of bustling school life. We hope he enjoyed his brief stay and that the German connection will grow in the years to come.

Sadly the final term was marred by the terrible accident to Stuart Maclean, but it was moving to see the concern of his friends, the love and care of his family and his own tremendous courage. The good wishes of all in Nicol go to him in his fight to recovery.



For most, school life has three aspects – academic, sporting and artistic. We scored well in two of them, poorly in the last. Although there were a few musicians led by trumpeter Andrew Beath, drummer Graham McLay and an arpeggio of choristers, too many fell by the wayside. With nobody except electrician Peter Scott involved in the main production our senior drama slipped, although the juniors were keener and could sustain the 1983 Strathallian's woefully inaccurate image of Nicol. Debating was less of a desert with Robin Sinclair, Willie Macdonald and Neil McKee speaking long and intelligently.

These three were our academic stars, all with offers at Cambridge and the nucleus of a sophisticated after-lights-out discussion group. We hope they and the other examinees are satisfied with those sinister brown envelopes. Lower down Andrew Beath took the fourth form set 1 prize and there were enough 'pluses' scattered around the order sheets to keep most housemasterly interviews sweet.

Rugby, like it or not, is still the touchstone of a successful House, and it was disappointing not to play the House competition. Instead Strathallan became a Val d'Iserre after Christmas and even elderly balding and youthful hirsute masters could not be kept off skis. (Others could only build lascivious snowmen and passable igloos or enjoy Mr Gilks' hypothermic runs). With six, including Captain and Scottish Schoolboy Neil McKee and Presidential representatives Walter Macdonald and Richard Knox, in the 1st XV at various times, our rugby prospects looked good. Our Senior League team enthusiastically captained by Alistair 'The Boot' Irvine and using all but one eligible member of the House had already proved our depth by leading the unfinished competition, while the Junior League XV, virtually unchanged from last year, had romped home in style. The other pre-Christmas venture in indoor hockey was less successful. We came unstuck against a well-drilled Leburn side in the final in spite of Axel Lagerborg's skill and histrionics.

Mercifully the snow relented for the proper hockey season and we collected another pot. Every game was tight and Leburn only just mastered in the final through Alistair Wood's inspired goalkeeping. Although Robbie Galloway, Peter Scott and Alan Macintyre each came second in their groups in the cross-country we couldn't repeat last year's startling success, indeed poor navigation by certain seniors blighted what is usually a hard-fought event. We didn't do well in the ski-ing – Tony Russell was sixth but not enough finished and, shame of shame, even Woodlands beat us. The swimmers, with good performances from Angus Robertson and Gavin Clark gave us a third but the squash never looked

strong enough. A return to form came with the winning of the unofficial soccer tournament and once again we cleaned up in the shooting with Douglas Gillespie getting the individual trophy.

The long hot Summer suited the cricketers and in Neil McKee, Andrew Tench and Scottish under-16 Graeme Robertson we had outstanding 1st XI performers. The Junior team just reached the semi-finals of their competition, but the Lawn couldn't accommodate senior House matches. With six in the school team we had fair representation in athletics. Angus Cuthbertson broke a high jump record and Robbie Galloway cantered to a bronze in the Scottish School Championship. Several, including, James Barrack and Alan Stewart had 'Full houses' in the standards but we could manage no better than third overall. In the finals some good performances were nicely rounded off by Neil McKee's winning of the Senior Victor Ludorum and the equalling of the school record by the sprint relay team. Meanwhile the sailing cup had been confidently held with Douglas Gillespie the star of the regular races so there was some silverware to reflect the joyous end-of-term faces.

When it was all over and I was on my final dormitory prowl one nostalgic leaving Adonis asked me for one word to sum up the year. An expatriate wag suggested 'slack,' but we plumped for 'friendly.' It had certainly been an enjoyable period and my thanks go to all who made for such a happy atmosphere, especially our mature bunch of leavers and House Tutor Peter Gilks. Perhaps grey stone walls do not a prison make!

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| Head of House | R. A. M. Sinclair | | |
| School Prefects | N. H. McKee, A. E. J. Wood, W. M. Macdonald | | |
| House Prefects | D. C-P. Hsu, A. I. L. Lagerborg, A. J. Irvine, D. E. Orr, R. K. Knox, A. B. Leitch, A. W. Tench, A. L. V. Russell | | |
| Captains of Sport | | | |
| Rugby | N. H. McKee | Ski-ing | A. L. V. Russell |
| Hockey | A. E. J. Wood | Squash | N. H. McKee |
| Cricket | N. H. McKee W. J. R. Macdonald | Sailing | W. M. Mac- donald |
| Athletics | Macdonald | Tennis | J. A. Irvine |
| Cross- | | Shooting | J. R. Galloway |
| Country | A. E. J. Wood | Golf | R. A. M. Sinclair |
| Swimming | A. B. Leitch | Basketball | A. B. Leitch |

RUTHVEN HOUSE

Basking in the glorious sunshine of Forgandenny at the start of the Summer holidays it is not so easy to bring the events of the year into focus and much easier to forget the problems that existed. However, the spirit within the House remains good and competitive.

The most vivid memory was the most recent when, for the 3rd year in succession, we won the Rowan Cup and the Athletics Cup on Sports Day. The former does give a chance for all to contribute and is, therefore, a good example of the enthusiasm and commitment made by everyone. The latter is obviously more for the talented athletes and 5th former Richard Reah, who played for the 1st team in all major sports and won both the middle individual cross country and Victor Ludorum, comes into this category. He was ably assisted by excellent performances from David Davidson, Mike Bullard, Scott Callander, Mahmoud Abu Dahab, Will Guy, Andrew MacLellan and Steven Neish.

Further successes were recorded in the Cross Country Cup, the House winning both senior and middle competitions and coming second in the junior. David Davidson was individual senior winner. The long tradition of winning the Swimming Cup was continued, but it was a close run thing, with Scott Callander and his team having to pull out all the stops. Mitch Steel, having at last acquired a real set of clubs, made amends in the golf as well as showing his versatility by winning the individual squash. Will Guy, who intends to take up golf professionally, was outstanding within the school, winning the individual stroke play, and in outside competition won



the Perthshire trophy. The Ski-ing Cup was another difficult one to win; congratulations to Guarin Clayton and his team, especially Robin Gilyead who won the Duncan Cup, the individual trophy, and was 2nd and 9th respectively in the Perthshire and Scottish Schools Competitions. Also worthy of mention are Fraser Lennox who won the Junior Tennis and played for the Midlands XV and Euan Grant who captained all the major school U.13 teams.

Just to show that Ruthven is more than just a sporting House Rod Baird captained his team to a famous agricultural victory in the Stump the Yokel Competition, David Davidson was awarded the Houston Prize for all-round merit at Speech Day, David Haddleton won the two Strathallan Photographic Competitions, Mike Bullard the piping competitions and Ian Toner was adjudged the most improved junior piper.

Without the invaluable assistance of David Barnes as House Tutor, David Davidson and Guarin Clayton as Head of House and Deputy respectively my job as Housemaster would be extremely difficult. My thanks to all of them and the remaining prefects: Bryce McCall-Smith, Duncan Biggart, Mike Bullard, Scott Callander, Doug Knight and Mitch Steel. Summer appointments as prefects were: Rod Baird, Keith Adamson, Andrew MacLellan and Lorne Watson. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish David Davidson all the best as Head of School and as a Prep. School master after Christmas.

SIMPSON HOUSE

'To err is human, to forgive is not school policy' is a well known cliché among the more cynical of the schoolteaching profession. Unfortunately the Epicurean tastes of some senior members of the House proved greater than their capacity for responsibility, and this led to some re-organisation of authority. If a House is to run smoothly, everyone from top to bottom has to play a part in proportion to their roles.



Collectively it was a non-vintage year for the House, although it was encouraging to win the Junior Cricket Cup. However there were a considerable number of outstanding individual performances. Forbes Fyfe, Jim McLaren and Gavin Pettinger won speech day prizes – Gavin Pettinger won a place at the Royal School of Music – Mike Allingham terrorised opposing back rows. Tom Johnston was selected for a Scottish Schools trial, while Ali Caush and Martin Drummond were fellow 1st XV colours. Alasdair Robertson and Neville Drummond represented the Midlands U15 XV. Neil Tether inspired the swimmers to 2nd place in the competition and was only foiled in his marathon attempt by an unfortunate change in weather conditions mid-swim. Jim McLaren was in constant demand on the accordion, Derek Panton took careful note of Channel 4 and introduced American Football tactics into the House hockey competition. Michael Dryden and Nigel Kilpatrick performed well in school dramatic performances. Rufus Logan won his Duke of Edinburgh gold award. Nigel Kilpatrick performed extremely well in the Athletics finals. Grant Cowie mastered the hat trick and Andrew Bullard won the Junior House final and the colts match v. Glenalmond virtually single handed, while Malcolm Heggie used his prefectorial powers to carry out a crusade against bad language.

The renovation of the dormitories is now complete and they look spectacularly less spartan. It will be interesting to see whether the additional storage space will be used to make them tidier or merely as a receptacle for esoteric social plumage. The snooker table's cushions and cambers became too much for all but the most dedicated and it has been superseded by a pool table which is almost boringly true. Both the prep room and the common room are being redecorated this Summer. Some may regret the loss of character in the latter but it should make it easier to keep tidy at weekends. At times a self-respecting rag and bone man would have noticed the debris. Let us look for a far greater respect for communal and private property.

Again my thanks go to all those who have cleaned and tidied the study block, the dormitories, and the strip rooms. Lastly I would like to thank Duncan and Liz Langlands for all their hard work over five years, as well as their loyal support of all House activities. We all wish them well at Bromsgrove.

House Colours – M. J. de G. Allingham, A. P. S. Caush, M. Drummond, F. W. Fyfe, N. D. Kilpatrick, R. M. R. Logan, J. McLaren, J. M. Garnett, N. J. Tether.

N.T.H.DuB.

WOODLANDS HOUSE



The end of the school year brings its relief and its tears, its promises and its partings, and in the middle of it all some things are overlooked or forgotten – one of which was the draught of this report and the diary of the year's events. And so, gentle reader, you have to rely on the memory of this semi-geriatric.

We began in now traditional style with some twenty new girls adjusting to their new school, and the remainder finding their feet one more rung up the ladder. Apart from the efforts of K.H. to burn down her room, there were no more than the usual false alarms, and to the surprise of the sufferers, the pangs of homesickness gradually wore off.

Perhaps the process was accelerated by the early involvement of many of the new girls, and of course the old, in the life of the school. Several juniors took part in the half-term entertainment, and in addition there was a greatly expanded hockey programme, with as often as not three teams representing the school. The 1st XI had some splendid games, rarely failing to give a good account of themselves, and if the 2nd XI results did not bear comparison there were a lot of keen and willing players in evidence. The Junior XI had mixed fortunes, but produced one or two very promising players.

The musicians too were active from the start, and in the first term our string players in the orchestra were hyper-active, none more so than Lindsey Chisholm as Leader. I must also make a special mention of the Elizabethan group, Misses Crispin, Donnelly, Fagg and Thaw, whose expertise and obvious enjoyment in their work brought a great deal of pleasure to audiences well beyond school.

Well before the end of the first term work had begun for the performance of 'Twelfth Night' in March. There is a full report of this elsewhere in the magazine, but I thought the girls acquitted themselves exceptionally well and played their full part in an excellent and memorable school production.

But before March we had to withstand the rigours of the Winter, and of Winter sports. We had a highly enjoyable Disco in January, involving the whole House and an equivalent number of boys. Amanda Robertson was marooned in Glenshee (with 2,000 others), and Amy McDonald ran everywhere at high speed. Cross country running was never my favourite sport, and I really do admire those who are prepared to tackle it – not just those who have the talent but also those who are willing to have a go, when more athletic mortals can't even be bothered to turn out and give them a cheer. Hats off too to Margaret Hamilton for showing that shooting isn't exclusively a man's world.

The Summer term in sport saw the tennis team come of age. Debbie Bullough's team not only had a near 100% record but also played tennis of a high order, and I am only sorry that their hours of play and waiting were not recorded on the video film. (By the way, has anyone worked out what Jenni Browne is saying?). Several of our athletes turned in fine individual performances, both in the Sports and in the Scottish Schools Championships, and Nikki Corbett played hockey all term in the senior boys game.

But – with apologies for errors and omissions – enough of sport. Music and Drama have already had a mention; let me turn to Art. My eye, and I think that of many visitors, is constantly drawn to the many fine paintings and drawings in the Dining Hall. The girls represented are too numerous to name individually, but I must mention the work – so different in many ways – of Kirsten Hegland, Lisa McGlashan and Gillian Niven, an outstanding trio. Our debaters have had a good year too, and the society will miss the contributions of Lorraine Brewster and Gillian Currie in particular.

And so to work! Judging by the number of BS's and S+'s, the general level of industry has never been higher, at least in the Sixth, Fourth and Third Forms. Alas, this was not true in the Fifth Form, with certain honourable exceptions, and by the time these notes are read there will be some who, on getting their 'O' Level results, will have learned their lesson the hard way. However, at the top end there were some excellent individual performances, and congratulations go to Lorraine Brewster (3), Lindsey Chisholm (2) and Gillian Niven on their Speech Day Prizes.

In March we said goodbye to Miss Jayne Atkinson. Jayne came to Strathallan as House Tutor nearly three years ago, when Woodlands was born. In that role she played a full part in the establishing of the House, and I am most grateful to her for all her help. We wish her every happiness as she leaves to be married. Her place for the Summer term was taken by Miss Catherine Reeves, who again did a first-class job for which I am most grateful.

And another year rolls by. It may come as a surprise to that generation who still think a try is worth three points to realise that there are now fewer than thirty boys in the school who can claim to have been here before girls were admitted. The novelty has worn off, but the contribution continues. The year ended with tears, and I hope happy memories, and a talented bunch have left.

I wonder how their successors will fare.

D.A.R.W.

Head of House: Rachel Beveridge (Autumn Term)
Elspeth Mearns (Spring and Summer Terms)

School Prefect: Sarah Brown

House Prefects: Lisa McGlashan, Kirsty Aitken,
Jenni Browne, Lindsey Chisholm,
Gillian Currie, Karen Donnelly,
Aileen Forsyth, Tracy Maxwell,
Gillian Niven, Rebecca Pitman

Captains:
Hockey Rachel Beveridge/Tracy Maxwell
Squash Rachel Beveridge/Tracy Maxwell
Tennis Debbie Bullough
Ski-ing Amy McDonald
Sailing Margaret Hamilton
Shooting Margaret Hamilton



RILEY HOUSE

'Is the new housemaster available?' asked an understandably inquisitive parent on the first day of term last September.

'Certainly,' said the new housemaster, 'I'll just go and get him.' With that, he rushed into Riley and changed into what he assumed would make him look more like the new housemaster. He had in fact been working away trying to make sure that there were nearly enough beds for the first night of term and had in the process smeared himself with new paint from the new walls. Having been mistaken for a painter on the first day of term was frequently to worry him during the following year. Why be mistaken for a painter? Why not BE a painter? Far more sensible.

Almost everything and everyone was new. Fifty-four new pupils, boys AND girls, two new tutors, a new housemaster and wife with a new baby, new dormitories with new bunks, lockers, carpets and heating, new strip room, new wash areas, new toilets, new drying room and not a new headmaster saying, 'That's your lot, Thomson, spent far too much already!' Plus ça change.....

There was an encouraging buzz of energy and activity amongst the Gnomes during the year and for the most part it was converted into constructive results whether in the classroom, on the playing fields, in the Art Room, on the stage or in any of the other Activities they are let loose on. Those



who did no Latin took part in a fine Forster production of Bolt's 'The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew' and individual performances from John Maxwell and Fraser McDonald must have surprised and encouraged the actors as much as they delighted the audience. Dramatic Gnomes seem to be on the increase – long may it last. Dirk Paterson found very impressed audiences wherever he sang and music seems to play a large part in a lot of lives; just imagine a Riley orchestra – on second thoughts, don't! The whole of Riley, though, did set Easter half-term off at a great pace with a splendid romp across the Seven Seas with Ulysses and Mr Auster.

On the playing fields it was a successful year for the newly formed U13's. They won all but one rugby match, were unbeaten in hockey, except for the semi-finals of our own Prep Schools six-a-side competition, and they lost, perhaps rather carelessly, two cricket matches. 'Chunky' Steel was just beaten in the finals of the Prep schools table tennis championship and Christopher Lawrence demolished a record or two on Sports Day and has set a challenging time of 8 mins 45 secs for the Pilgrimage. Almost everybody contributed something to the House during the year, if only their humour or personality. Those who did no more than flirt with boarding life missed a considerable opportunity, but happily still have plenty of time to put their resources into a good investment.

Riley owes an enormous debt to Philip Hewson and Michael Wareham for the amount they invested of themselves. How on earth they survived all those years is quite beyond my understanding at the moment, but it is just as well for all those connected with Riley that they did and very fortunate for me that they were both still on the staff for the whole of this last year to pick up so many banana skins that lie around Riley courtyard.





ROGUES GALLERY



STAFF NOTES

For the second year running there has been an unusually large shuffle in the Common Room, caused by retirements, promotions, marriage and the replacement of part-time members by full-time residential staff. The Common Room now musters a total residential complement of forty-two persons!

One of the longest serving members is C. P. Hewson who came to Strathallan in 1953 and retired at the end of the Summer term. A fuller account of Mr Hewson's contribution to the School is found elsewhere. Here we only say how pleased we are that Philip is to continue with us on a part-time basis, for the next two years.

M. J. E. Wareham, who incidentally succeeded Philip Hewson as the Riley Housemaster, has left to be the Headmaster of New Park Preparatory School, St. Andrews. Again a fuller account is recorded elsewhere and here we give our very good wishes to Michael and his wife Joan for the future.

D. Langlands has left to take up a promoted post in the Mathematics Department at Bromsgrove School. The Langlands during their five years here made an enormous contribution to every aspect of our community life. Duncan came into 'Boarding Schools' as he felt that a Schoolmaster's net should be spread wider than just the classroom. His certainly was and we are very grateful for all the time he spent fulfilling his belief, whether it was cricket, rugby, photography or House duties. We will miss Liz's help with extra Mathematics and what the 1st XI will do without Fiona and the tireless Andrew to help, I cannot imagine!

Miss Atkinson leaves Strathallan after almost three years, during which time she taught English, helped with girls' games and had the distinction of being the first House Tutor

to Woodlands. Jane has moved South to be near her fiancé and we wish them all happiness in their future marriage.

Other leavers during the year belong to that small but valuable cohort of part-time staff, who have so willingly helped to plug gaps and cope with bulges at various levels in the School.

Dr Baxter and Mr McIntosh, both old boys of the School, have helped in the Science Department, Mr Ross in the Art Department; Mrs Livingston has spread her time across two subjects, English and French. Mrs Myles, our longest serving part-time member felt she could not face up to both Munn and Dunning and 4C where she has done sterling work for six years, and decided to retire once and for all – for the third time!

Many thanks to you all and every good wish for the future.

It is impossible in what must be a brief account to explain exactly how the new members of Staff replace those leaving.

It is easy enough to see that Mr Burgess, a mathematician, replaces Mr Langlands in that Department, but Mr Burgess canoes, climbs and looks at the stars; not quite the same as cricket, rugby and photography.

Mr Elliott also canoes and walks hills. But as much as we are encouraging more of these activities, particularly through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Mr Elliott's primary purpose in joining the School is to set up and develop a new Department of Design/Technology.

Miss Blance obviously replaces Miss Atkinson as House Tutor to Woodlands, but as she teaches Biology and not English, she replaces in the classroom Dr Baxter – if you follow.

Mr Yellowlees (Old Strathallian) who does play cricket, rugby and hockey, has come to give additional help on the Arts side where he specialises in History.

Mr Hawksford is an addition to the Science side specialising in Physics but also extending our expertise in computers, electronics and light engineering generally. Messrs Forshaw and Smith come via Her Majesty's Police and Air Forces respectively to join the English Department. Mr Keith and Mrs Ninham come to strengthen the teaching of English and Mathematics in Riley where Mr Keith has also special responsibilities as the Residential Tutor.

To all these new members of Staff and their families we say welcome and trust that their stay at Strathallan will be a happy one.

M. J. E. WAREHAM

Michael Wareham joined the Staff in 1966. He and Joan became so much a part of the community that it is difficult to remember that Michael was a bachelor when he first came. In 1968 he became a House Tutor in Riley and succeeded to the Housemastership in 1975. He and Joan soon had the floor of their drawing-room covered with Riley boys playing games, and the birthday parties they organised were as happy events as they were frequent. Michael and Joan were kind and capable hosts, entertaining colleagues, friends and parents with charm and generous measures!

As a classicist Michael was sad to see the demise of Greek, and then Latin, but he threw himself with renewed energy into English teaching, even taking charge of the Department

for some time. He helped with the production of plays, made a great contribution to Music, took the Oxbridge candidates for the General Paper, and coached every sport probably being the first member of Staff to appear in a scarlet track-suit. All this in addition to being Housemaster of Riley.

As a scholar, passionately interested in Classical Antiquity, literature, Music, crosswords, cricket and football, he, together with Joan, made a contribution to the School that will be greatly missed. Craigclowan School, where Joan taught, shares our loss.

We wish them both every happiness at New Park, St. Andrews, and trust the School will flourish under Michael's Headmastership.

T.C.G.F.



One down, none to go! Mr Wareham in action at the Times National Crossword competition.

ERIC L. SMITH

Eric Smith came to Strathallan School as Houseman in 1951 and retired in November 1984 after more than 30 years of devoted service to the School. Happily he is living in Forgandenny, so we expect to see his familiar figure around a lot.

For many years he lived in the 'threepenny bit' house and the hanging baskets of flowers and his roses were a beautiful sight in a rather colourless corner of the School.

Eric did every sort of job in the School, from the old days of carrying up coal and logs for fires, to ringing rising bells,

dealing with rubbish, cleaning the Study Block, driving and looking after the vehicles and countless other vital chores that make the lives of everyone else a bit more comfortable.

His unfailing memory to hoist flags on special occasions was especially impressive.

He is a great animal-lover and Strathallan would not have been the same without his capped figure taking first Rover, then old Pip, and now young Pip out for their walks.

We thank him for his long and much appreciated service to the School and wish him every happiness in his retirement.

T.C.G.F.

C. P. HEWSON

Philip Hewson came to Strathallan in 1953. He had seen war service and had had Prep. School and other teaching experience, even in Paris! He has taught many subjects here, but chiefly Latin. In 1958 he became joint Housemaster of Riley with Peter Spurgin and he took over sole command in 1960 continuing to be Housemaster until 1975. For many generations of boys he WAS Riley.

Philip is one of those who believes in 'old-world' courtesies, good manners and positive attitudes; one is a member of a community which one should serve, and to which one should contribute as much as one can. He inspired many boys under his charge to do just that, and he has been, with great modesty, an outstanding exponent of these qualities himself.

A great sportsman in his younger days, Philip excelled as a coach in rugby, hockey and cricket and had the knack of getting boys to play just that bit harder or better than they thought they could themselves. Although he hung up his own boots some years ago, he still keeps up his interest and encouragement and he is sad to miss a 1st XV or a 1st XI match.

In the rough and tumble of School life one often comes up against differences of opinion, but Philip has always commanded universal respect from colleagues, parents and pupils alike, because he has always demanded and upheld standards and has always been fair. He has a deep Christian faith and he has been the majordomo of Episcopal Communion since the Chapel was built.

Since retiring from Riley he has run a most successful paperback bookshop which in its own quiet way has provided a wonderful service.

Officially Philip retired in July 1984, but happily he is continuing to teach some Latin, look after the Library and run the bookshop. As he is living at Pitkeathly Wells, he is as busy in the School as he ever was – well, perhaps it is a little less hectic than in his Riley days!

It was with great pleasure that the President of the Strathallian Club and the Second Master gave him a presentation on Founder's Day 1984 of a picture and a cheque on behalf of Old Strathallians and his colleagues on the Staff, to mark his unstinting service to the School.

On that occasion one Strathallian, himself a former parent, who was not going to be able to be present on Founder's Day, wrote: 'I don't think I have ever given to a more deserving person. He has given outstanding service to the School and I know that my wife and I had much satisfaction from his considerate caring and understanding for the Boys.'

We too thank him for all that he has done for Strathallan and wish him every happiness in his 'retirement.'

T.C.G.F.

Mrs M. COWIE

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Mrs May Cowie in June 1984. A funeral service was held in the Chapel on Friday 22nd, which was attended by a very large congregation.

When Bob Cowie retired as Bursar, he and May stayed on in their home in the village and continued their deep interest in the School and were our closest neighbours.

May was always cheerful, welcoming and hospitable and she and Bob continued giving wise advice to all who went to ask them for it. May's smiling courage in her last illness was an inspiration to her many friends.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bob, and his daughters Anne and Fiona.

A. J. DUNBAR – 1977/82

Andrew died in South Africa of cerebral malaria at the beginning of December 1983. He planned to join the Army when he left School but, having failed his RCB, decided to take some positive action in order to improve his chances of success when he re-applied. He embarked on an adventure trek which took him from Blairgowrie, the family home, to South Africa. He was not far short of his target destination when he was taken ill – he had proved a lot to himself and to others in the space of just a few months.

His father and brother are Old Strathallians.

H.C.A.

WEATHER – Forgandenny Style

It Blows Hot and It Blows Cold in these parts. Over a period of two years it is reasonable to expect a wide range of weather and I have to report that this has occurred.

The following notes help to confirm and illustrate this:

(i) July '82 (when I was last with you) had been very warm, and August continued in the same vein. The record registered was the highest *Minimum* temperature experienced here at 17.5C (63.5F).

(ii) In each of the months September-January '83 we have had over 100mm.(4") of rainfall – the longest wet period on record.

(iii) Not surprisingly, with the wetness, temperatures were unusually mild: January's average was the highest ever at 5.4C (normally 2.8C).

(iv) March '83 was also the mildest on record: 6.5C (av. 4.4C).

(v) This one is not a record, but it is for the record nonetheless: the extension of the tennis courts forced a move on our part. We are re-sited in the quadrangle behind the History/Maths block – rather too 'cosy' but not too different from the previous two sites we have utilised.

(vi) There followed the coldest Spring – early Summer period on record. April was actually colder than March! Coupled with the coldness was dampness – half as much again as average over the three months, April, May, June.

(vii) Then followed the hottest mid-Summer – yes, *together* they were hotter than those two scorchers in the mid 70's.

July averaged 17.3C (normally 14.6C)

August averaged 16.9C (normally 14.1C)

(viii) Coupled with the heat came drought – a total of 21mm over the two months compared with the average 160mm. This is the lowest mid-Summer total on record.

(ix) There followed the new customary mild Autumn which extended into early Winter. But then came the reaction and January scored yet more records:

(a) It was the wettest on record (174mm, normally 64mm), and the second wettest of any month we have had.

(b) As most of you, in Scotland at any rate, will remember, much of that precipitation arrived as snow. We measured our deepest layering at 40cms (16 inches). But we all know it was worse than this bare statistic indicates: it drifted, and it lasted three weeks.

(x) Following a fairly normal February and March there

started the present enjoyable spell of warm and dry weather. April, May and June have each been well above average, whilst rainfall has been normal. It may surprise readers that rainfall has been as high as $\frac{2}{3}$ of normal – but drought conditions are a factor of high temperatures and moistures taken up by growing vegetation, as well as below average rainfall. But I digress into a geography lesson!

The purpose of collecting all this climatological data is not to make records, these just happen. It will be clear to the discerning reader that, since these records cover both high and low temperatures, our weather is tending to become more extreme. Whether this is long-term or not remains to be seen, but it is true to say that it is now a full 10 years since we had a normal range temperature. [For those lacking a geographical background, 'range of temperature' is the *difference* between the average hottest and coldest months, which are normally July and January].

Have a good Summer!

N.F.P.

SPONSORED SWIM

In December 1983 one of our senior boys, Neil Tether, decided he would like to attempt a long-distance swim for charity. Finding a suitable venue was relatively easy, after all, the River Tay is almost on our doorstep and the distance from Perth to Dundee is roughly equivalent to a Channel crossing. Preparing for the event was not quite such a simple matter. For weeks on end it meant getting up before E. Smith and ploughing along in the pool, between 100 and 200 lengths every morning before breakfast. Additional sessions in the afternoons and evenings rounded off the training programme, compounding the loneliness of the long distance swimmer.

Then came the task of writing letters to business people in the area and to parents and staff, asking them to pledge their financial support. The response was most encouraging, promises of money poured in, and although we had a few disappointing replies, the commercial side of the enterprise was beginning to look good. The Dundee Courier gave our cause a boost by publishing a picture and a very helpful write-up, a great number of people promised to help with transport, safety vessels to accompany the swimmer, medical assistance and the many little jobs that go on in the background, unnoticed, but vitally important.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From Philip Gadie

Neil's brothers and friends also decided to help. They were going to keep him company on the way down to Dundee, working a rota system. They too put in a tremendous amount of training whenever the opportunity arose, but when we went on the first trial run on the Tay we realised soon that they would have to play a different part and would have to come along in the boats to act as safety swimmers – just in case.

After all the preparations we knew that there were only two things left that could possibly stop Neil. One was the water temperature in the river and the other was the combination of tide and wind. The first problem was tackled with enormous amounts of grease (the kind that is supposed to prevent nappy-rash) and I am delighted to be able to report that it really works. The tide question was dealt with by Mr Walker who worked out the most favourable starting time and who took charge of the safety vessels.

On July 8 everything was set. The weather forecast was reasonable and Neil started from the slipway of Perth Waterski Club. The Royal Navy had sent a boat up from Camperdown, the School doctor and the support team were in attendance, and we watched Neil making impressive progress against the tail-end of the incoming tide.

As we approached the half-way mark, things began to get difficult. Something which we had all feared happened – the wind changed and began to blow up-river. This combination, where tide, current and wind act in opposite directions, creates conditions on the Tay which make boating difficult and swimming impossible. When the Navy boat began to labour and eventually could no longer make any headway we reluctantly decided that we would have to stop Neil's swim. Ignoring his protests, we got him into one of the boats and made for the shore just beyond Newburgh. Our understandable disappointment was nothing compared to Neil's, who knew he was going strong and who felt that he could have carried on quite happily. Safety considerations had to take priority.

But there is a happy ending to the story. Neil's attempt at the Marathon Swim raised a total of £417.35 which has been donated to the Cherrybank Special School for severely handicapped children and will be used to provide six of the pupils with a holiday.

It would be impossible to mention everybody who helped to make the swim such a success, equally we could not personally thank everyone who contributed so generously to the fund. Would you therefore all please accept this as an expression of our sincere appreciation and thanks.

K.G.

I have been selected for the British Schools Exploring Society's 1985 expedition to south-east Alaska in the summer.

The Alaska expedition is the 52nd in the 53 years since the Society's foundation in 1932 by Surgeon Commander George Murray Levick, a doctor of Captain Scott's last expedition to the Antarctic.

The expedition will be a blend of training, scientific fieldwork and adventure in the heavily forested, mountainous and glaciated area of the Chugach Mountains – rising to over 8,500 feet and bounded by the Copper River to the West and the Chitina River to the North – some 200 miles south-east of Anchorage.

The expeditioners will split into groups to undertake the scientific programmes, including a comprehensive study of the glaciers conducted by Dr Russell from Edinburgh University; map making, hydrology and periglacial geomorphology.

Several groups will also study the animals and flora abundant in the area, in order to help the State Parks Department which rarely visits this uninhabited area.

Young expeditioners will also undertake group expeditions which will 'recce' areas for later research activities; planning, logistics and safety procedures will all be undertaken by the venturers themselves.

In the last week the expeditions will walk out of the area taking routes used by prospectors who opened the Yukon and Copper River valleys in the 1890's. The expedition will return to Anchorage via Valdez, the South end of the Alaska pipeline.

I am one of the 100 people chosen out of 500 applicants. However, after stringent interviews my place on the expedition is still conditional. I have to raise a personal contribution of £1,450.

I would be most grateful for your help. I do not intend to receive sponsorship in money or in kind without playing my part. I intend to stage a series of events, for example a canoe journey down the River Tay, for my sponsors.

If anybody feels that they can help in any way, please contact me at Simpson House.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in anticipation for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Gadie.

CHAPEL NOTES



The 'He-Men' of the C.C.F. (including two confirmands) who moved the pre-Reformation Font into the School Chapel.

Last year's issue of the 'The Strathallian' anticipated much as well as reviewing the past. I suspect that much the same will happen in this issue. Term is already underway and perhaps the writer would prefer to anticipate rather than dwell on the past.

And yet, Christianity is a religion with a past as well as a present and, hopefully, a future. So, to the past.

Those who occupied the pulpit in the Spring and Summer Terms were: The Rev. John Bell, author, composer and Youth Organiser for Glasgow Presbytery; The Very Rev. Dr John R. Gray, Minister of Dunblane Cathedral; The Rev. Gilleasbuig Macmillan, Minister of St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh; The Rev. Dr William Morris, Minister of Glasgow Cathedral; The Rev. Dr George More, formerly of India; The Very Rev. Dr Andrew Herron, former Clerk to Glasgow Presbytery; The Rev. Dr William Rogan, formerly

of Paisley Abbey; The Rev. Dr Colin Miller, liturgist, now of Edinburgh; The Rev. Charles Robertson, Minister of the Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh; The Rt. Rev. Michael Hare Duke, Bishop of St. Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane; The Rev. Dr George Reid, Edinburgh; The Very Rev. Dr David Steel; The Very Rev. Professor John McIntyre and the Rev. Tom Balfour of the Ministry and Mission Department of the Church of Scotland. 5 ex-Moderators of the General Assembly, a Dean of the Order of the Thistle, and 5 Chaplains to Her Majesty the Queen. Many of the preachers delivered equally eloquent sermons over supper in a more informal atmosphere with pupils after the Services.

It would have been interesting to see what might have happened at one of these services had the virus of ski-itius which so suddenly assaulted both the Chaplain and the Director of Music had a more permanent result by way of broken limbs than the softening of brain tissue and wistful gazing northwards towards Glenshee, which seemed the only long-term aftermath of the snow which covered Scotland during the Spring Term.

The Confirmation Service in the School Chapel was presided over by the Chaplain with the Very Rev. Dr W. Johnston (another Queen's Chaplain and former Moderator) sharing in the laying-on-of-hands with Bishop Michael Hare Duke, whose candidates were presented by the Rev. Fergus Harris. Those who were confirmed during the Celebration of the Eucharist according to the 'Strathallian Order' were:

Church of Scotland

Karen Margaret Donnelly, Kirsten Fiona Belch, Suzanne Margaret McLaurin, Kirsty Aitken, Katie Fiona Macdonald, Jenny Dorothy Bamford, Karen Elizabeth Paterson, Claire Elizabeth Niven, Sara Elizabeth Johnson, Ghilian Margaret Meiklejohn Lawson, Celia Janet McClung, James Philip Green, Alexander Green, Rowland Gordon Robertson, James Kenneth David McKenzie, Ian Michael Toner, Alistair Michael Lumsden, James Norman Gellatly, Nigel Alan McLachlan, James Grieve Barrack, Charles Noel Elphinstone Temple, Simon John Philp, Calum MacDonald Bannerman, Mark Laurence Robson, Bruce William Reid, Mark John Crichton, Gordon Carfrae Lamb Paterson, Douglas James Corrie Gillespie, Lara Helen Clayton (Baptism and Confirmation).

Scottish Episcopal Church

James Charles McVittie, Andrew William Tench, Richard Henry Williams, Nicola Diane Tyson, Elizabeth Streule, Penelope Kirsten Beale, Sally Anne Binnie.

During the Service the Old Testament Lesson, the Epistle and the Holy Gospel were read by a Confirmand, a parent and a Parish Minister.

There were 17 celebrations of the Communion during the year, with a total of 533 communicants (at both Church of Scotland and Episcopal Church celebrations). My notion about having occasional celebrations of Communion within the Houses was not practically possible without unnecessarily disrupting House routine. However, the Houses themselves did provide lectors, stewards, intercessors and elders at the Communions within the Chapel. In a similar fashion, lectors and intercessors read at Sunday services, with the novel introduction on Tuesday mornings of a reader from Riley House.

Tradition, within any institution, is, I feel, something which arouses great emotions, one way or another. There are those who wish everything to remain the way it always was: 'In the good old days,' forgetting that institutions are living organisms, subject to change, decay and evolution. There are others who seek to innovate, forgetting that one has to build on a firm foundation which was laid in the past. It is an additional hazard that every School Chaplain must traverse, o'erleap or ignore, that a School Chapel is not a Parish Church. There is room for experiment; there is room for catholicism; there must be room for education. The introduction of the Advent Carol Service in 1983 is but one example. For many, the only Carol Service is the Festival Carol Service of Nine Lessons. But how many realise this was only introduced in the inter-Wars period in the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge? Its popularity was due in no small measure to 'the cat's whisker' whereby many who had been denied the opportunity to listen to the glory of English Cathedral choral music in past generations were, at last, rewarded. A much more ancient and, some would say, more impressive and moving service is the Advent Carol Service which falls more naturally into the School Year.

A less contentious issue, relating to the past, took place during the Confirmation Service. The pre-Reformation font, which had been used in Forgandenny Church, later moved to the private Chapel within the School grounds and latterly languished in a garden, serving as a flower tub and then standing outside the main door of the Chapel, was at last restored to its rightful place and re-dedicated as a Baptismal Font for use within the School Chapel by the Chaplain during that Service. How fitting it was that the first to be baptised with water from the Font should be the daughter of two members of staff for whom the Chapel is 'their' Parish Church.

The marriage services of two former pupils of the School were conducted by ministers more intimately connected to the families concerned. There have been other 'moments' within the worship in the Chapel which were so moving that any attempt to put them in writing would take away the magic. Only those who were present then will understand.

To the present. Two things above everything else for me, are part of the life-blood of the Chapel: the flowers and the music. Without flowers, the Chapel seems to lose its vitality and takes on a sterile appearance. And so, on behalf of those who notice, and those who don't, yet again, but as sincerely as ever, grateful thanks to Mrs Annabel Fairbairn and all her team of flower arrangers who do so much to add to the dignity and beauty of the worship.

We appear, sometimes, to be a 'tuneless' generation – often without song in our hearts. The language of religion is more akin to the language of poetry, love and music than it is to the language of science. Had we possessed more room in the Chapel (seating being at an absolute premium at the time of writing) I am sure that the many instrumentalists we have in the School would have offered their talents during worship. In spite of that, the Choir under the Director of Music, Nicholas Reed, certainly added icing to the cake. I should perhaps say 'Royal' icing since all the music offered, both choral and organ, has been of the highest standard. Nor, indeed, has it stopped at the Choir. The School itself has been encouraged to sing familiar as well as unfamiliar hymns. Again, there have been magic moments when the School has sung its heart out. That would have been impossible without Nicholas Reed's sympathetic and zealous understanding of what 'Chapel' means.

When it was noised abroad that Philip Hewson was retiring at the end of last academic year, those who knew not **Judges 7:18** (last two phrases) assumed that the Sacristan's job would devolve upon the Chaplain. They also knew not Philip Hewson who, having taught generations of pupils at Strathallan, would not let something as minor as retirement daunt the spirit and so I thank him for his behind-the-scenes ministrations in the preparations for Communion services.

Now is the time also to thank Bryce McCall-Smith for his gentle, quiet and unassuming duties as Chapel Prefect – and his deputy, Willie M. Macdonald. There was one quite appalling omission from last year's magazine, and this is the time to rectify it and to thank Esther, not only for ensuring that the Chapel looks as she would have it look, gleaming, but also for attempting to make sure that the Vestry, too, is tidy.

And to the future? The pattern of Sunday worship is now well-established, according to the Christain Year and the congregational participation, not just in the singing. The framework of the Sunday is now that of the 'dry' Communion, whereby after praise in hymn and prayer, we move through the Confession to declaration of forgiveness and the Collect for the Day. Then comes the Ministry of the Word, with the three lections: Old Testament, Metrical Psalm for the Day, Epistle and Holy Gospel. Prayers for the Church and the World are offered, the Sermon preached, and the Thanksgiving with *Sursum Corda* ('Lift up your hearts') and *Sanctus* ('Holy, Holy, Holy'), culminating in the Offertory Hymn and Blessing.

I have been wondering whether it would be feasible to celebrate a fully choral Morning Office (call it 'mattins' if you will) and, at least occasionally during the 'normal' Sunday Service to include a Prose Psalm. There is, of course, a place in corporate worship for the less formal service which also has its appeal for young people, not least in the two influential and magnetic centres of young people's worship, Iona in Scotland and Taize in France. Two very important features of the worship in these places is the use of silence and the use of music. This sort of service would not be possible at a 'compulsory' School service, but it might be possible at a voluntary service held, say, in the evening after Prep and in a building other than the Chapel, where the pupils might be more relaxed. Call it 'Compline' if you will, or call it an evening service. Many communities are re-discovering what it means to worship and Strathallan is a ready-made community with innumerable talents in it.

Before I conclude, let me thank one other, my dog. When a boy or girl is sobbing his or her heart out, it is sometimes very difficult to find the right words to say. Many boys and girls have discovered how very difficult it is to cry when a Deerhound is washing their faces.

At the end of the academic year recorded in this issue of the 'Strathallian,' at the last Chapel Service, I concluded with the following prayer before the Blessing:

Almighty God, in whom we move and live and have our being, make this School as a field which the Lord hath blessed, that whatsoever things are true, lovely and of good report, may here forever flourish and abound. Preserve in it an unblemished name, enlarge it with a wider usefulness, and exalt it in the love and reverence of all its members as an instrument of thy glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.
T.G.L.



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MUSIC ROUND-UP

If one of the important roles of a Music department in a school such as Strathallan is to introduce through performance the classics of the repertoire, then this year has been particularly successful.

The range and quality of performance of the music presented at our public concerts has been frequently drawn attention to by audience and reviewers alike: Ian Robertson writing in the *Times Educational Supplement* of the Perth Festival of the Arts, confirmed that 'The most impressive of the midday concerts in range, quality of performance and style of presentation was given by the pupils of Strathallan School. The replacement of a Haydn violin concerto with 'In the Mood' by the Dance Band revolved the concert's kaleidoscope through French music for a Renaissance Palais up to the twentieth century's Hammersmith Palais'.

Various groups of music-makers have presented no less than thirteen public concerts during the year, from Charity Concerts in Perth and Kinross, Lathallan School, Battleby House, Grantully Castle, St. John's Kirk and the City Hall, Perth, to our own Music Room at Strathallan. Partly as a trial ground for our younger musicians and as a rehearsal platform for the public concerts, informal lunchtime concerts have been held on each Thursday of the term in the Music Room.

The planning, rehearsal and staging of these concerts could not possibly come about were it not for the dedicated and enthusiastic support of the teaching staff, both full- and part-time. This year we welcome Paul Auster to the department as the Assistant Director of Music and his wife Fiona, who teaches the clarinet and saxophone. Their enthusiasm and, dare we say, eccentric presentation of music has done so much for the more popular side of the repertoire. The large numbers of players otherwise not employed in the orchestra and other Chamber groups have found a most welcome role in the Dance and Jazz Bands and the Saxophone Quartet.



Other new faces around the department include Rodney Mount who is teaching the oboe, the clarinet and the bassoon. His musical experience has covered such diverse jobs as Early Music specialist with the Royal Shakespeare Company, First Oboe with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, and a freelance performer and Professor of Oboe at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music, Glasgow.

John Lindsay has retired after many years of devoted service to the School teaching the violin and the viola. John's skill and patience in restoring both shattered techniques and instruments damaged by clumsy handling can be testified to by many, and we wish him a long and happy retirement in his attic workshop playing and making instruments. His place has been taken by William Baxter, who after his initial training in Glasgow, played First Violin under Sir John Barbirolli's baton during his thirteen great years with the Hallé Orchestra. He now plays, teaches and conducts in and

around Glasgow, and we are most fortunate to have him in Forgandenny overseeing our string playing.

Peter Harrap is now in charge of the brass teaching, and looking after the Brass Consort. He was trained in London where he freelanced before coming to Glasgow as Orchestral Manager and First Trombone for the Scottish Ballet. The French Horn is now being taught by Christopher Griffiths. His experience has covered many aspects of music-making in Scotland, and he has played for the SNO, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, BBC Scottish, and as a soloist and chamber musician.

We are most fortunate to have the service of these first class musicians, and we look forward eagerly to hearing the results of their labours in future concerts.

Not only has the department as a whole spent much time and effort on its music-making, but the individual efforts of various members have been equally outstanding. Mention must be made of Euan Lawson, whose contribution to all aspects of our musical life has been outstanding. His performance as soloist at the Headmaster's Musick of the Mozart Oboe Concerto and Bach's 5th Brandenburg Concerto along with Lindsey Chisholm was absolutely splendid, and not content with being a superb oboist only, he made certain of a distinction at Grade 8 Piano, an A & S level in music, and a place at Oxford to read music.

Such achievements are not everyday occurrences, but the successes of 50 musicians to pass the Associated Board or Trinity College Music exams, including 5 distinctions and 9 merits should not go unrecorded. As music exams are only entered by each pupil on a purely voluntary basis, the greater number of fine performances pass by relatively undetected, unless it is something of the order of Riley Entertainment offered to Parents in the Lent Term. With the entire House rehearsing a rock musical – *Up the Odyssey* – to the accompaniment of the Dance Band, it was very difficult to let this pass by quietly! The opening of the new, soundproofed, Practice Block in the Autumn will greatly ease the problems of rehearsal for the 150 learning instruments as at present.

Despite the problems over practising encountered during the year, there have been those whose will to succeed has been stronger than the others, and of these Lindsey Chisholm was the undisputed winner of the *Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings*. Her contribution to all aspects of string playing during the year has been tremendous, and we all look forward to having her with us for a bonus Oxbridge term in the Autumn. Gavin Pettinger is another such person, undaunted by problems, whether tiresome Reeds on the Oboe or Crumhorn, or the diminutive size of the Garklein Floetlein

Recorder, itself no bigger than a fountain pen, and he rightly took the *Robert Barr Prize for Music*.

The Choir, ever flowing into the far distant pews, has given some majestic performances during the year. The most moving for sheer size and difficulty in its demands, was the anthem *We Love the Place* by Brahms, a piece which seems to have taken a very special place in their corporate affection, along with Jim McLaren, Bass and Organist's Sunday page-turner, whose piano accordion and seemingly endless supply of extra-strong mints has kept us all going throughout the year.

My heartiest congratulations and thanks to all those who have been involved in the teaching, rehearsal, staging and performance of all this music and Mrs Calder and her team of stalwart ladies for the brewing of our Thursday coffee and clearing up after us all.

THE EARLY MUSIC CONSORT

We 'Ancient Musicians' have had a busy year. Last minute crises such as Nikki's absentee music, a broken recorder, and Jo's disappearing drum did not stop us from playing in several School concerts – the Headmaster's Music, Grandtully, St. John's Kirk – many of which featured our timeless Chinese classic *Tu Ning*; we also provided music for the third form play, *Everyman*. The consort was invited to play at Glenalmond, Kinross, Perth and Pitlochry, and having gone down quite well outside the School, we have some engagements for next year. In October we will be playing for the Stirling Futureworld Project – arranged by Stirling District Council and the BBC – with the possibility of further work next summer. We have also made connections with Perth Theatre which may prove fruitful.

We have extended our repertoire to include singing, and solos for the 'cello as well as for the recorder and guitar. Dirk Paterson joined us for a few concerts, and was well received. In the summer we said goodbye to Karen Donnelly: as well as being a good player, she was always a great source of amusement! Dominik Diamond has taken over, and when he learns to control his capo (and his temper!), is a worthy replacement! Finally, we would like to thank Jo Lozowy for supplying patience, pats on the back, and pandrops at the appropriate moments!

L.A.C.

MUSIC AT STRATHALLAN 1984

Musicians, choristers, pipers and drummers have put together a cassette of their best achievements played during the past academic year, which is now available. The cassette, which has been professionally recorded and processed by Criterion Records is available from the Director of Music, Strathallan School, Forgandenny, Perth, price £3.50 including p. & p. Cash must accompany the order, and cheques should be made payable to Strathallan School.

The Programme includes:

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| Orchestra | The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba. |
| Oboe Solo | Two movements of Sonata in E minor, Handel (Gavin Pettinger: Oboe). |
| Chapel Choir | 'We Love the Place' by Brahms (German Requiem). |
| Horn Solo | First movement, Horn Concerto No. 1, Richard Strauss (Douglas Whitelaw: Horn). |
| Saxophone Quartet | 'The Teddy Bears' Picnic' (Peter Ellen, Scott and Iain Kelly, Fiona Auster). |
| Voices and Guitar | 'O Waly, Waly (Lucy Crispin, Joanna Fagg, Jo Lozowy). |
| Early Music Group | 'When Laura Smiles' by Phillip Rossiter (Dominik Diamond, Jo Lozowy: Guitars; Lucy Crispin: Recorder; Gavin Pettinger: Cortol; Dirk Paterson: Treble). |
| Brass Consort | Bransle by Tielman Suzato (Andrew Beath, Robin Gilyead, Michael Edie: Trumpet; Douglas Whitelaw: Horn; Colin Walker: Trombone; Lindsey Chisholm, Jenny Fraser, Angus Macdonald, Nicola Thaw, Paul Auster: Strings; Gavin Pettinger: Crumhorn and Drums). |
| Second Orchestra | 'Greensleeves' (Conductor: Paul Auster). An orchestra of junior players, playing for the first time as a group. |
| Dance Band | 'In the Mood' (Band Leader: Paul Auster). |
| Pipes and Drums | A selection of Strathspeys, Jigs and Marches (Pipe Major: Duncan Biggart). |
| Recorder Solo | Theme and Variations on a Netherlands Folk-song by Jacob van Eyck (Gavin Pettinger: Garklein Floetlein). |
| Cello Solo | 'The Swan' (The Carnival of the Animals) Saint-Saens (Nicola Thaw: Cello). |

PIPES AND DRUMS

At the end of the year we had a mass exodus from the band. Gone, Duncan Biggart, Michael Bullard, Douglas Knight, David Brown, from the piping section; Richard Knox, Alistair Caush and Graeme Brown, drumming. Needless to say they will be sorely missed and extremely difficult to replace, but we must try. However we wish them well and thank them for their services to the band over the years and hope they will continue to pipe and drum for sometime to come. Lorne Watson as the newly appointed pipe-major faces a great challenge to produce a band for St. Andrews Night and the coming competitive season.

This year the band, with five other schools, took part in beating the Retreat on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. It was an impressive display and the boys thoroughly enjoyed it.

The next performance and a new one, was at the Scottish Business Achievement Award Lunch at Prestonfield. They were greatly appreciated and were suitably rewarded being dined and wined with champagne. The following day the Blackford Games, which is by now routine but nonetheless appreciated by the local inhabitants and visitors. Another good performance.

This year the band was unable to compete at Glasgow in the West of Scotland Competition as it coincided with Speech Day.

At the East of Scotland Competition, held at the Edinburgh Academy, the band was placed second. In the individual events Michael Bullard came second in the senior piping and Richard Knox came second in the senior drumming.

Once again we are indebted to Pipe Major Barron, David Clark and Rusty Clark for their expert tuition in piping and drumming.

School Piping Results:

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| Senior Pibroch | 1st | D. Biggart |
| | 2nd | M. Bullard |
| | 3rd | L. Watson |
| Senior March Strathspey Reel | 1st | D. Biggart |
| | 2nd | M. Bullard |
| | 3rd | L. Watson |
| Junior March | 1st | D. Gillespie |
| | 2nd | I. Toner |
| Most Improved Piper | | I. Toner |
| Senior Drumming | 1st | J. C. Downie |
| | 2nd | R. K. Knox |
| Junior Drumming | 1st | G. D. McLay |
| | 2nd | A. J. Hill |



TWELFTH NIGHT



At last! At last! Those were my feelings of profound relief and gratitude after attending Mr Forster and Mr Court's first venture into dramatic production. I haven't seen all the previous productions, especially in the last year or two, but I can say that for the first time in my eighteen years at Strathallan, we had a School play that was up to the standard commonly attained at many of our rival establishments. On the contrary, indeed, it has itself set a standard for others to seek to attain. For this, the producers and their splendid cast deserve our fullest congratulations.

Of course, they had a lot going for them. The advent of an ever larger number of girls has produced an enviable supply of talent of all sorts, and acting, like music, has been an area conspicuously assisted by the influx. There were also probably more genuinely promising young actors available than is often the case. Mr Macleod yet again did the impossible by surpassing the standard of all the previous sets here, with a truly lyrical evocation of Illyria. The new stage lighting gave the direction vigour and life – not that it required much invigorating, I may add. I gather that the enthusiasm and co-operation behind the stage was of a very high order – so

they should be, of course, but it has not always been so.

Naturally, there were flaws. Some of the 'business' was irritatingly immature or inappropriate; one or two of the minor characters could not sustain the general high standard; Feste's role, though beautifully played, was not clearly defined; and sometimes in the entirely laudible quest for clarity, the poetry of the language was lost (a complaint, incidentally, recently made by the dramatic correspondent of the *Times* about modern Shakespeare productions generally). But these were minor flaws in what was a triumphant success.

For it was a production full of life. The actors looked as if they were thoroughly enjoying themselves, and so did we too. The action never dragged, but flowed invigoratingly on from scene to scene. Everyone on stage was beautifully drilled, with virtually all exits, entrances, positions and gestures thoroughly rehearsed and confidently taken. The characters (with the exceptions hinted at above) said their lines as if they really meant them and as if the situation really meant something to them. Simple points, perhaps, but we cannot always take them for granted.





To turn to the acting, some of the individual performances were far superior to normal school standard, with half a dozen exceptionally fine performances. Caroline Edie took the awkward role of Viola, and coped very capably with the dual problems thus presented to her – after a hesitant start, she gained confidence and can be well satisfied with her performance. Amy McDonald, pressed into service late in the preparations, was an admirable Maria, pert and playful to the life. Much of our enjoyment of the Malvolio-baiting scenes came from the infectious enthusiasm she communicated to the audience. She has stage presence, and does not waste a look or a gesture. Jennifer Browne looked perfect as Olivia, and her chilly hauteur and condescension were admirably judged. Gregor Truter's Aguecheek was magnificently cadaverous, foolish and timid – a highly convincing portrayal of a character whose status is sometimes diminished. I particularly enjoyed his hilarious preparation for the duel.

The two key performances, outstanding in any company, were Angus Macdonald as Malvolio and Ken Orr as Sir Toby Belch. Both were very funny portrayals in their own way. I particularly liked the precise, clipped speech Angus adopted and its development in the latter scene, as well as the mature understanding he brought to this role throughout. Ken, a natural actor-comedian, had worked out a marvellously controlled slow, earthy delivery, complete with telling pauses, knowing eyes and crude chuckle, with the result that, while laughter was always close, you could still always sense the bully lurking just below the surface. With this Sir Toby, every gesture, every look, every inflection added to the picture. It was a masterly performance, and I do not expect to see a better on a school stage.



All in all, then, as a lively interpretation performed by an enthusiastic and able cast under sympathetic, intelligent direction, this was a splendid evening. It was suitably ended by Lucy Crispin's sensitively beautiful singing as Feste, a fitting complement in its pure, honest simplicity to all the frivolity and hilarity around it.

Thank you, everybody concerned, for a memorable performance.

M.J.E.W.



DRAMA – WHY SHAKESPEARE?

'Not bad, for Shakespeare'.

'Poor script, good acting'.

Those were two of the more honest opinions about *Twelfth Night* from members of the School unfamiliar with Shakespeare on the stage. The study of Shakespeare for 'O' levels is not often conducive to appreciating that the plays were written to be performed and enjoyed by an audience ranging from aristocrats to the sixteenth-century equivalent of football hooligans.

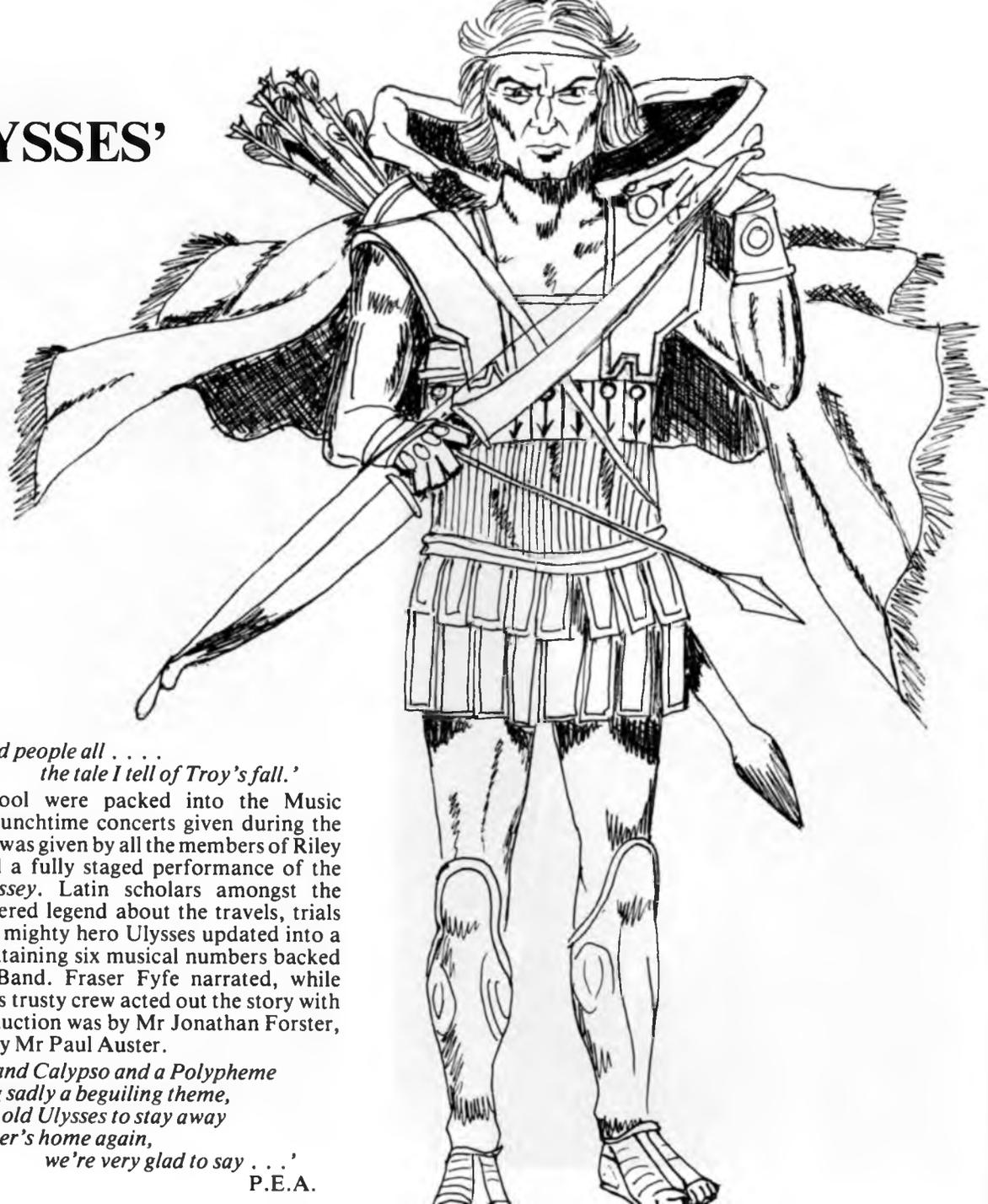
After a gap of twenty years, it was time the School was exposed to Shakespeare 'in the raw'. It's true that some of the jokes have perished with time (the codpiece went out of fashion 350 years ago), and that the romantic element is hard to swallow in the heartless 1980's, but the essential humour and honesty of Shakespeare's comedies is undiminished.

The bawdy 'double-entendres' of Sir Toby Belch, for example, are still hilarious to those with schoolboy senses of humour. The richness of the language – how many metaphors and similes can you count? – revives for a moment the lost art of poetic drama. The brilliantly contrived plots and sub-plots have been plundered down the ages and still appear in disguise in television-comedies.

I have no doubt that many of the plays of Shakespeare are well worth doing, but that doesn't mean that we will always put on plays which make so many demands on the audience (or actors). Who knows, at some time in the future, we may perform a musical or a pantomime, but one thing is certain: drama must both instruct and entertain, and the minute it is no longer fun; we've all failed.

J. Forster (producer *Twelfth Night*).

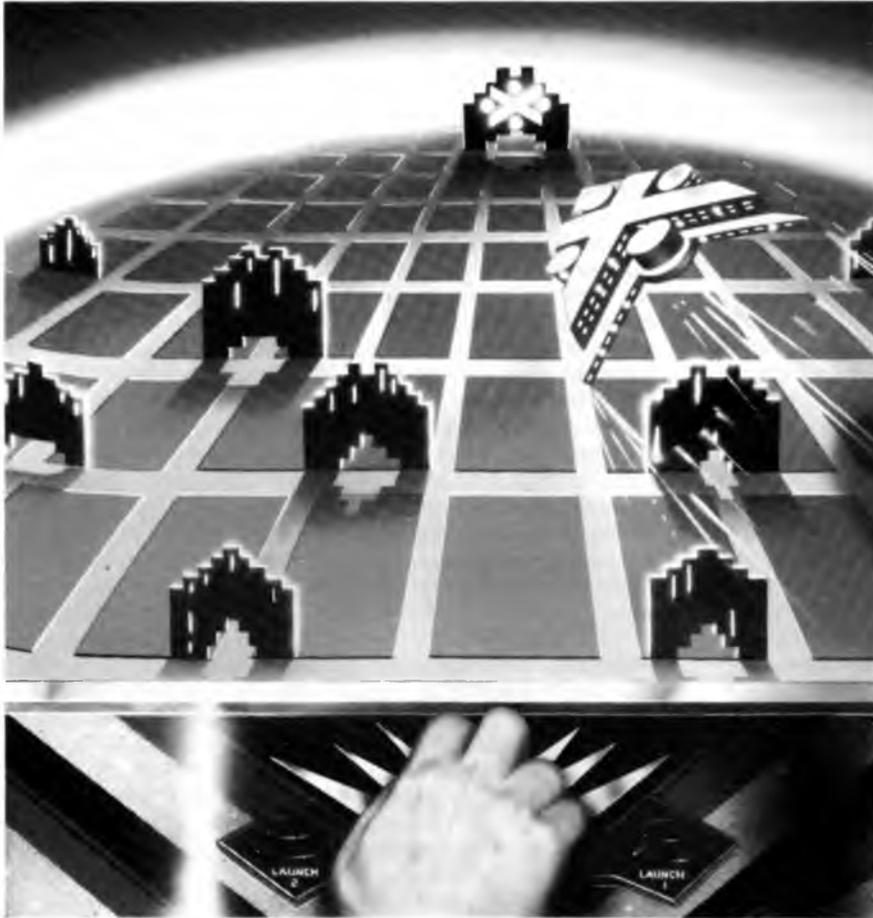
'UP ULYSSES'



*'O hearken ye good people all
the tale I tell of Troy's fall.'*

Over half the School were packed into the Music Room for one of the lunchtime concerts given during the Lent term. The concert was given by all the members of Riley House, and comprised a fully staged performance of the musical *Up the Odyssey*. Latin scholars amongst the audience saw their revered legend about the travels, trials and tribulations of the mighty hero Ulysses updated into a light-hearted romp containing six musical numbers backed by the Villa'ns Jazz Band. Fraser Fyfe narrated, while Duncan Spinner and his trusty crew acted out the story with great enthusiasm. Production was by Mr Jonathan Forster, and musical direction by Mr Paul Auster.

*' with Circe and Calypso and a Polypheme
and Siren's singing sadly a beguiling theme,
they tempted poor old Ulysses to stay away
but Homer's roamer's home again,
we're very glad to say . . . '*



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THEATRE

Last year, despite the pupils' demanding timetables and the Headmaster's strict instructions that prep must come first, the number of theatre trips organised by the English Department continued to increase. The availability of the mini bus most evenings and the proximity of so many excellent theatres proves too much of a temptation for a dedicated theatre-goer and I have the Housemasters to thank for allowing me to disrupt evening routine, often at short notice, when I discover that some marvellous, not-to-be-missed production is within reach.

In September a Lower VI group visited the MacRobert Centre to see *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*. The Edinburgh Theatre Workshop were touring with this very clever comedy by Dario Fo after their success with it at the Edinburgh Festival. Another touring company, 'Wildcat', performed an exciting rock drama at the Bonar Hall, Dundee. I, and most of the IV form class I took to see it, instantly became Wildcat fans and we determined not to miss any other plays they would bring to the district.

In confronting a steady diet of the 'classics' pupils can fail to appreciate that the dramatist often plays an important role as a critic of his society. The effort of studying classics is, of course, eventually rewarded by giving us a deeper historical perspective and showing us that many themes continue to be relevant no matter in what age or language the writer was working. Nevertheless when pupils can relate, from their own experience, to modern drama, the atmosphere of the present day settings being more familiar to them, the enjoyment naturally comes more easily and perhaps, with luck, the points that the dramatist is trying to make might be picked up and retained.

Dario Fo is Italy's leading comic actor-writer. He uses his knowledge and love of medieval theatre and the *Commedia Del Arte* in the presentation of his performances, in which he attacks present day corruption in Church and State. Wildcat are also in the business of reminding us of the injustice and poverty which persists in our society. These artists coat the pills with the sugar of hilarious comedy.

There was more comedy in October with a rather mundane production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, at Perth Theatre, and then the much livelier farce *The Servant of Two Masters*, also at Perth. This was a trip for the cast of *Everyman* which I hoped would teach them the importance

of projection – but teenagers don't abandon their shyness easily except for the born actors and actresses and there are never quite enough of those.

It is appropriate that Scottish plays and writers should be given special attention in their own country to encourage new talent and honour the existing literary achievements of a unique culture. The Scottish Theatre Company are commendably touring with some great Scottish plays. Trips were run to both *Macbeth* and *Jamie the Saxt*. The latter play by Robert McLellan, though written in the 1930's, uses old Scots which defeated most of my VI form, some of whom, exhausted by strenuous rugby training that afternoon, retired to sleep in the back row!

Finally in October parents were subjected to my own production of *Everyman* which, though I thoroughly enjoyed the play, may not be to 'everyman's' taste. However, the audience watched our careless hero, called by God to account for himself, being abandoned by his friends, relatives, possessions, body and mind accompanied only by his pitifully weak 'Good Deeds', make his final journey and afterwards (prompted perhaps by this salutary spectacle) they were kind enough to donate generously to the *Save The Children Fund*. Many thanks to all who contributed.

At the beginning of November three short plays by young playwrights were being toured by the Scottish Youth Theatre. I took a small group to see them at the MacRobert Centre. Not only were these plays topical, but they were about issues which concern young people, particularly relationships within families as teenagers begin to assert their individuality. Due to poor publicity, attendance was pathetically low, and I mean low: we sat in the only occupied row! This was a great shame, for the young are bursting with creative talent and should be given every chance to develop it.

The next trip in November was to Willie Rough, Bill Bryden's powerful drama about Clydesdale in the dark days of 1914/16. This sympathetic portrait of a strike leader provoked interesting discussions and essays from the V form class who went on the trip, one of them suggesting that Willie Rough's big mistake was in asking for a twopenny rise – considering the social conditions the play had been attempting to describe, this was a bit like disapproving of Oliver asking for more soup! The sets and lighting for Willie Rough were of a very high standard and encouraged by this production I rewarded a few top achievers in the same class with a visit to a new Lyceum play *Beyond Here Are Monsters*

by James Nicholson. This was a shot in the dark as I'd never heard of the play before and I remained in the dark all the way through it! A wasted evening unfortunately, which nevertheless served the purpose of reminding us to be doubly thankful for the good plays.

The popularity of playwrights ebbs and flows and at the moment in Scotland the works of J. M. Barrie, Bernard Shaw and J. B. Priestley are being regularly performed. I took a class to see *What Every Woman Knows* by J. M. Barrie at Dundee Rep. I am fascinated by the moral questions which these playwrights examine so earnestly, but obviously the pupils at this stage in their lives have yet to appreciate the ironies and dilemmas inherent in making 'moral' decisions.

After November a hard winter curtailed further expeditions until March when the Lyceum put on a Joe Orton play *What The Butler Saw* and Miss Atkinson combined the trip with a farewell to her VI form.

In May, making up for lost time, I took a group to Mr Gillie, the Scottish Theatre Company's very satisfying touring production of James Bridie's play about an idealistic teacher of English. The pupils presumably couldn't sympathise quite as deeply with the main character as I could!

A new thriller by Stanley Ralph Ross being premiered at Dundee Rep, *Play With Fire*, was much enjoyed by my IVth year, who should be quite knowledgeable about drama by now as they are the class I have taught longest. Their cheerfulness and high standard of behaviour made our many trips a pleasure and I hope they'll keep up the theatre-going habit when they leave school.

Educating Rita has been performed by most of the local theatre companies in the last few years. A VI form group saw it at the Lyceum and I took two groups to the Byre's production. Anyone studying English for A level, particularly if they plan to carry on with the subject at university, will benefit from observing Rita as she is transformed from a naive enthusiast to a pompous academic and then finally manages to reconcile her former and latter selves. Naive enthusiasm may not be enough to pass exams with, but for Frank, Rita's tutor, it was infinitely preferable to the hackneyed and pretentious rubbish he wrote himself and endured from his students. For a time it seemed as if Rita had climbed on the bandwagon, but she argues convincingly that the 'happy peasant' notion he had of her and her class was a fallacy. She had a right to become the kind of pseudo-intellectual he deplored, the alternative that he favoured – to stop contaminating her freshness with 'education' – deprived her of the benefit of making her own choice. We see by her final gift to him, a haircut, that she has acquired the confidence to accept what she can use from her former life after winning the fight for the right to choose a new one.

The next play at the Byre was *The Entertainer* in which

Jimmy Logan gave a memorable performance as Archie Rice.

A VIth form, mainly sceptical that theatre could be anything but boring, were very surprised by Peter Terson's new play *Strippers*, performed by the exuberant Tynewart Theatre Company at the Kings. In their absorption with the stripping scenes I was hoping that the class were not missing the point of the play, which is based on facts. Due to unemployment and the popularity of strippers in North East of England Working Mens' Clubs, ordinary housewives are turning to this relatively lucrative source of income to supplement the family budget. The 'hero' of the play, a skilled shipyard worker who has been made redundant, is horrified to discover, when he decides to try a new club for a change, that he is watching his own wife strip 'in front of those animals', as he accuses her later. 'You were one of them'; she reminds him. The tragedy of the play underlying such humorous moments is that he eventually swallows his pride and accepts the situation, for he will probably never get another job to utilise the skills he spent years acquiring, whilst his wife can earn more in a half hour 'spot' than he ever found in his weekly wage packet.

Wildcat are another company who create plays about social conditions which concerned people should be aware of today. Their 'Midsummer Musical Comedy'; *Same Difference*, seen by a large mixed group in Perth, tried to alert the audience to issues too numerous to mention!

Finally I subjected some A level historians to Hans Jürgen Syberberg's seven-hour long film on Hitler at the Edinburgh Filmhouse (in German with subtitles!). A surprising number of brave souls sat all through it, eventually getting used to its surrealist style. The facts to be gleaned from it were few, it was the atmosphere which was all-important, and after seven hours they won't forget that in a hurry!

It was a long evening too for the third form who went to Pitlochry to see the 1791 comedy *Wild Oats*. The class bore the suffocating heat in the theatre with great patience and fortitude and I'll reward them with something shorter next time!

This year holds much promise with trips already planned to The Black Tent performed by the Borderline Theatre Company, *Waiting for Godot* by Tryst Theatre Company and the wonderful Medieval Players who are putting on *The Second Shepherds' Pageant*, one of our A level texts. Till next year then – Good theatre-going!

G.R.

P.S. – I'll take this opportunity to correct an error in last year's review of plays seen by the School. Not About Horses, the play figuring Robert Owen and Siegfried Sassoon, the First World War poets, was not about horses – it was Not About Heroes!

RUGBY



Quite by accident and with a considerable degree of good fortune, I discovered on August 9th, in a small village in Provence, that the Italians had let us down and that our pre-season tour to Northern Italy was cancelled. I was in the depths of despair! Fortunately with Jean Fauré and Bernard Kohler's help and a couple of trips down the autoroute to Narbonne I managed to re-arrange everything to return to our old hunting-ground.

Due to the very late arrangement of fixtures we were forced to play four games in five days – a very tough schedule. However, with a fairly big tour party and the use of substitutes we survived remarkably well to win all four. We were welcomed in MURVIEL, our first encounter, and shown round a wine co-operative, followed by a guided tour of the very old village. Subsequently, we won the first match 54 – 0 in handsome running style, with excellent support play. CAZOULS proved to be more of a challenge in the first quarter but eventually it was a comfortable victory 36 – 3. The third game against Narbonne was one which I shall never forget. A 10 – 8 score-line suggests a close encounter, which it was, but that does not convey the heroic manner in which the game was won. It was the first time we had beaten a Narbonne side but the way we survived against brutal tactics from some of their players was not only a victory for Strathallan, but a moral victory, and against great provocation we illustrated how rugby should be played.

It was an extremely exhausted touring side which decided to hit the beach rather than watch the big first division game in the stadium that Sunday afternoon. The psychological and physical pressure as well as the cumulative demands of the games thus far had been so great that N.H. and company were in no mood for sand-castles and crashed out on the beach. The final game was played in incredible heat at Montpellier on the first leg of our return journey. Everyone was so exhausted that D.J.B. and myself were unable to get any response from the team before the match. Incredibly, having to draw on the very depths of stamina and spirit, we won 10 – 9! It was a marvellous tour not only for the rugby, not only for Duncan Langland's photographs, but also for the memories, incidents and the increasingly ingenious use of Franglais. Many a 'French-person' will remember 'quel gaspillage' for a long time.

The Old Boys game was a much tougher encounter than the previous season, but with tries by Ali Caush, Nigel Kilpatrick, Mike Allingham (who had returned to sit Oxbridge) and Martin Drummond, the latter also being successful with two conversions, we came through as convincing victors 20 – 0. The confidence derived from this game took an early dent

at Perth where we turned round at half time 4 – 6 down, a penalty-try having been awarded against us! Fortunately, the frustration did not get out of hand and a much stronger performance by us in the second half produced tries by Nigel Kilpatrick, Mike Bullard, Neil McKee and Martin Drummond. Apart from conceding too many penalties the pack played well but there were problems with the continuity in the backs.

Keil and Rannoch produced a bonanza of 23 tries and we won both the matches 54 – 3 and 65 – 0 respectively. The power of the pack was increasingly making itself felt and was to provide throughout the season the platform behind which Mike Allingham could probe, break, and set the backs away with consummate ease and skill. Both matches had been useful in giving games to valuable replacements for the season such as John Clarke, John Paterson and Keith Adamson.

Our first real test came at Fettes: Guarin Clayton came in at second row for the flu-stricken Richard Knox, this being our only change. Considerable difficulty was experienced up front and in the line-outs, but eventually Walter Macdonald began to get good ball and the backs always looked dangerous on the break. Gilbert McClung, playing only his second game, had a dream game at full-back and Ali Caush caused severe problems for his opposing wing. Our mid-field defence of Richard Reah, David Davidson and Neil McKee survived extremely well against substantial pressure (this was, in fact, to be one of our strengths throughout the season) and despite a very tense last quarter we won 3 – 0 through a penalty by Gilbert. It was an excellent away victory!

Glenalmond, the following week, was a much easier nut to crack, although we did make heavy weather of it. Instead of being 18 – 0 up at half-time (not an unrealistic score-line!) the score was only 6 – 0 with a try by Martin Drummond in the corner after an incisive blind-side break by Mike Allingham. The back division had had to be re-arranged on the Thursday due to an injury to Richard Reah whilst Neil McKee, the captain, caused a considerable amount of consternation, as well as showing his undoubted versatility and ability, by playing at fly-half. His replacement at outside-centre, Keith Adamson, had an excellent game both offensively and defensively and was unlucky not to be awarded a penalty-try. Also impressive was the fearless replacement in the forwards, Guarin Clayton. One of the best tries of the season sealed the match after a dummy scissors and a powerful break by David Davidson. Thus the final score 13 – 6 was not as good as it could have been if we had taken our chances in the first-half: nevertheless it was a good and well-deserved victory.

For the first time in the season we fielded our first-choice full side against Loretto. Vice-captain Duncan Biggart roused the forwards to produce an awesome performance in the first half, during which we hit a purple patch combining power, drive and control up front with excellent, incisive running and support play in the backs. It was some of the best rugby we played all season and we turned round 23 – 0 ahead at half time. Ali Caush got a hat-trick of tries; Mike Allingham and Neil McKee got one each; and Gilbert McClung added two conversions and two penalties. Loretto defended stoutly and courageously with Tom Smith their captain having an outstanding game in the second half; we became over-anxious to score and frustrated by not being able to keep the momentum going and the final score-line read 30 – 0.

Once again Richard Reah was injured (for the Merchiston game) and John Clarke replaced him at fly-half. It was an extremely lethargic performance in the first quarter of the game which allowed Merchiston to go ahead. Immediately, the forwards responded and the powerful front row of Willy Macdonald, Duncan Biggart and Tom Johnston exerted tremendous pressure on the scrum. Sadly, the backs just could not get their act together – N.H. having one of those inexplicable days! Mercifully, we did score tries: two by Mike Allingham and one each by Martin Drummond, Ali Caush and Calum Bannerman. It was perhaps our worst performance of the season – November 5th without the fireworks!

Media coverage had now built up our games against Edinburgh Academy and Dollar as the decisive matches of the season. Thus the pressure and tension before the first of these was intense and I think this, undoubtedly, inhibited the team. We were not helped by the fact that our stalwart prop Willy Macdonald was injured, and it was decided to move Richard Knox up to front row and bring in Graeme Robertson in the second row. It was, therefore, our misfortune that Edinburgh Academy were particularly strong up front but we did secure sufficient line-out ball and second phase to create three or four clear overlap scoring situations. These opportunities were not taken with sufficient care – our over-anxiousness to score was perhaps our undoing! In addition, the normally very reliable kicking of Gilbert McClung suffered an off day. Thus what should have been a clear victory ended somewhat disappointingly in a 6 – 6 draw.

Not surprisingly it was very difficult to rouse the same spirit for the Morrisons and Gordonstoun games. There were a number of injuries and consequent changes for both matches but we won both comfortably 33 – 4 and 20 – 0

respectively. There was not a lot of vintage rugby and Gordonstoun's spoiling tactics certainly paid dividends. However, one of the best tries of the season was scored in the latter match by Ali Caush. It started with a ruck near the edge of the field, the ball was won and spun out to Neil McKee on the wing; it was immediately switched back inside and across the field with some excellent over-head passing from Richard Reah and the mobile lock-forward Walter Macdonald to Ali who chipped delicately along the touch line, picked up at speed, and scored.

The calibre and all-round skill of this season's side was shown by the way we snuffed out the attacking flair of the renowned Dollar and created sufficient scoring chances to make it a comfortable victory. The match which everyone had been waiting for was played on a rather frosty day and for the first time since Loretto we fielded a full side. In the first quarter we exerted tremendous pressure and came very close to scoring on two occasions. A penalty, however, by Gilbert McClung was to be our first score and then after some good work by the forwards Mike was provided with the opportunity to put the finishing touch and score on the blind side, which was converted by Gilbert. Dollar now had a very strong spell and we gave away two penalties before half-time.

Despite losing Gilbert for some time in the second half we were able to contain and knock down the lively backs: our mid-field defence of Rich, Dave and Neil had an excellent game. Moreover, the back row, Mike Bullard, Calum Bannerman and Nigel Kilpatrick, also hounded the opposition unmercifully. Under such pressure Dollar began to lose momentum and our forwards again started to dominate. Some excellent work by the pack with second and third phase ball, followed by a rolling maul brought us very close to their line: finally the ball was ripped out by Walter Macdonald and Mike was provided with the easiest of tasks to crash over for his second try. Although Gilbert failed with the conversion he added a penalty to make it a convincing 16 – 6 victory.

Stewarts-Melville was perhaps 'our finest hour.' After leading 13 – 0 in the first quarter of the game and playing dazzling rugby, the forwards became frustrated by interpretations on the scrummage and lost momentum. Just before half-time we lost Walter Macdonald, our only real line-out jumper. Thus possession dried up and Stewarts-Melville crept back to 13 – 10 in the second half. Duncan Low, who had replaced the injured Tom Johnston at prop, also had to leave the field injured with a quarter of the match still remaining. To add salt to the wounds, there were further minor injuries to Neil, Martin, and Gilbert, all fortunately

not too serious. At this stage, and with only six forwards, the team raised from the depths a tremendous final flourish and played amazing attacking and defensive rugby. The strength of character displayed at Inverleith was undoubtedly helped by the Narbonne game and evinced shades of the Song of Roland. Neil McKee played a real captain's role, leading by example and illustrating to the assembled company what ability and determination he had to draw on. Despite all this, it was with unadulterated joy and with a sense of blissful relief that we all heard the final whistle.

Once again we fielded our full side and played tremendous fifteen-man rugby to beat Kelvinside Academy 36-0. It could so easily have been more! Gilbert McClung opened the scoring with a superb try, which he converted; two penalties were added by Martin and Gilbert. Another excellent try came from Ali Caush, very reminiscent of his one against Gordonstoun. Further tries were added by Calum Bannerman and Nigel Kilpatrick(2) – one of the latter came from magnificent support play and devastating inter-passing. Ali, bursting with confidence, and in true Duckham style, scored his second try by wrong-footing everyone and cutting back inside powerfully to score under the posts. What a fitting game on which to say farewell to such fine players as Mike Allingham and Neil McKee.

Andrew MacLellan and Mitchell Steel took over from our two internationalists for the Glasgow Academy match. Our first try was a classic! Walter Macdonald soared to take the ball beautifully in the line-out, the ball was transferred very speedily to Martin Drummond on the wing who handed off a defender and scored in the corner. A try by Nigel Kilpatrick from a 5 yard scrum converted by Gilbert made the score 16-0. A similar try to Martin's was scored by Ali Caush on the opposite wing and after very good approach play by David Davidson, Ali scored his try. This 29-0 victory without Neil and Mike emphasised once again that the season's success was based on a good all-round team and reserve strength, not just one or two stars.

It was reported in the *Glasgow Herald* the following day that 'champagne flowed in the Strathallan dressing-room after the match!' A memorable feat had been achieved – an unbeaten season, Strathallan's first since taking on all the present major fixtures.

The seven-a-side season was also our best in recent memory. Defending our title at Merchiston we beat Dollar Academy 34-4, Glenalmond 8-0, Heriots 22-4 and Fettes in the final 16-10 to win the Merchiston Cup for the second successive year. The side was captained by David



Davidson from scrum half and included Mike Bullard, Calum Bannerman, Richard Reah, John Paterson, Mitchell Steel and John Clarke (the last three played most of the season in the 2nd XV); Neil McKee (due to an international squad session in the morning) and Nigel Kilpatrick were the replacements.

As a result of injuries and various other problems Calum, John, Richard and Neil were unable to play in the Perth Sevens: they were replaced by Walter Macdonald, Martin Drummond and Keith Adamson. After surviving a rather poor start we defeated Dunfermline 6 – 4, Morgan Academy 16 – 4, Woodmill 30 – 0, Glenalmond 16 – 8 and Dundee High School 18 – 4 in the final, to win our second trophy.

A last minute call-up for the Rosslyn Park Sevens gave us a chance to travel south. Unfortunately, due to a long list of injuries and prior ski-ing commitments we were well below strength. Although we did not make it through to the finals on the second day we were not outclassed in our group and but for some weak tackling and further untimely injuries we could have done quite well. Nevertheless, it was a good experience and a lot of good-will was created by our being prepared to travel south to fill in at the eleventh hour.

1st XV Colours were awarded to: –

N. H. McKee, D. A. Biggart, W. M. Macdonald, T. W. Johnston, W. J. R. Macdonald, M. J. A. Bullard, D. W. Davidson, A. P. S. Caush, M. Drummond, G. McClung.

Half Colours were awarded to: –

R. K. Knox, C. M. Bannerman, N. D. Kilpatrick, R. E. M. Reah.

Presidents XV representation: –

N. H. McKee, A. P. S. Caush, D. A. Biggart, T. W. Johnston, Reserve – R. K. Knox.

Scottish Schoolboys: –

N. H. McKee.

The overall strength of the teams throughout the School made this more than just a good season for the 1st XV and credit must go to all the coaches for the amount of time and effort they are prepared to give. Without the day-by-day commitment by 'rugby' masters throughout the long Autumn Term our job at the top would be extremely difficult. Of the senior sides, the 5th XV coached by Mr Walker and captained by Alistair Irvine had an outstanding season, winning all 9 matches and scoring 358 points with only 14 against.

This was closely followed by the 4th XV coached by Mr Court and captained by Mark Robson – they won 9 out of 10 matches. Our most successful junior side was the U.13 XV (replacing the old Riley formation) coached by Mr Thomson and captained by Euan Grant, who lost only one of their 9 games. Although not in the first line of attack, I feel a mention should be made of the U.15B XV who won 5 out of their 6 games the U.15 game being coached by Mr Du Boulay, Mr Wands and Mr Gilks.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Clayton and all those in the sewing room, who have had the unenviable job of trying to turn out the teams, and especially the 1st XV, in such immaculate order; the Sister for tending the wounded; and Craig Young and all the kitchen staff for looking after us and the visiting teams so well.

B. R.

RUGBY RESULTS

1st XV

| | | |
|---|-------|---------|
| v. Perth Academy | Won | 26 – 6 |
| v. Keil | Won | 54 – 3 |
| v. Rannoch | Won | 65 – 0 |
| v. Fettes | Won | 3 – 0 |
| v. Glenalmond | Won | 13 – 6 |
| v. Loretto | Won | 30 – 0 |
| v. Merchiston | Won | 26 – 4 |
| v. Edinburgh Academy | Drawn | 6 – 6 |
| v. Morrison's Academy | Won | 33 – 9 |
| v. Gordonstoun | Won | 20 – 0 |
| v. Dollar Academy | Won | 16 – 6 |
| v. Stewart's Melville | Won | 13 – 10 |
| v. Kelvinside Academy | Won | 36 – 0 |
| v. Glasgow Academy | Won | 29 – 0 |
| Club match | | |
| v. Old Strathallians | Won | 20 – 0 |
| Schools: Played 14; Won 13; Drawn 1 | | |
| Points for: 370; points against: 50 | | |
| All matches: Played 15; Won 14; Drawn 1 | | |
| Points for: 390; points against: 50. | | |

2nd XV

| | | |
|-----------------------|------|---------|
| v. Perthshire Colts | Won | 18 – 3 |
| v. Fettes | Lost | 4 – 10 |
| v. Q. V. S. | Won | 12 – 3 |
| v. Glenalmond | Lost | 11 – 12 |
| v. Loretto | Won | 15 – 6 |
| v. Merchiston | Lost | 4 – 8 |
| v. Edinburgh Academy | Lost | 9 – 18 |
| v. Morrison's Academy | Won | 33 – 6 |
| v. Stewart's Melville | Won | 16 – 0 |
| v. Kelvinside Academy | Won | 13 – 11 |
| v. Glasgow Acaemy | Lost | 0 – 4 |

Played 11; Won 6; Lost 5

Points for: 135; points against: 81.

3rd XV

| | | |
|-------------------------|------|---------|
| v. Perth Academy 2nd XV | Won | 40 – 7 |
| v. Rannoch 2nd XV | Won | 16 – 10 |
| v. Fettes | Won | 13 – 0 |
| v. Glenalmond | Lost | 4 – 18 |
| v. Glenalmond U. 16 | Lost | 0 – 14 |
| v. Loretto | Lost | 0 – 10 |
| v. Merchiston | Won | 50 – 0 |
| v. Edinburgh Academy | Won | 12 – 10 |
| v. Dollar Academy | Won | 7 – 4 |
| v. Stewart's Melville | Won | 14 – 10 |
| v. Kelvinside Academy | Won | 13 – 11 |
| v. Glasgow Academy | Won | 16 – 6 |

Played 12; Won 9; Lost 3

Points for: 185; points against: 100.

4th XV

| | | |
|-----------------------|------|---------|
| v. Q. V. S. 2nd XV | Won | 28 – 13 |
| v. Keil U. 16 | Won | 22 – 3 |
| v. Rannoch 3rd XV | Won | 22 – 0 |
| v. Fettes U. 16 | Won | 26 – 0 |
| v. Glenalmond | Lost | 24 – 25 |
| v. Loretto | Won | 14 – 12 |
| v. Merchiston | Won | 52 – 0 |
| v. Edinburgh Academy | Won | 44 – 0 |
| v. Gordonstoun U. 16 | Won | 42 – 0 |
| v. Kelvinside Academy | Won | 30 – 0 |

Played 10; Won 9; Lost 1

Points for: 304; points against: 53.

5th XV

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----|---------|
| v. Q. V. S. 3rd XV | Won | 47 – 0 |
| v. Fettes U. 16B XV | Won | 61 – 0 |
| v. Glenalmond | Won | 15 – 10 |
| v. Loretto | Won | 31 – 0 |
| v. Merchiston | Won | 44 – 0 |
| v. Edinburgh Academy | Won | 16 – 0 |
| v. Gordonstoun 4th XV | Won | 73 – 0 |
| v. Kelvinside Academy | Won | 54 – 0 |
| v. Glenalmond | Won | 17 – 4 |

Played 9; Won 9

Points for: 358; points against: 14.

6th XV

| | | |
|----------------------|------|---------|
| v. Rannoch 4th XV | Lost | 0 – 40 |
| v. Fettes | Lost | 8 – 24 |
| v. Glenalmond | Lost | 12 – 32 |
| v. Loretto | Won | 24 – 0 |
| v. Merchiston | Won | 62 – 0 |
| v. Edinburgh Academy | Won | 34 – 0 |
| v. Glenalmond | Lost | 9 – 12 |

Played 7; Won 3; Lost 4

Points for: 149; points against: 108.

U. 15 'A' XV

| | | |
|-----------------------|------|---------|
| v. Perth Academy | Won | 56 – 0 |
| v. Rannoch | Won | 12 – 6 |
| v. Fettes | Lost | 3 – 12 |
| v. Glenalmond | Lost | 0 – 28 |
| v. Loretto | Won | 16 – 4 |
| v. Merchiston | Lost | 10 – 18 |
| v. Edinburgh Academy | Lost | 3 – 18 |
| v. Morrison's Academy | Won | 28 – 3 |

Played 8; Won 4; Lost 4

Points for: 128; points against: 87.

U. 15 'B' XV

| | | |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| v. Fettes | Won | 11 – 6 |
| v. Glenalmond | Won | 17 – 4 |
| v. Loretto | Won | 7 – 6 |
| v. Merchiston | Won | 18 – 0 |
| v. Edinburgh Academy | Won | 29 – 0 |
| v. Glenalmond | Drawn | 14 – 14 |

Played 6; Won 5; Drawn 1

Points for: 96; points against: 30.

HOCKEY 1984

Writing these notes, late as usual, on a blazing August day it is hard to recall the tap of mulberry on plastic, so I am indebted to our Secretary, Bryce McCall-Smith, for providing such perceptive accounts of matches. The infamous tapes proved poor source material and were mostly unprintable, especially on the subject of umpires.



U.15 'C' XV

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|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| v. Glenalmond | Won | 23-0 |
| v. Merchiston | Lost | 6-18 |
| v. Glenalmond | Lost | 7-17 |
| Played 3; Won 1; Lost 2 | | |
| Points for: 36; points against: 35. | | |

U.14 'A' XV

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|
| v. Perth Academy | Won | 14-6 |
| v. Rannoch | Lost | 6-14 |
| v. Fettes | Won | 7-6 |
| v. Glenalmond | Lost | 0-18 |
| v. Loretto | Lost | 0-22 |
| v. Merchiston | Lost | 0-24 |
| v. Edinburgh Academy | Lost | 4-22 |
| v. Glasgow Academy | Lost | 0-24 |
| v. Morrison's Academy | Won | 32-4 |
| Played 9; Won 3; Lost 6 | | |
| Points for: 63; points against: 140. | | |

U.14 'B' XV

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|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| v. Glenalmond | Lost | 0-36 |
| v. Loretto | Won | 18-0 |
| v. Merchiston | Lost | 0-45 |
| v. Edinburgh Academy | Won | 16-0 |
| v. Glasgow Academy | Won | 22-3 |
| v. Glenalmond | Won | 16-8 |
| Played 6; Won 4; Lost 2 | | |
| Points for: 72; points against: 92. | | |

U.14 'C' XV

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| v. Glenalmond | Lost | 0-42 |
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U.13 'A' XV

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|--------------------------------------|------|------|
| v. Fettes | Won | 8-4 |
| v. Edinburgh Academy B XV | Won | 22-0 |
| v. Croftinloan | Won | 42-0 |
| v. Merchiston | Lost | 4-32 |
| v. Ardvreck | Won | 24-4 |
| v. New Park | Won | 19-6 |
| v. Morrison's Academy | Won | 32-0 |
| v. Perth Academy | Won | 10-6 |
| v. Glenalmond U.14 B XV | Won | 6-4 |
| Played 9; Won 8; Lost 1 | | |
| Points for: 167; points against: 56. | | |

First the trumpet-blowing – it was a marvellous season highlighted by the opening of the new hard court and a ‘100%’ 1st XI. Both were hard, fast and true. At last we were able to practice skills and set pieces repeatedly without cutting up the surface.

But there was a winter of discontent. Despite some impressive warm-up games at Stewart’s Melville and with Harris and Glenalmond, we were once again unable to reach the semi-finals of the Schools Indoor Tournament. Year after year we come so close – this time it was the odd goal in eleven against Hazelhead which put us out. The postponement of the tourney until into our indoor season didn’t help, nor did our inability to score from corners with enough regularity.

Outdoors, after a useful training game with Perthshire H.S., we officially inaugurated the new pitch by entertaining Perth Academy. They had some talented players but couldn’t cope with our speed, and, although goals were slow to come, by half-time we were four ahead, including an excellent penalty from McCulloch. In the second half McKee added his second and Lagerborg completed a hat-trick before Academy replied with two late goals. After last season’s debacle everyone acknowledged that Gordonstoun would be the ‘crunch’ game, but the 1st XI marched out of the French room after a pep-talk (in English, of course) and thrashed our charming visitors. Reah’s determination produced the first two and McKee added two more. Gordonstoun’s only reply was through some black magic by ‘Charlie’ and, although play deteriorated in the second half we were still good enough to score twice. Confidence was now high but Robert Gordon’s, already experienced on our type of court, proved tougher opposition. We scored quickly through Lagerborg but they equalised before the break. Afterwards we were obviously the better side and Gordon’s were reduced to rather negative tactics, but another cool stroke from McCulloch put us ahead and McKee stepped in with another goal to make us safe after a poor game of untidy hockey. A greasy court spoilt the first few minutes of the Fettes match yet Reah quickly found the net. Playing with zest and skill we hit the post before Reah scored again. Fettes came back with characteristic determination and for the first time teamwork slipped to allow them to score. Gradually we re-asserted ourselves but it took another McCulloch stroke and a perfect short corner from McIntosh to put us in the clear. Reah finished with a hat-trick and the job had been well done. Technically the best game was with Aberdeen Grammar School. They played attractive, confident hockey and we, fired by a determination to avenge last year’s trouncing, played better and

better as the match went on. Reah opened the scoring in the second half, but, more significantly perhaps, collided with their keeper who had just made the save of the season to Garnett’s shot of the season. After that he was not quite so good and McKee and Reah added two more for a convincing win.

So far so good, but all our matches had been at home on our own court. The final games were away and on very different surfaces. In Dundee we encountered a determined, skilful Harris side. The first half was dull, each side wary of the other, few chances came and we looked out of sorts. On the restart Harris began playing excellent co-ordinated hockey. They scored once and only brave keeping by Brown prevented more. Gradually we clawed our way back and ruffled them. Garnett scored 10 minutes from the end when all looked lost, then Reah’s shot took us home somewhat luckily – a triumph for grit rather than skill.

The omens for the Loretto game were not good – they were unbeaten, we were to play on grass, Reah had pulled an unknown muscle, McKee deserted to the hearties and to cap it all it rained incessantly. But, urged on by super-sub Clayton, we started in style and had the ball in the net three times in the first 15 minutes only for two to be disallowed. But McIntosh’s corner did count and Clayton added another. Loretto snatched one back just before half-time and pressed strongly at the start of the second half, eventually equalising. The conditions were now diabolical and tension mounted as we went into the last ten minutes of the season. We were awarded a penalty and poor McCulloch, flicking from a veritable swamp, missed. We continued to attack and with 7 minutes to go MacLellan’s shot was cleared to Lagerborg who flicked in. Garnett put it beyond doubt with a firm hit into the corner. The 100% record was ours (and the distinction of completing three successive seasons of unbeaten main game first teams).

This success was founded on teamwork, determination and, above all, the shrewd, quiet captaincy and skill of McIntosh in the demanding centre half position. He spread confidence around him, particularly to the young halves, McCulloch and McAlister. The former looks a great prospect once he learns not to brood on the occasional mistake and the latter was all bustle and endeavour. Behind them the experienced McCall-Smith had his usual season of purple patches and heart-stopping errors, while the other back, Robertson, improved with every game especially in his positional sense. Brown just displaced Wood as keeper, being faster on the quick surface, and, like his predecessor,

gave sound service with his stick, pads and even head! The attack flourished through 'Rush' Reah's determination to be on the score sheet and McKee's frequent arrival at the far post. Neither have exceptional hockey skills but their speed and athleticism were a constant threat to timid defences. The subtler play came from Lagerborg, Garnett and, latterly, McKenzie. Lagerborg's skill was always good to watch even when he, with reluctance, moved to the left wing. Garnett's excellent passing set up many chances and McKenzie's stick-work was neat and effective. MacLellan played on the left in the early games and, once he eliminates errors at vital moments, will be a great asset to future XIs. Old-stager Clayton once again came to our aid when most needed and, in a less talented year, would have had a regular place. McCulloch, Robertson and Garnett have been nominated for next year's Under 18 Scottish Schools training. Unfortunately Lagerborg is too old.



The other senior teams also did well, the 2nd XI winning all but the final game when they were depleted by 1st XI calls and the airlines, and the 3rd and 4th XIs knocking up some spectacular scores. The Colts sides were not as strong but there was plenty of individual talent to be developed in the coming winter. Beath, of the Senior Colts, has been named for the national under-16 training.

The U.13s had their best season for years. Their XI was unbeaten in eleven-a-side matches and the Riley six reached the final of the Prep Schools Tournament for the first time.

All looks well for the future but one or two of our coaches, including your correspondent, are getting long in the tooth, sore in the back and slowish on the turn and a new generation of keen men must appear soon. 'S.B.' Yellowlees' arrival has been a great help and my thanks go to him and all my willing and unwilling colleagues for turning out whatever the weather, standard or pitch and so making our usual frenetic season not only possible but enjoyable.

J.N.F.

Results

1st XI

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|
| v. Perth Academy | Won | 7-2 |
| v. Gordonstoun | Won | 6-1 |
| v. Robert Gordon's College | Won | 3-1 |
| v. Fettes | Won | 5-2 |
| v. Aberdeen Grammar School | Won | 3-0 |
| v. Harris Academy | Won | 2-1 |
| v. Loretto | Won | 4-2 |

2nd XI

| | | |
|----------------------------|------|-----|
| v. Rannoch 1st XI | Won | 3-0 |
| v. Whitfield 1st XI | Won | 3-1 |
| v. George Watson's 1st XI | Won | 2-0 |
| v. Robert Gordon's College | Won | 2-0 |
| v. Fettes | Won | 5-0 |
| v. Aberdeen Grammar School | Won | 8-0 |
| v. Harris Academy | Won | 7-1 |
| v. Stewart's Melville | Won | 4-0 |
| v. Loretto | Lost | 0-5 |

3rd XI

| | | |
|----------------------|------|-----|
| v. Rannoch 2nd XI | Won | 9-1 |
| v. Fettes | Won | 4-0 |
| v. Loretto | Won | 2-1 |
| v. Perth H.S. 1st XI | Lost | 2-4 |

4th XI

| | | |
|------------|------|------|
| v. Fettes | Won | 13-1 |
| v. Loretto | Lost | 0-2 |

Senior Colts 'A' XI

| | | |
|----------------------------|------|-----|
| v. Perth Academy | Won | 7-1 |
| v. Gordonstoun | Won | 4-3 |
| v. Robert Gordon's College | Won | 7-1 |
| v. Fettes | Lost | 2-3 |
| v. Loretto | Won | 3-0 |
| v. Whitfield 1st XI | Lost | 1-2 |

Senior Colts 'B' XI

| | | |
|-----------|-------|-----|
| v. Fettes | Drawn | 1-1 |
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Junior Colts 'A' XI

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-----|
| v. Lathallan | Lost | 0-3 |
| v. Perth Academy | Drawn | 1-1 |
| v. Fettes | Lost | 0-1 |
| v. Aberdeen Grammar School | Won | 3-0 |
| v. Loretto | Won | 1-0 |

Junior Colts 'B' XI

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------|-----|
| v. Fettes | Drawn | 1-1 |
| v. Stewart's Melville | Won | 2-0 |

Under 13 XI

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------|-----|
| v. Cargilfield | Won | 4-2 |
| v. Croftinloan | Won | 4-0 |
| v. Clifton Hall | Drawn | 2-2 |
| v. Fettes Junior School | Won | 5-0 |

Overall Record

Won 29; Drawn 4; Lost 7.
Goals for 142; Goals against 46.

House Competition

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|-------------------|---|
| Preliminary Round | Nicol 2, Freeland 1 a.e.t. |
| Semi-finals | Nicol 2, Simpson 1 Leburn 2, Ruthven 1 |
| Final | Nicol 1, Leburn 0 |

Leburn won the Indoor Competition.

Teams

1st XI

E. McIntosh (Captain), B. S. McCall-Smith (Secretary), N. H. McKee, A. I. L. Lagerborg, D. W. Brown (Goalkeeper), J. M. Garnett, A. J. McAlister, G. S. R. Robertson, R. S. B. McCulloch, R. E. M. Reah, J. L. McKenzie, A. R. MacLellan, G. V. F. Clayton.

2nd XI

D. E. Uprichard (Captain), G. V. F. Clayton, A. E. J. Wood (Goalkeeper), R. S. Hamilton, S. A. Cozier, D. I. Knight, A. W. Tench, K. H. Adamson, J. L. McKenzie, A. L. V. Russell, T. M. Johnston, D. A. Lawson, A. R. MacLellan, J. C. Downie, W. M. Macdonald.

3rd XI

W. M. Macdonald (Captain), R. K. Knox, K. F. Orr (Goalkeeper), J. C. Downie, R. A. M. Sinclair, S. Oliver, D. A. Lawson, G. R. F. Corbett, R. D. Baird, A. J. Fagg, A. P. S. Cauth, N. S. Callander, D. I. Knight, T. M. Johnston.

4th XI

J. Beveridge (Goalkeeper), J. G. Cumming, N. S. Callander, C. D. Fairweather, M. J. A. Bullard, G. M. Brown, G. I. D. Forbes-Leith, D. A. Lawson, J. C. Downie, M. I. Heggie, G. Hamilton, N. Coutts, C. A. Allardyce, J. A. Irvine, L. W. Watson, A. J. G. McCulloch (Goalkeeper), R. A. Niven, B. W. Reid.

Senior Colts XI

N. A. McLachlan (Captain), D. W. Dinsmore (Goalkeeper), A. A. Beath, A. E. Murton, R. A. Ford, K. D. Smith, G. J. M. Clark, P. D. Rochow, A. G. A. Bullard, R. A. L. McAlister, D. S. Aitken, M. D. Russell (Goalkeeper), D. F. Lennox, G. D. McLay.

Junior Colts XI

A. M. Robertson (Captain), G. Cowie (Goalkeeper), R. D. Harrison, H. A. T. Fitzpatrick, R. A. Hatfield, P. D. Diamond, S. Neish, P. C. G. Cleland, C. J. Logan, A. J. Horney.

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GIRLS HOCKEY

With term barely started three girls went to the Perthshire Hockey Trials on 10th September. They were Tracy Maxwell, Lucy Crispin and Karen Paterson. Karen Paterson was selected to play for Perthshire, and then went on to Dundee for a Midlands trial.

This year the girls' 1st XI team moved up to play other schools' 1st teams, so matches were slightly more difficult than last year.

Teams were entered for the Midlands Senior and Junior tournaments for the first time. The Seniors played on 19th November and the Juniors on 26th November. In the Senior group Strathallan was in the same section as Madras College, Craigie and Morrisons. Morrisons won the section and went on to finish runners-up in the final.

In the Spring term an Independent Schools team was formed from Gordonstoun, Fettes, Loretto and Strathallan. A weekend of hockey was arranged over 17th and 18th March at Fettes with a tournament on the Saturday and a match on the Sunday v. East District. Tracy Maxwell and Jenny Bamford were selected to play in the match v. East District, with Karen Paterson chosen as reserve. It was a very close game with the final result 1 - 0 to the East District.

This year Karen Paterson and Jenny Bamford were awarded half colours for hockey.

At the end of the Spring term the girls played a fun match v. staff. The staff were the eventual winners with a cracking goal from the delectable D. Langlands.

The enthusiasm and energy expended by the 2nd XI was by no means reflected in their results. Their team spirit was commendable and on several occasions they were unlucky to lose to last minute goals scored against them. It must be borne in mind that for several girls in the team, this was only their second year of playing, yet they were still able to make valuable contributions to the side.

The U15 XI had a good season this year and were able to field a strong side which improved as the year progressed. The team showed great determination in all their games, encouraged by the example of their captain, Nicola Corbett, who never gave less than her best in all the matches. Mention must be made of Susie Robb who always seemed to be in the right place at the right time to net several valuable goals. Nicola Corbett, Vivien Cornish and Katie Orr went forward to the U16 trials and Nicola Corbett was successful in being selected for the Midland Squad.

It was possible for Riley to have many more fixtures this year and they fielded a good eleven. The fact that they only

had two goals scored against them was a credit to their stout defence and good goalkeeping.

Teams from:

2nd XI - E. Mearns (capt.), K. Donnelly, K. Aitken, S. Binnie, K. Macdonald, L. Clayton, N. Thaw, F. McIntyre, C. McClung, K. Streule, M. Hamilton.

U15 XI - N. Corbett (capt.), V. Cornish, E. Streule, G. Lawson, K. Orr, W. Fleming, C. Niven, S. Robb, P. Maxwell, N. Tyson, S. Heggie, J. Wood.

Riley XI - T. Orr (capt.), A. Robertson, L. Burton, L. Meldrum, H. Niven, A. Beath, J. Fraser, P. Docherty, E. Reekie, N. Maxwell, J. Smith, S. Stevenson.

Results

| <i>Versus</i> | | <i>Home</i> | <i>Away</i> |
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| | | <i>(Strath-Opp.)</i> | |
| Perth Academy | 1st XI | 2-2 | 0-3 |
| | 2nd XI | | 0-2 |
| | U15 XI | 0-1 | 1-0 |
| Morrisons | 1st XI | 0-5 | 1-3 |
| | 2nd XI | 1-4 | 0-4 |
| | U15 XI | 1-4 | 0-0 |
| | Riley | 0-1 | 1-1 |
| Kilgraston | 1st XI | 1-1 | 1-0 |
| | 2nd XI | 0-1 | 0-2 |
| | U15 XI | 2-2 | 0-1 |
| Dollar | 1st XI | 1-0 | |
| | 2nd XI | 0-7 | |
| | U15 XI | 0-5 | |
| Fettes | 1st XI | 0-4 | 1-2 |
| | 2nd XI | | 2-0 |
| | U15 XI | 4-1 | 2-0 |
| Auchterarder | 1st XI | 3-1 | |
| | U15 XI | 0-3 | |
| St. Georges | 1st XI | 0-1 | 0-2 |
| | 2nd XI | 0-4 | 0-2 |
| | U15 XI | 3-1 | 1-0 |
| Croftinloan | Riley | | 6-0 |
| Perth Grammar | 1st XI | | 0-0 |
| | U15 XI | | 2-0 |
| | Riley | | 2-0 |
| Craigclowan | Riley | 3-0 | |
| Loretto | 1st XI | 2-1 | 2-1 |
| Dundee High | 1st XI | 0-2 | |
| | 2nd XI | 0-2 | |

Strathallan 1st XI played Dollar and St. Georges 2nd XI's.
Strathallan 2nd XI played Dollar and St. Georges 3rd XI.

P.W.

SKI-ING

Team Capt. G.K.S.
Club Capt. G.V.F.C.

The first four weeks of the season saw some very bad snow and road conditions, so much so that certain members of the Club were stranded in Glenshee for the Swallow/McKay weekend—unfortunately surrounded by 70 needy St. Leonards girls (and 2000 other people).

Meanwhile, back out at the School the abundance of snow provided an excellent opportunity for the freestylers to come into their own with some flamboyant and dramatic stunts, much to the delight of the crowds.

The house race was the first of the season and was situated above the bus park on the Tiger side. The course was set by our new trainer, Ronnie Naismith, and Robin Gilyead won the individual cup. Ruthven won the house cup with Free-land coming a close second.

The Perthshire schools provided some entertaining results with the A team coming a very close second to Glenalmond after some dubious timing, but all was not lost as the team produced a third in the Scottish Schools with Glenalmond coming fifth—a good win! Individually, Robin Gilyead put in a good performance coming 9th, with Kyle Smith and Rowland Robertson coming 18th and 21st respectively. The next race of the season was the British Schools. This was held at the beginning of the Summer Term and consequently the snow was very wet and the weather warm. Strath put on a credible performance with a sixth placing, all members of the team putting in a good performance.

Other Team Results: Perthshire Schools

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|-----------|----------|-----|
| Open Race | Strath B | 6th |
| | Strath C | 8th |
| | U.16 | 1st |
| | Girls | 2nd |
| | U.14 | 2nd |

All that remains is to wish next year's racing team the best of luck under the captaincy of Robin Gilyead. The School can look forward to some very successful results in future years as there are many up and coming quality racers in the lower years of the School.

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SQUASH

Captain: D. E. Uprichard
Team: 1 Mr Addison/Mr McIntosh
2 D. Uprichard
3 A. McAlister
4 G. Lawson
5 M. Steel
6 Evans Pratt

The team, having gained much valuable experience last year, got off to a good start at the beginning of the season. Thus after nine league matches the team had lost only to the two best teams in the division and two other narrowly lost matches. The imminent trial exams however forced this dynamic side to pull out of many forthcoming matches, and thus lose a potential place in the first five of their division. After the trials, however, the league champions, wanting a few more points, said they would play us at home. They lost 0-5! Another side (Panmure) also high up in the league (2nd/3rd) agreed to play the side (out of practice) and they too met with a 1-4 disaster. This was the story of our league performance.

Against other schools, Strathallan lost to a stronger Glenalmond side away, but got their revenge in the home return match. Gordonstoun were soundly beaten 4-2 and the senior match against Edinburgh Sports Club (with a weak team) was also a triumph.

The junior squash players look as if they need a lot of competition practice and the side, I would reckon, will again be a weak one next year.

The side then, was as I stated last year, far more experienced and as a natural result, far more successful. Archie McAlister, if he can be bothered, has the makings of a good player and Mitch Steel and Gordy Lawson were worthy competitors.

I would like to finish by thanking Mr Addison for being in charge of the sport, and J. D. McIntosh for the many trips he took us on, and the pints he paid for.

D. E. Uprichard (Capt).

STRATHALLAN F.C.

The first match this year was against Edinburgh Academy in the Winter term. The 3-3 draw seemed a poor result despite the depleted team we were using. A much stronger side met Glenalmond at home during the Summer term. The tireless Ali Caush was causing immense problems to the Glenalmond defence but unfortunately he couldn't convert his efforts into goals. There was a tense moment when Derek Panton conceded a penalty, but fortunately it was not converted. Our only goal came from a header by Tom Johnston from a corner. A 1-1 draw was the final result, due to an unlucky goal when John Thain, the goalkeeper, slipped and allowed their striker an opening. Although we looked slightly the better side, no one played all that well.

However, after a sticky start in the return match, the whole side put in a much better effort to draw 1-1 yet again. The draw was a fair result because Glenalmond also played much better. They opened the scoring due to a defensive error on our part. Hard tackling and hard grafting work typified the second half. We drew level from a fine 25-yard goal from Gordon 'Baines' Cumming. After that we kept them under a lot of pressure but we couldn't get the one goal we were looking for.

The house competition took place again. After exciting qualifying matches the final looked like an interesting affair, but Simpson put up a poor performance and Freeland duly won 2-1. Thanks to Mr Gilks for organising the matches and the house competition.

The team included (at various times): J. Thain, G. Corbett, M. Gordon, M. Gowrie, E. McIntosh, M. Drummond, A. McAlister, T. Johnston (Capt.), G. Cumming, C. Bargon, W. Macdonald, A. Caush, S. Oliver, J. Garnett, A. Lagerborg, S. Cozier.

CROSS COUNTRY

The season got under way with a good win for the senior team against the Kirkcaldy schools. The senior team went on to have a very good season, only losing one of their five races.



David Davidson ran very well for the senior team with firsts and seconds in all his races. Robbie Galloway, Mark Robson and Nick Coutts also ran consistently throughout the season.

The middles team ran well but only won one of their races. Robin Dawson, Scott Macnee and Alan Macintyre ran with enthusiasm and put in a good effort over the season. The juniors were hard to find but when press-ganged (J.R.G. tactics there!) away from hockey they too made an effort, especially Graham Austick who improved greatly as the season progressed. There was also a fine effort on the part of the girls' team and credit must go to Amy McDonald who succeeded in coming second in all her races.

Due to two races in the same week as the Scottish Schools Championship held in Irvine, the results were disappointing, apart from Amy McDonald who managed to come 17th.

CRICKET

For the First XI this was certain to be a challenging year. A young and inexperienced side had to follow on from three years of great success. It turned out to be a highly enjoyable and surprisingly successful season. In School matches we lacked the consistency in the bowling and the domination in the batting to force results easily. Inter-school matches were fairly evenly balanced. Loretto gave us our only major win but we were only defeated by Fettes and that by the narrowest of margins. In the Dulwich Festival we were outclassed by a very strong Lancaster side, narrowly defeated by Dulwich (the Festival winners) and had a comfortable win over Downside. The side played well against some very strong club sides and was the only team in Britain to defeat the touring 'Seagulls'.

It is difficult to highlight individual performances because the side depended very much on team effort. Nevertheless the competitiveness of Neil McKee and his consistency with the bat were of vital importance. The batting of Stuart Hamilton, Jeremy Garnett and Malcolm Heggie was patchy but, at times, first-rate. Once established, Stuart Hamilton could show complete authority. Great resolution and promise were shown by Graeme Robertson, who was selected for the Scottish under-16 XI. Roddy Baird proved the perfect all-rounder while Richard Reah provided the ultimate secret weapon (no doubt John Coleman can confirm this!). The wicket-keeping of Jeremy Garnett suffered from the strain of captaincy but, at its best, was the best on the circuit. Gavin Corbett's fielding was outstanding. In spite of the statistics, the bowling was slightly disappointing. Potentially a devastating partnership, Andrew Tench and John Pawson only performed on occasion. Ankle injury caused Andrew Tench real problems while John's problems were above the neck (mind you, he terrified more than one victim into submission). Greg Truter, loyal to the last, never really found his form.

All in all, the First XI demonstrated great competitiveness and determination. They were also a delight to deal with. My job was made much easier by their attitude and by the enormous help of Nick Du Boulay whose net coaching and Pimms supply were invaluable. Once again, we were lucky to have the services of Jack Taylor as umpire.

The Second and Third elevens did not have great seasons but they suffered a great deal from the domination of the practice facilities by the First XI (with an inexperienced 1st XI, I make no apology). John Ford and Jonathan Forster put in a great deal of time and Strathallan will not be the same without the leg-breaks of Jim McLaren, although the bill for broken slates and windows will be greatly reduced. (N.B. – pause for thought: McLaren bowling from Chapel end. McKee batting. New Music Practice rooms. Alas, we have been deprived of a true joy!).

The Senior Colts produced some very good results, stemming more from impressive team spirit than from individual performances. Their season gave Duncan Langlands, who did so much for cricket here, a great send off. He was assisted this year by Paul Auster who will be taking over the Senior Colts. The Junior Colts showed flashes of inspiration and contained one or two players of real potential. They lacked depth of talent, however, and were badly exposed when up against good sides. Ken Dutton and Andrew Wands deserve thanks for the time they put in as do Martin Gray and his associates for dealing with the grottier side of school cricket.

The cricket season puts tremendous demands on a number of people and it is only right to single out Craig Young and the catering staff for maintaining an incredibly high standard of team lunches.

Next year should provide another interesting season culminating in a Cricket Festival at Strathallan. Such a positive squad of 1st XI players should produce good results.

1st XI Results

Wins – Crieff; Dundee University; St. Andrews University; Loretto; Old Strathallians; Seagulls; Ballymena; Downside.

Draws – Wayfarers; R.J.W.P.'s XI; Edinburgh Academy; Merchiston; Glenalmond.

Losses – Occasionals; Fettes; XL Club; MCC; Dulwich; Lancaster RGS.

STRATHALLAN OCCASIONALS 1984

1984 was a year in which the bat dominated the ball, except when the ageless David Williams showed the star-studded Privates that there is a branch of the Magic Circle which can be provided for visitors to Forgenny on special occasions. Four hundreds were scored, including Mike Yellowlees' record breaking 171* at Milton Abbey, while Grant Corbett was singularly unamused not to add a fifth at Wellington. It was also a year in which we dropped catches with staggering profligacy (15 against Cupar was the worst, but only just) and fielded with statuesque somnolence virtually everywhere.

Apart from the Privateers match on a rain-affected wicket, the home season was dominated by fine innings. Duncan Langlands used cultivated bludgeony against Comrie, countered by a traitorous stand of 123 by Messrs Yellowlees and Thomson. Two magnificent maiden hundreds were scored by Stuart Hamilton and Grant Corbett (about time) in the School match, while Mike Beale dominated our innings against Cupar.

On tour it was nice to welcome back a host of old and not-so-old tourists, all of whom appeared to enjoy themselves either on tour or off the field, and sometimes both. Thanks to Tim Hudson's generosity, we began with a match playing and staying at Birtles in Cheshire, the venue of the Botham/Boycott game. To describe the estate would require a guide book several volumes long, but it is certainly original, eccentric, idiosyncratic, and fun. Manager Proctor, always game for a challenge, wagered Jamie Chapman a £100 note in cavalier fashion, and was then misguided enough to pass on the captaincy. Hired assassin Mike Allingham scored a match-winning 94 for the opposition, Grant Corbett proved that he does not always bowl tight, and Robert Proctor got good value for money in the evening.

We then moved south and Tim Hudson proved that his expertise in Botany extended beyond Flower Power. On Tuesday we were put to the sword on a superb wicket at Clifton, but managed a respectable draw. A new venue at Barton St. David provided us with a victory and a memorable evening's entertainment. This took its toll the following day. Despite Mike Yellowlees' spectacular 170 we continued to lose to the Dorset Rangers. Skipper Peter Hamilton was philosophical. Robert Proctor, determined to atone for Friday's disaster, got out with the worst shot of the tour to the first ball of the match against Denstone Wanderers. Fortunately, Mike Yellowlees made a second successive

hundred and Grant Corbett batted well. Surely 270 was enough to lose? For a long time it looked as if we were going to, but steady bowling by Jamie Chapman and a fiery late spell by Mike Allingham saw us through.

Good weather, good company, a willing scorer – Mike Edie, and a hospitable pub made for a most enjoyable tour. Lastly, a few words of thanks to Duncan Langlands, who has compiled a full statistical account of every Occasionals match plus all the records which can be seen in the pavilion, and I am sure it would interest anyone who has played over the years.

N.T.H. Du B.

Results

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| Occasionals v. Comrie – Lost by 7 wkts. | |
| Occasionals | 147 – 5 dec (Langlands 70*) |
| Comrie | 150 – 3 (Yellowlees 75*, Thomson 51*) |
| Occasionals v. The School – Won by 8 wkts. | |
| School | 211 – 4 dec (Hamilton 132*) |
| Occasionals | 212 – 2 (Corbett 102*, Du Boulay 78) |
| Occasionals v. Cupar – Drawn | |
| Cupar | 208 for 6 dec. |
| Occasionals | 206 for 7 (Beale 129*) |
| Occasionals v. The Privateers – Won by 6 wkts. | |
| The Privateers | 86 (Williams 7 – 30) |
| Occasionals | 89 for 4 (Yellowlees 54*) |
| Tour | |
| Occasionals v. Hudson's Hollywood XI – Lost by 4 wkts. | |
| Occasionals | 222 (Du Boulay 49, Robson 45) |
| Hollywood XI | 224 – 6 (Allingham 93, Robson 3 – 51) |
| Occasionals v. O. Cliftonians – Drawn | |
| Cliftonians | 300 for 4 dec. (Eldridge 129*, Dixon 113, Tench 3 – 109) |
| Occasionals | 197 – 7 (Du Boulay 54, Allingham 48) |
| Occasionals v. Barton St. David – Won by 25 runs | |
| Occasionals | 167 (Allingham 45, Proctor 38) |
| Barton | 142 (Trench 5 – 35, Garnett 3 – 18) |
| Occasionals v. Dorset Rangers – Lost by 7 wkts. | |
| Occasionals | 241 – 4 dec. (Yellowlees 171*, Du Boulay 39*) |
| Dorset | 244 – 3 (Gibbs 100*) |
| Occasionals v. Denstone Wanderers – Won by 40 runs | |
| Occasionals | 270 – 9 (Corbett 94, Yellowlees 126) |
| Denstone W. | 240 (Chapman 3 – 42, Allingham 3 – 49) |

SAILING

This season the sailing club abandoned once and for all the weed-infested waters of the School pond and most of the season's sailing was done down the motorway at Lochore.



Doug Gillespie, with the aid of his much-suffering crew Gavin Clark, did well to come first overall in the Lochore Spring Series – a race which was held every Saturday.

The first School Race was lost due to our inexperience in handling those dreaded monstrosities – ‘Mirrors’ – on Glenalmond water. However, the team's confidence built up to last years' form of first, second, third, and first, second and sixth in the two home matches against Loretto, with Rufus Logan and Justin Beveridge showing some tactical manoeuvres. The School also won overall the match against Dollar despite Dollar having two first places.

Under the instruction and watchful eye of Mr Clayton, the beginners got off to a breezy start, with Mr Goody adding a few hints. Despite all this expert attention Colin Pillinger still managed to run up the beach, snapping the boom in half as he did so.

The Lochore Regatta ended up with Dollar Academy against Strathallan – a Dollar pupil coming first, Doug Gillespie second, and a Dollar master coming third.

Angus Macdonald with Simon Philp and Doug Gillespie with Gavin Clark represented the School at the Scottish Schools' Race at Loch Earn. The heavy wind did not favour the light crews and Angus Macdonald retired after capsizing. Doug Gillespie was in first place until he, very professionally of course, fell out of the boat, but he still managed to get a very wet second place.

The House Race presented a favourable wind which Nicol took full advantage of by winning in both races, with Leburn having to do with second place.

Finally, mention must be made of Karl Johnson and Neil Watson, who – also under the close supervision of Mr Goody – did a good job on *Heidi* – a virtually wrecked Enterprise, making her seaworthy (or should that be loch-worthy?) by the end of the season.

Results:

House Races (overall)

- 1st Nicol
- 2nd Leburn
- 3rd Ruthven
- 4th Freeland
- 5th = Simpson
Woodlands

Doug Gillespie and Willie Macdonald were awarded sailing colours.

School Races

- v. Loretto – Won
- v. Dollar Academy – Won
- v. Glenalmond – Lost

D.J.C.G.

SWIMMING

Over the last four years swimming seems to have lost its competitive character. Fewer and fewer matches against other schools have taken place and the establishment of a School Swimming Team appears to be a thing of the past. I think the time has come for a serious look at the entire situation; we must ask the uncomfortable question why events have taken this turn.

There have been a number of technical problems that must be accepted as contributory factors: for several years running we experienced difficulties with the heating system and with the filtration plant which made organised swimming awkward and, at times, quite impossible. The chlorine levels in the water left swimmers red-eyed and coughing and made participation in the sport very unpleasant indeed. Nobody was surprised when the number of swimmers appearing for training fell and when during activities only a handful of determined persons turned up.

But things have changed. A lot of improvements have been made and the conditions in the pool are now as favourable as they have ever been. The water temperature still fluctuates, but it is now kept within acceptable limits, the filter still plays up at times, but faults are quickly diagnosed and put right and as for the chlorine – well, it is now accepted that goggles must be worn in the pool as a matter of course.

Why then have successive Captains of Swimming been unable to get together a sufficiently large number of swimmers who would come to training regularly and who could form a team to swim against other schools? Has it something to do with the fact that swimming is still regarded as a soft option and therefore liable to take third place behind many other sports?

The 'Games Circus' that takes place during the period of inclement weather in the Spring term should have given

swimming a boost, but the opposite seems to have happened: Houses have been putting those people up for swimming who were unable to make a point-scoring contribution elsewhere. The resulting drop in the standard of the competition has done little to re-kindle the interest in serious swimming.

The only event that is still contested with something resembling the old spirit is the Inter-House Swimming, but even here we have seen incidents where Houses have been unable to produce the required minimum of six swimmers and have had to withdraw from parts of the competition.

Maybe the problem is not confined to Strathallan. For the 1983/84 season we eventually managed to get three fixtures organised and to get a small group of swimmers into the pool for training sessions. Unfortunately in all three cases the opposition cancelled the match at short notice, saying that they just could not get a team together.

Where then does swimming stand at the moment and what is going to happen to it? Swimming has become a popular activity which is being enjoyed by a fair number of people of widely differing abilities. The 'serious' swimmers – those who in the past would have made up the team – still turn up regularly, but in very small numbers. The majority of participants are less able swimmers who wish to improve their technique, or casualties from other games who look upon swimming as a therapy to get them fit for the big time again. Maybe this is the way of the future, maybe swimming will accept its rôle as a general, supporting activity and will drop its ambitions to be taken seriously as a sport. This could result in a very pleasant pastime which might counterbalance the highly competitive spirit that drives all other games at the School. Swimming could be fun, and out of the fun might ultimately arise the desire to compete once again against other schools.

K.G.

GOLF '84

At the beginning of the season the optimistic predictions in the previous *Strathallian* about the new up and coming golf team seemed a relatively reasonable forecast. However, the team morale was by no means boosted by an early league defeat to Auchterarder in which the majority of the team appeared unable to adjust to the course conditions and suffered a defeat as a consequence. After this the team therefore needed a straight run of 4-0 victories to have any hope of winning our league and qualifying for the final.

Unfortunately our hopes were dashed when an on-form Kinross side edged a victory on their home course. At this point in the season the general team opinion was that things could improve and, lo and behold, they did. Our next match against Perth High ended in a 2-2 draw in which two decisive victories were squandered by a couple of slim defeats. The now confident team proceeded to dumbfound their opposition with two convincing 4-0 victories over Perth Grammar and Blairgowrie, thus showing the real potential which had remained hidden during the first half of the term.

During the season we did play a couple of friendly matches against both Merchiston and Glenalmond and, as can be seen by the results list, we again had mixed fortunes. Following in last years' footsteps we managed to conquer Ladybank in our match against Merchiston, while the team for the Glenalmond match was perhaps not at its full strength.

The Perth and Kinross District Frew Trophy was won for the second successive year by William Guy by a margin of five strokes and a very respectable 77 gross when perhaps the conditions couldn't have been much worse. Mitch Steel managed to end up third in the same competition with both of them representing the District at the Coca-Cola Championship at Hilton Park.

Fittingly, the School Strokeplay was also won for the second successive year by William Guy who also helped the Ruthven team to a narrow victory over Leburn in the House competition.

Thus ends another season in which things somehow didn't seem to quite work out as had been hoped, though unbeaten league seasons by both Mitchel Steel and Gordon Lawson offered much consolation. Fittingly both of them were awarded their full colours.

There rests only to say that the golf as a unit would like to thank Mr Addison for giving us the opportunity to play all the matches we did and for remaining cool behind the wheel of the near-extinct School Landrover on so many of our away matches.

As it seems to be the 'done thing' to predict the outcome of the next year's season, I feel that the team will be losing some of its stronger players and will not perhaps be as strong as in previous years. However, with young players such as Steven Liddell, Richard Hanson and the match-hardened Richard McAlister remaining, and with the help of Frank Smith, the professional at Craigie Hill G.C., the team will hopefully, with a bit of luck, make it to the final one day.

Results

Team for League matches:

W. Guy, M. Steel, R. McAlister, G. Lawson.

Also played:

R. Hanson, S. Liddell, G. Clayton, A. Irvine, R. McCulloch.

League

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| Strath v. Auchterarder | Lost | 1-3 |
| Strath v. Kinross | Lost | 1½-2½ |
| Strath v. Perth Grammar | Lost | 4-0 |
| Strath v. Blairgowrie | Won | 4-0 |
| Strath v. Perth High | Draw | 2-2 |

Friendly

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| Strath v. Merchiston | Won | 4½-1½ |
| Strath v. Glenalmond | Lost | 2-4 |

William Guy

TENNIS

The season began on a good note with the long-awaited completion of nine excellent new courts. In addition to this the largest ever number opted for tennis as a summer sport. With these two feathers in our cap we had the makings of a relatively good season. The season was, for the greater part, a success, in the sense that we came out on top more times than not. However several potential wins seemed to slip through our fingers all too easily. The minor disaster in the match against Fettes was not through our incompetence but because of the clearly superior Fettesian team who deserved to win. The Masters v Pupils game was roughly contested and the results did not do the valiant Masters' team credit.

Match Results

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| Strath v. George Watsons | 8 - 1 |
| Strath v. Fettes | 1 - 6 |
| Strath v. Stewarts Melville | 4 - 5 |
| Strath v. Rannoch (H) | 2 - 1 |
| Strath v. Rannoch (A) | 5 - 4 |
| Strath v. Gordonstoun | 5 - 4 |
| Strath v. T.C.G. | 4 - 5 |
| Strath v. Edinburgh Academy | 5 - 4 |
| Strath v. Merchiston | 5½ - 3½ |
| Pupils v. Masters | 8 - 1 |

The team consisted of:

D. D. Sirling (Captain), J. R. Thain,
J. G. Cumming, C. Bargon and A. Leitch.

Also played:

R. A. L. McAlister, M. W. King and A. G. Logan.

A. J. McA.

GIRLS' TENNIS

Not only have Woodlands been keen on tennis this season (honestly!), but we have also been very successful. We have won six out of our eight matches, putting our defeats down to absent players. The success of the season is in no small way due to the state of shock induced in the opposition by the actual existence and high standard of our new courts! Despite the serious aspect of this season's tennis, we have combined it with fun matches, including mixed doubles with Glenalmond and with the male staff.

For the first time, Woodlands have had a junior team; although their results do not reflect their efforts, their experience will be invaluable for the future success of senior tennis. Congratulations are due to Tracy Maxwell and Debbie Bullough who have been awarded their half colours. Finally, Mrs Carratt deserves our thanks for her continuing support and encouragement throughout the season.

The teams were chosen from the following:

1st VI - D. Bullough (Captain), T. Maxwell, S. Brown,
J. Bamford, J. Fraser, K. McDonald and S. Rhodes.
U15 VI - P. Maxwell (Captain), F. Liddell, E. Streule,
M. Calder, N. de Jongh, K. Burton.

D. Bullough

SUMMER HOCKEY

This was not the most successful of seasons, but it still proved a very enjoyable one for all concerned. Unfortunately, the team produced disappointing performances against Rannoch, Glenalmond and Edinburgh Academy, who really were no better than ourselves. The ability to score was there but was not often used to the full.

Our best performances came against the stronger club sides, Grange and the Barbarians, and against the Old Boys - on these occasions the team raised its game but experience tended to prevail.

However, the side is still young and will have gained in experience from the season.

The following represented the 1st XI:

*D. W. Brown, J. C. Downie, B. S. McCall-Smith (Captain), S. A. Cozier, D. I. Knight, T. W. Johnston, S. Oliver, A. Fagg,
A. I. L. Lagerborg, J. C. McKenzie, P. D. Rochow.*

Results

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|-----------|-------|---------------|-------|-------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| v. Lomond | 5 - 0 | v. Glenalmond | 0 - 1 | v. Grange | 1 - 2 | v. Edinburgh Ac. | 1 - 1 |
| v. Fettes | 2 - 2 | v. Rannoch | 1 - 3 | v. Old Boys | 1 - 4 | v. Barbarians | 1 - 3 |

B.S.McC-S.

ATHLETICS



In terms of results the team has enjoyed one of its most successful seasons for quite some time. So often in the past the team has had to rely on the efforts of one or two 'stars', competing in four or five events, for any sort of success, but this year there was real strength right across the board in track and field events in both the senior and middle teams. Another factor in the team's success was the quality of the second athletes in each event, who were never willing just to play second fiddle to our best athletes. It was this strength in depth and width that was the key to success, in what was very much a team effort this season.

We faced our usual tough start to the season, away to Edinburgh Academy, and this match typified the team's all-round strength. In the senior match we did not record a single individual track win, but by taking most of the second and third places, and by winning the relay in 46.0 seconds, we actually outscored the Academy on the track! In the field events Mike Bullard won the javelin, Scott Callander the shot, and David Davidson the discus with 37.13 metres. Thus the seniors won by 11 points. In the middles the only track successes came in the relay and Ken McBride in the 200m, while Keith Dunlop took both the jumps, and Mahmoud Abu Dahab won the shot for a close middle win by 5 points. This rather unexpected and very rare victory over the Academy got the season off to a good start.

We next played host to an open match against Loretto, and the seniors had an excellent day. Alistair Wood won the 100m and the 200m and Nick Coutts the 1500m in a close finish, while Kean of Loretto showed us some fine running to win the 400m and the 800m. In the field, wins were recorded by Mark Turnbull in the long jump, Scott Callander in the high jump, David Davidson in the discus, and Mike Bullard with 45.58m in the javelin. We also took the relay for a convincing win by 34 points.

The next match was away against Fettes, and the team overcame all the usual geographical handicaps that the Fettes track offers to record our first win for eight years. In the seniors, David Davidson won the 400m and discus, Nick Coutts the 1500m, while Walt Macdonald started to show some of the fruits of his many multigym sessions with an impressive win in the shot, throwing 11.80m. Scott Callander took the high jump, and in Mike Bullard's absence, Mitch Steel managed to tear himself from the golf course for the afternoon, and won the javelin with 46.30m. Despite David Davidson being taken to the cleaners in the last leg of the

relay, the second match was won by 9 points. In the middles, Andrew MacLellan won the 400m, Graeme McLay the 1500m, while in the field Strathallan won every event, Angus Cuthbertson jumping 1.68m to take the high jump. Greater things were to come from 'Sparky' later in the season. With the middles winning, the team recorded a fairly comfortable 16-point win.

Glenalmond College were strong as always and inflicted upon us our only defeat of the season, in a nicely balanced and interesting match. The seniors enjoyed a terrific contest, losing out by 7 points in the end. Nigel took over the position of the No. 1 400m runner to win his race in a close finish from David Davidson, who himself won the discus, while Dave Uprichard took the 800m, Walt Macdonald the shot with 11.89m, and Scott Callander the high jump. But the highlight of the afternoon was Geoff Swann of Glenalmond's win in the javelin, throwing an incredible 60.51m. He went on to throw over 60m once more to win the Scottish Schools title, setting a new best performance. In the middles, Strathallan were heavily outscored on the track but came back in the field events. Dunlop Cuthbertson and David Stewart in the discus all winning. The match was lost by 23 points overall but had been very close up to the last couple of events.

The bi-annual trek to Rannoch rewarded us with a sound 28-point win. Ali Caush won the 100m in 11 seconds, Ali Wood the 200m, Nigel Kilpatrick the 400m in a very fast 52.3 seconds, and Dave Uprichard the 800m, as well as a win in the relay. The field events were closer; Walt Macdonald and David Davidson won the shot and discus respectively. The middles faced strong opposition, and lost their match by 4 points despite all five field events being won, the highlight being Angus Cuthbertson's jump of 1.75m to set a new under-17 School High Jump record.

The final match of the season was against a small Merchiston team at home. In the seniors, wins were recorded by Ali Caush in the 200m, Nigel Kilpatrick in the 400m, Dave Uprichard in the 800m, and Nick Coutts in the 1500m with a commendable time of 4mins 22secs. In the field, Scott Callander won the high jump with 1.79m and Mike Bullard the javelin, while the relay team ran well to win in 45.1secs. In the middles, McBride, MacLellan and McLay all won races as did the relay team, and once more all five field events were won, Dave Stewart taking a 'double' in the discus and javelin. The match was won by 57 points, a fitting end to

what was a most successful and enjoyable season. Sadly, our first invitation to the Glenalmond Six Schools match was a victim of one of term's rare wet days.

Full colours were awarded to Walter Macdonald for some excellent throwing in the shot (a great pity Walt was too old for Scottish Schools); Dave Uprichard for another consistent season on the track in the 800m; Alistair Wood for his success over the sprints; Nick Coutts for some tremendous 1500m runs (despite his suicidal training programme!); and Nigel Kilpatrick who improved his 400m time by an incredible 3 seconds during the season, and who returns next year. Half colours were awarded to Angus Cuthbertson for his excellent high jumping; Mark Turnbull for a consistently high standard in the jumps throughout the season; and Robbie Galloway for a good season at the 1500m, and his bronze medal in the Scottish Schools Under-19 5000m.

A special word of thanks must go as always to Mr Henderson for all his efforts during the season in training and organisation, and to his dedicated band of assistants: Mr Raine, Mr Barnes, Mr Gilks, Mr Meadows, and Mr Richardson who helped with, and to a great extent joined in, the team's training. Thanks also to the team members themselves for putting in the time and effort to make the season such a success.

Athletics 1984, Results

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| v. Edinburgh Academy | Won | 126 - 110 |
| v. Loretto | Won | 76 - 42 |
| v. Fettes College | Won | 128 - 113 |
| v. Glenalmond College | Lost | 109 - 132 |
| v. Rannoch | Won | 128 - 100 |
| v. Merchiston Castle | Won | 149 - 92 |

Scottish Schools Athletics Championships

Relay Championships, 9th June, Pitreavie
Individual Championships, 16th June, Pitreavie

Both the senior and the middle relay teams entered for the relay competition on a glorious day at Dunfermline. The middles had got off to a great start in their heat until disaster struck at the second change over, with a slight misunderstanding over the position of the takeover box. The team finished last, but were disqualified anyway, ending what looked like a very promising challenge. Team: A. McLachlan, N. McLachlan, K. Dunlop, K. McBride. The senior team ran a good heat, winning from Hutchesons Grammar in 45.3 seconds, while Glenalmond were knocked out. The seniors

then won their semi-final in 45.2 seconds, just ahead of Fettes, gaining the Scottish Schools badge standard. Hutchesons won the other semi-final in 44.3 seconds, and looked firm favourites for the gold, but after the semi-finals the silver and bronze were anybody's: Strathallan 45.1 seconds, Dollar 45.1 seconds, Edinburgh Academy 45.1 seconds, Fettes 45.2 seconds and the team was determined to take the silver. The final was very exciting. Ali Caush led off well, Ali Wood flew up the back straight, Nigel Kilpatrick brought us round the bend, and David Davidson held onto second place down the home straight, with the Fettes runner a metre behind the whole way. The team came home in second place, 2 metres behind Hutchesons, in a time of 44.5sec with Fettes third in 44.8sec. The silver medal was ample reward for all the hard work put in and once more Strathallan continues to astound its rivals by getting it right on the day!

A week later the Individual Competition was held, and few athletes were able to justify themselves, with one or two notable exceptions. Mike Bullard and Mitch Steel threw well below their best, and made no impression on the leaders in the Under-19 javelin. In the Under-19 discus David Davidson had a terrible day while Ken Orr, also well below his best, fared slightly better, coming 5th with 32 metres. Scott Callander was also well short of his full potential in the Under-19 shot, and finished well down the order. Ali Caush got to the second round of the Under-19 100m, but a bad start ended his hopes, while Alistair Wood battled away to the Under-19 200m final to come 6th in 23.8 seconds, again well below his best. Ken McBride found the pace a little too hot in the Under-17 200m heat finishing last, but Angus Cuthbertson in the Under-17 high jump was unlucky not to get among the medals. Having cleared 1.75m, Sparky was rather unnerved when the bar went to 1.78m and he just failed to clear what would have been a 0.5cm improvement on his own School record to finish a very creditable 4th equal. Robbie Galloway was our last medal hope in the Under-19 500m. Robbie ran a very brave race in agonising heat against more experienced and potentially much better opposition. The day proved conclusively that potential is only worth as much as the performance on the day, and Robbie came home in 3rd place in 16 minutes 40 seconds in only his second outing over the distance. Few people had worked harder than Robbie for a medal, and he must be warmly congratulated for what was an excellent performance. He returns next year hopefully to make it the gold!

David Davidson

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

| <i>Event</i> | <i>Class</i> | <i>1st</i> | <i>2nd</i> | <i>3rd</i> | <i>Time/Distance</i> |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 100m | Riley | Mosseri | Wilkinson | Gray | 13.86" |
| 100m | Junior | Neish (R) | Russell (L) | Diamond (F) | 12.7" |
| 100m | Middle | Reah (R) | McLachlan (R) | McLellan (R) | 12.16" |
| 100m | Senior | McKee (N) | Wood (N) | Cozier (L) | 11.56" |
| 200m | Riley | Lawrence | Mosseri | Gray | 28.19" |
| 200m | Junior | Neish (R) | Diamond (F) | Russell (L) | 26.22" |
| 200m | Middle | MacLellan (R) | McLachlan (R) | Fulton (S) | 25.24" |
| 200m | Senior | McKee (N) | Wood (N) | Cozier (L) | 23.31" |
| 400m | Riley | Lawrence | Wilkinson | Gray | 62.0" |
| 400m | Junior | Diamond (F) | Neish (R) | Stewart (N) | 60.71" |
| 400m | Middle | MacLellan (R) | McLay (N) | McCulloch (R) | 57.19" |
| 400m | Senior | Kilpatrick (S) | McKee (N) | Sinclair (N) | 52.09" |
| 800m | Riley | Lawrence | Wilkinson | Tether | 2m27.5* |
| 800m | Junior | Stewart (N) | Harrison (L) | McTaggart (L) | 2m20.2 |
| 800m | Middle | Reah (R) | McLay (N) | Robertson (S) | 2m14.0 |
| 800m | Senior | Couts (S) | Uprichard (L) | Davidson (R) | 2m04.5 |
| 1500m | Riley | Lawrence | Wilkinson | Tether | 4m55.5* |
| 1500m | Junior | Stewart (N) | Harrison (L) | Adam (L) | 4m54.0 |
| 1500m | Middle | Reah (R) | Fairweather (F) | McLay (N) | 4m44.4 |
| 1500m | Senior | Couts (S) | Galloway (N) | Uprichard (L) | 4m23.6 |
| High Jump | Riley | Browne | Mosseri | Churchill | 1m35 |
| High Jump | Junior | Diamond (F) | McTaggart (L) | Stewart (N) | 1m47 |
| High Jump | Middle | Cuthbertson (R) | Russell (N) | Binnie (R) | 1m66 |
| High Jump | Senior | Callander (R) | Robson (F) | Heggie (S) | 1m65 |
| Long Jump | Riley | Mosseri | Gray | Churchill | 4m45 |
| Long Jump | Junior | Diamond (F) | Neish (R) | Cowie (S) | 4m92 |
| Long Jump | Middle | Cuthbertson (N) | Guy (R) | Beath (N) | 5m25 |
| Long Jump | Senior | McKee (N) | Kilpatrick (S) | Callander (R) | 6m01 |
| Discus | Junior | Adam M. (L) | Russell (L) | Whitley (F) | 22m98 |
| Discus | Middle | Guy W. (R) | Jones C. (L) | Stewart D. (R) | 31m08 |
| Discus | Senior | Davidson (R) | Orr (L) | Bullard (R) | 33m95 |
| Javelin | Junior | Cowie (S) | Harrison (L) | Stewart A. (N) | 26m09 |
| Javelin | Middle | Guy (R) | McAlister (L) | Stewart (R) | 35m74 |
| Javelin | Senior | Bullard (R) | Steel (R) | Tench (N) | 45m65 |
| Shot | Junior | Whitley (F) | Adam (L) | James (R) | 10m04 |
| Shot | Middle | Abu Dahab | Binnie (R) | Pawson (L) | 11m33 |
| Shot | Senior | Macdonald (N) | Callander (R) | McKee (N) | 11m35 |
| Relay 4 × 100m | Riley | Hamilton | Islay | Drumfin | 58.03" |
| Relay 4 × 100m | Junior | Leburn | Freeland | Nicol | 54.24" |
| Relay 4 × 100m | Middle | Ruthven | Simpson | Leburn | 48.29" |
| Relay 4 × 100m | Senior | Nicol | Simpson | Ruthven | |

*New Record

Winner Rowan Cup for Standards:

Ruthven, 305; 2nd, Leburn, 214; 3rd Nicol, 208; 4th Simpson, 165; 5th Freeland, 120.

Winner Inter-House Cup:

Ruthven, 235; 2nd Nicol, 182; 3rd Leburn, 158; 4th Simpson, 109; 5th Freeland, 63.

Victores Ludorum: Senior: McKee (N); Middle: Reah (R); Junior: Diamond (F); Riley: Lawrence.

GIRLS' ATHLETICS

At the start of the 1984 season a coaching session was arranged for high jump from one of the top Scottish coaches. This proved very beneficial throughout the season.

In the first match against Fettes seniors and Kilgraston juniors, both Strathallan teams were successful. Excellent performances came from Kate Streule and Tessa Houison-Crawfurd in the seniors and Celia McClung and Nicky Corbett in the juniors.

The next match against Morrisons was an exciting one in which Morrisons were the eventual winners. With such good competition five girls gained new School records. They were Kate Scanlan (800m), Amy McDonald (1500m), Tracy Maxwell (high jump) in the seniors, and Ghilian Lawson (800m) and Kate Orr (high jump) in the juniors. Again Kate Streule showed her ability by winning the 100m, Tessa Houison-Crawfurd also had a good win in the 400m, and Kate Orr jumped extremely well, in a very close competition, to win the senior high jump.

This year two girls' teams went to the Scottish School Relays on Saturday, 9th June, at Pitreavie. Out of the two teams, the seniors were the more successful and reached the final.

Five girls qualified to go to the Scottish Schools' Field and Track Meeting at Scotstoun on Saturday, 16th June. They were Kate Streule (100m and long jump), Amy McDonald (3000m), Tracy Maxwell (high jump), Tessa Houison-Crawfurd (400m) and Nicky Corbett (high jump). The most

successful competitors were Kate Streule who did well to reach the 100m final after a knee injury earlier in the season, and Nicky Corbett who was 5th in the junior high jump. On the 21st June a senior relay team was invited to run at Kilgraston School Sports. They paid their hosts the compliment of winning the event convincingly.

With some promising athletes appearing in Riley, a match was arranged with Morrisons on 28th June. It was a very enjoyable competition, with Riley the winners by 5 points. Outstanding performances came from Jill Fraser in the 100m and the 400m in which she set two new School records, and Amy Brodie who set a new record in the long jump.

Tessa Houison-Crawfurd was awarded half colours for athletics, in particular for 400m times throughout the season.

Thanks to Mr Henderson and all members for their help during the Summer term.

Results

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|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|
| 19th May | Senior Girls v Fettes | 60 points | 28 points | Won |
| 19th May | Junior Girls v Kilgraston | 54 points | 34 points | Won |
| 31st May | Senior Girls v Morrisons | 41 points | 58 points | Lost |
| 28th June | Riley Girls v Morrisons | 34 points | 29 points | Won |

P.W.

GIRLS RESULTS – SPORTS DAY

| <i>Event</i> | <i>Class</i> | <i>1st</i> | <i>2nd</i> | <i>3rd</i> | <i>Time/Distance</i> |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Running | | | | | |
| 100m | Riley | J. Fraser | H. Niven | P. Docherty | 14.84" |
| 100m | Junior | N. Corbett (W) | E. Streule (W) | K. Burton (E) | 14.34" |
| 100m | Senior | K. Streule (W) | C. McClung (E) | G. Niven (W) | 13.60" |
| 200m | Riley | J. Fraser | A. Brodie | H. Niven | 30.58"* |
| 200m | Junior | N. Corbett (W) | E. Streule (W) | R. Wotherspoon (E) | 32.00" |
| 200m | Senior | K. Streule (W) | C. McClung (E) | G. Niven (W) | 28.27" |
| 400m | Riley | J. Fraser | A. Brodie | S. Stevenson | 75.88" |
| 400m | Junior | G. Lawson (W) | E. Streule (W) | R. Wotherspoon (E) | 72.39" |
| 400m | Senior | K. Streule (W) | C. McClung (E) | A. McDonald (E) | 66.60" |
| 800m | Riley | A. Brodie | H. Niven | S. Stevenson | 2' 58.93" |
| 800m | Junior | G. Lawson (W) | V. Cornish (E) | R. Wotherspoon (E) | 2' 47.28" |
| 800m | Senior | A. McDonald (E) | T. Maxwell (E) | L. Chisholm (E) | 2' 46.39" |
| 1500m | Senior | A. McDonald (E) | K. Scanlan (W) | J. Bamford (E) | 5' 43.20" |
| Jumping | | | | | |
| High | Riley | A. Brodie | A. Beath | T. Orr | 1m24 |
| High | Junior | K. Orr (E) | N. Corbett (W) | E. Streule (W) | 1m45 |
| High | Senior | T. Maxwell (E) | K. Streule (W) | J. Bamford (E) | 1m33 |
| Long | Riley | J. Fraser | A. Brodie | L. Burton | 4m01 |
| Long | Junior | K. Burton (E) | E. Streule (W) | N. Corbett (W) | 3m97 |
| Long | Senior | K. Streule (W) | J. Bamford (E) | K. Belch (W) | 4m66 |
| Throwing | | | | | |
| Shot | Riley | T. Orr | J. Smith | A. Robertson | 8m20 |
| Shot | Junior | K. Orr (E) | S. Johnson (W) | J. Wood (W) | 7m14 |
| Shot | Senior | S. McLaurin (E) | J. Bamford (E) | G. Niven (W) | 7m38 |
| Relay | | | | | |
| 4 × 100m | Junior | West | East | | 57.7" |
| 4 × 100m | Senior | West | East | | 56.3" |

*New Record

Standards

Woodlands, 108; West Wing, 53; East Wing, 55.
Riley, 57

Victories Ludorum

Senior: K. Streule.
Junior: N. Corbett.
Riley: A. Brodie.

East Wing (E) v. West Wing (W) – Tie (184 points each).





C.C.F.

I suppose most of us find the routine of Friday afternoon Corps boring at times but this is, to a certain extent, inevitable because time, facilities and weather militate against producing an interesting programme every week. On the other hand, if one looks upon Friday Corps as a preparation for other activities, then perhaps it becomes more meaningful. For example, last October the overall success of an overnight exercise very much depended upon people being in the right place at the right time and the ability to read a map and use a compass, particularly at night, was of paramount importance.

This year, I have been particularly pleased at the number of boys who have been prepared to give up some of their holidays to attend a great variety of interesting camps and courses. Last October, Lieutenant Glimm and a small group of boys spent their half term on a survival exercise on the remote and inhospitable Isle of Raasay. For a few days, this was the real thing, a genuine attempt to survive off the land with the minimum of equipment and, although this isn't everybody's idea of the most relaxing way of spending half term, those concerned learnt a great deal about survival and, I imagine, about themselves. This exercise is to be repeated at the end of the Summer holiday on some other remote Scottish island.

At Easter, the main RAF camp was held at Stafford, some RAF cadets went to Germany, and a few took their gliding proficiency. Lieutenant Commander MacLeod and a group of Naval cadets spent a week on the Clyde in a Fleet Tender. Lieutenant Clayton and Sub-Lieutenant Goody are taking another group of cadets on a Fleet Tender during the Summer holiday. Also, during the Easter holiday, Fraser Hannah attended a Royal Marines course at Lymptstone and not only completed it, but did so with an honourable mention.

Most of the Summer term was concerned with preparations for General Inspection Day. After a glorious spell of sunny weather, G.I. Day was very wet but, in spite of this, everything took place as planned without any serious problems. The Inspecting Officer, Brigadier O. R. Tweedy, ADC, Commandant 51 Highland Brigade, was obviously pleased with the attitude, interest and enthusiasm of all those taking part. After inspecting the Guard of Honour, the Brigadier travelled by helicopter to see the sailing on Lochore and the Army/Royal Marine exercise in the local area. We were particularly pleased that the helicopter was piloted by an Old Strathallian, Lieutenant Ian Low, R.N. General Inspection Day provided a suitable climax to the end of a very successful year for the CCF. In fact, the inspection report was probably the best we have had for many years.

The Pipe Band has also had a good year. Although not quite able to match last year's success, they came second in the Edinburgh Competition, Richard Knox second in the senior drumming and Michael Bullard second in the senior piping. At least people must now realise that the Strathallan Pipe Band is a force to contend with. This year, for the first time, the Band contributed to the Massed Bands beating the Retreat on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle.

Although only indirectly associated with the CCF, it is worth recording here that five boys, the Brown twins, Mark Turnbull, Tom Lawrence and Rufus Logan, were presented with their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards at Holyrood Palace in June. We do not place as much emphasis on the Award Scheme as some Schools and this was therefore a considerable achievement.

During the Summer holiday many more CCF activities are taking place. Apart from those already mentioned, the Army Camp is being held at Warcop, gliding courses are taking place at Arbroath, and a number of cadets are attending Naval camps and courses. Angus Buchanan has been selected for a parachute course and also an outward bound course in Wales. Philip Gadie has been selected for a Royal Artillery course. I have no doubt that I have left some things out but I must complete this section of the report by thanking all the Officers of the CCF for their help and encouragement over the past year. Every Officer in the CCF, including one not yet commissioned, is doing some form of CCF training during the Summer holiday and this sort of enthusiasm obviously gets transmitted to the boys.

We are still under strength as far as Officers are concerned, but I'm glad to say that the future looks hopeful. Mr A. J. H. Wands is shortly to be commissioned into the RAFVR(T) and, as ex-University Air Squadron, his help will be invaluable to the RAF Section.

The TA has agreed to support plans for a new CCF complex along the East Drive. If all goes according to plan and the money is made available by the Ministry of Defence then over the next few years all CCF huts, including boat sheds, motorcycle sheds, armoury, range, ammunition store, etc., will be laid out in one complex and this will obviously make the CCF a lot easier to run and, hopefully, a lot more efficient. A start is to be made shortly on a new RAF hut to replace the old one, beside the main drive, that was condemned 25 years ago.

It is very difficult to maintain accurate records of those boys going into the Services after leaving School. However, apart from those going into the regular services, I do seem to be hearing of more people joining the University OTC, Air Squadron or TA. It is good to hear that so many boys want to keep up their connection with the Services after leaving School and I hope that all NCO leavers this year who have contributed so much to the CCF will bear this in mind. In the next academic session I intend to try to involve the TA in more of the School CCF activities, like weekend exercises, and plans are afoot to involve the Marines in survival training with a local SAS unit.

P.A.B.

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ROYAL NAVY SECTION

This was yet another busy and interesting year for the Naval Section which got under way in the usual fashion with a bout of uniform-issuing and intensive parade training for both new recruits and old hands.

A number of visitors kept the long-suffering Guard in trim – a special thank you to them for their forbearance. Included amongst the visitors were Lt. I. A. D. Low, RN, a former Coxswain of the Strathallan RN Section and Captain Evans, the RN Schools Liaison Officer. On the big day, the General Inspection, Brigadier Tweedy was entertained by all the sections.

One particular event on G.I. Day was a manoeuvring display by the motor boat section which has really made its mark although the 32 foot cutter still awaits launch when the various problems which have kept it dry are overcome. The group has thrived under the leadership of Lt. Cdr. Walker and his dedicated helpers.

A presentation was made by the Section to CPO Beaton on his departure from HMS CAMPERDOWN. Chief Beaton had been of invaluable assistance in stores matters.

During the holidays there were a host of camps and courses which were attended by various cadets and officers. Some went to Portsmouth for the RN Acquaint, others to leadership and boatwork courses. They were singularly

fortunate to enjoy two Fleet Tender weeks on the Clyde and the shooting course was as popular as ever.

During the Summer Term one group was lucky enough to spend a weekend at the Naval Air Day at Portland. They had flights in both fixed wing aircraft and helicopters and were given an interesting insight into the life and operations of a Naval Air Station.

At the beginning of the year PO's Fagg, Hamilton, Redshaw and Fuller went to the recommissioning service for our affiliated ship HMS LINDISFARNE thereby becoming the first and only cadets to set foot on board. Lt. Cdr. MacLeod was similarly privileged and pleasantly surprised to find that he had to take part in a parade reporting in the ship's NCO's.

Yet again we must thank FCPO Curle for his invaluable help especially in the unenviable task of coaching navigation. Our gratitude goes also to our Parent Establishment HMS CAMPERDOWN, the Perth Harbour Board, and Captain Lawrence for their aid.

Promotions 1984/85

Camperdown Division Coxswain: A. J. Fagg

Unicorn Division Coxswain: J. C. C. Fuller

Petty Officers: R. A. Ford, G. Hamilton, K. S. Johnson, M. B. Raitt, R. H. J. Truter, R. N. Watson.

A.J.F.

CCF RN Regatta at Poole. G. J. M. Clark and D. J. C. Gillespie (No. 722) round the gybe mark in fourth place.



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RM DETACHMENT

The beginning of the Autumn term brought us back into action with a bang – at the end of the '83 Field Day exercise in the Summer somebody had rashly said: let's do this kind of thing again! He must have been overheard, for the next thing we knew we were again training for a Field Day weekend.

The target was Craig Gibbon Hill near Meikle Obney and the troops involved spread out over a wide area between Amulree and Dunkeld. In co-operation with the Army Battlecraft Group, we had the entertaining task of making life difficult for large numbers of RAF and RN personnel and of making it almost unbearable for the poor Motorcycle Squad. Our well-orchestrated movements took place mainly in the dark, after all, a good Marine does not need much sleep. Our Contingent Commander found that out, when a mild explosion shook his Land Rover at 4 a.m. and woke him somewhat abruptly.

Over Half Term some members of the Detachment and a few nutty volunteers took part in a survival exercise on the Island of Raasay. The aim was to find out how we would react in a situation where we had to live without the usual supply of compositions, armed only with fishing line, hooks, snares and the officially permitted survival aids like knives and matches. Finding a suitably remote spot on Raasay was the easiest part, finding food was another matter. For four days we lived in an old sheep pen which we converted into a communal shelter. Battling against rain and wind we tried snaring the elusive rabbit, we had futile fishing sessions from the rocks and went grubbing for mushrooms and berries. Whether it was the time of year or our inexperience that kept us hungry is hard to determine. Suffice it to say that we all shed about half a stone in weight and after 4½ days we all felt like real survivors. At the time no-one in his right mind would have claimed to be enjoying himself; looking back, however, we all realised that we had experienced something very important. Being reduced to the barest essentials brings out qualities in the individual (and in a group) that one is rarely aware of, and being really hungry for maybe the first time in one's life changes and affects one's attitude to many things.

During the Spring Term we began to work for the Pringle Trophy Competition, which was held at Royal Hospital School in Ipswich. This time we had to leave our best shot and orienteer behind; the chap does not fit the popular image of a Marine – he still has academic ambitions and could not

afford time off. Despite this slight handicap we improved our position in the competition and we returned confident that the Trophy will be ours sooner rather than later. This quiet confidence in our potential and actual ability was commented on in the General Inspection report later in the Summer Term. We had arranged a Day of Action, so we set out the evening before G.I. Day for a night navigation-cum-ambush exercise, in which the Battlecraft Group once again agreed to act as the unfortunate enemy. This was the night when the eight week old drought came to a sudden, sodden end. Through pouring rain we trudged over hills, following a compass bearing which eventually took us to a barn where we enjoyed a brief rest and a quick brew. When daylight came, we abandoned the compass course and navigated by sight, as a result of which we were back at the same barn one hour later. The troops took it well, and the leader survived a few awkward moments during which rather caustic comments about navigational skills were passed. The culmination of the G.I. Day Exercise was the morning ambush into which the Army Group walked most obligingly. They had problems with communications and relied heavily on the excited shouting of one James McV. who spotted one Marine, did not spot 18 others, and urged his men to follow him – which they did to our great satisfaction.

The training on camouflage and concealment paid dividends, we were heard (one could not possibly miss the thunder-flashes) but not seen, and a good time was had by all.

It is always a sad moment at the end of the Summer Term when we have to say good-bye to some of the members of the Detachment. We do so with thanks for their valuable contribution to the team and in the hope that they will spare a thought for us when the weather gets really cold and wet again.

Our thanks also go to a number of people who have once again been more helpful throughout the year, to our Contingent Commander for his generous support, to the Commanders of the other Sections for their help and advice and to the team from RMR Glasgow. A special word of thanks must go to WO2 Bell, who appears to have a soft spot for us and who has gone out of his way to be of assistance.

And finally I should like to say thank you to the members of the Detachment, those who left as well as those who have stayed on: Your attitude and enthusiasm have been a joy to watch and have made working with you a real pleasure.

K.O.F.G.

ARMY SECTION

As I sit down to write this report of the year's activities, the most recent memory is of the camp spent at Warcop in July. For a number of reasons, fewer cadets attended than expected – this was disappointing in view of the number who originally volunteered to attend a second camp but then backed out without good reason. I think that the 16 who did go would agree that the absentees missed a good camp (blessed once again by fine weather throughout); the absentees can console themselves with the thought that they have another chance at the same venue in 1985.

NW District and the camp training staff, as on our previous visit, laid on a variety of exercises. The Battle Initiative combined an examination of basic military training with tests requiring a bit more initiative (how *do* you treat a casualty most of whose insides are outside, and do you take any notice of that bloke reeling about the area and cannoning off members of the Section?); the Night Patrol provided some basic practice in techniques; the March and Shoot competition showed that 'march' can be interpreted rather loosely in such circumstances and that shooting is not quite so easy when you've just run a couple of miles and been over the assault course, particularly with unzeroed rifles and a scoring system which didn't meet with universal approval. Adventurous Training encouraged decision-making – when you can't do all three out of climbing, canoeing, potholing, which is going to be best? In addition, range work, multigym, river crossing, clay pigeon shooting and a map reading/treasure hunt (local inhabitants totally bemused by cadets looking for evidence of Nazis) left little time for rest before the final day, the aptly named Exercise Early Morn.

Getting up at 0530 after a fairly strenuous week was something of an ordeal, but all managed it (although one set his alarm for 1430 just to make sure). After a quick breakfast, weapons were drawn and we were taken out to the training area. About six weeks' normal training was packed into the next three hours, and then the troops were put into action to see how much of section battle drills had been assimilated. To judge from the initial DS comments, not much – but as more practice attacks went through, matters improved. If the execution was not exactly perfect, it was certainly enthusiastic, as a member of 'enemy' casualties discovered on being searched!

After that, anti-climax. Tidying up, packing up, collecting weapons for the last time, and on to the coach. Not quite as luxurious as on the southward journey, but sufficiently comfortable to catch up on the sleep missed during what most



agreed had been an enjoyable week, enjoyable because everyone gave of their best and felt a sense of achievement.

A description of weekly training would be mundane after that of camp. Suffice it to say that it has continued (enlivened by the occasional overnight exercise of which there will doubtless be more detail elsewhere) – the fact that it has continued has been largely due to the efforts of Lt. Court, aided and abetted by Messrs Colley and Richardson who willingly gave up not only their Friday afternoons but also a week of their holiday to join us at camp, and the cadet NCOs, particularly Sgts. Truter and McCulloch. My thanks to all, whether school-based or from 23 CTT, who contributed to a year the success of which was measured by the excellent GI report.

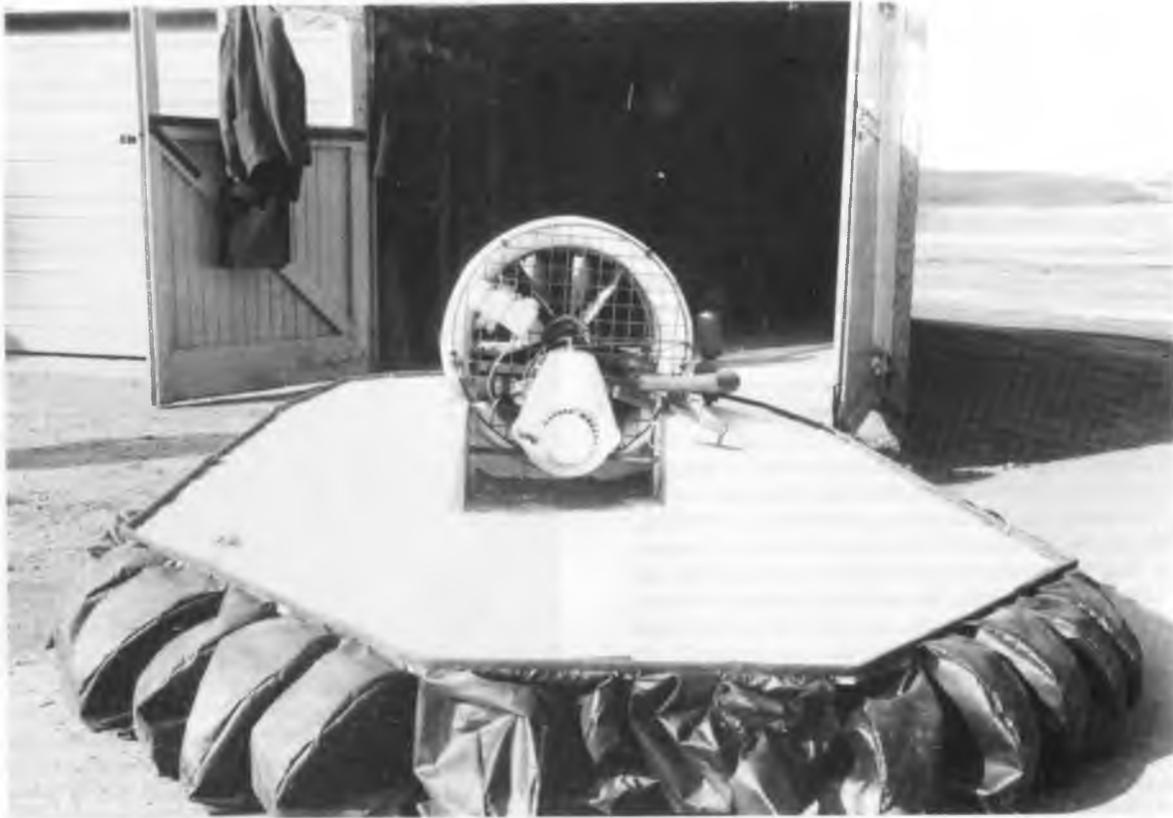
A.M.P.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

Flight Sergeant D. H. Mackie

Sergeant C. A. Bargon

Sergeant J. McLaren



Adverse weather conditions have affected participation in the most important aspect of all and that is flying. In the Winter Term of 1983 we were only able to fly once at RAF Turnhouse in Chipmunks and two cadets who went to Kirknewton at Easter were unable to complete their Proficiency Gliding courses. However, many more cadets were able to take advantage of the good weather during the Summer and in addition to a lot of Chipmunk and Bulldog flying, two cadets, Alan Murton and Gavin Vernon completed their gliding course at HMS Condor, Arbroath and were awarded their wings. Hot off the press comes the news that David Mackie has been awarded a Flying Scholarship, our first for a number of years and the result of a recent successful visit to RAF Biggin Hill.

Proficiency training took up most of the Friday afternoons during the Winter Term of 1983 with the occasional visit to the computer room for flight simulation exercises. For most of the Section, however, the highlight seems to have been on Field Day when a large number of the Section took part in a combined weekend exercise with the RN, RM and Army Sections. The story will be told for many years I suspect as to how the CO and the RN Section Commander were given their early morning 'call' by means of an exploding 'alarm clock,' namely a thunderflash.

Training during the Spring Term was interspersed with visits to the range and also a number of cadets became 'airborne' in the hovercraft which was worked upon throughout the year by a small group of senior cadets. The model aircraft group took very positive forward steps with Mr Ross lending his design expertise to the instructing of cadets in the production of well-turned out aircraft. Techniques of Radio Control were gained by several visits to the Perth Model Aero Club but it soon became apparent that flying a model aircraft is a very difficult task to master as we found out to our cost later when every single one of our four aircraft crashed on its first flight. However, in the certain knowledge that 'it wouldn't happen next time' they were soon on their way back to one piece.

Two camps were available at Easter and seven cadets went to RAF Gutersloh in Germany and seven to RAF Stafford. In the words of Cpl. R. M. Smith:

'Last Easter holiday the Ministry of Defence, out of the kindness of its heart, enabled seven eager cadets to attend a seven-day camp at RAF Gutersloh in West Germany. Due to foreign location there was far more to be seen than just the area encompassed by the camp perimeter fence. There were trips to the neighbouring towns of Gutersloh and Munster, to the Mohne Dam of 617 Squadron Dam Busters fame, and to the East German border where we were forbidden to raise a couple of fingers or a clenched fist at the enemy through fear of distorted propaganda photographs although this did not prevent one cadet from making a couple of cheeky comments!

The actual Station itself, being the base for two Harrier Squadrons, one Chinook and one Puma Squadron was, however, not without plenty of interesting sights. From a trip in a Puma helicopter (which we all just managed to survive even after Alan Murton had taken the controls) to gliding in dual control aircraft and shooting SLR's, the Station managed to satisfy even those who were the least interested (obviously from other Schools).

All in all the most important factor of the whole trip was that everyone experienced something new and enjoyed themselves at the same time.'

The dreaded Stafford (which is a non-flying station) turned out to be a very good camp indeed with lots of flying (Chipmunks and Gazelle) available at nearby RAF Shawbury. In addition to the usual Station visits we were treated to two very interesting experiences on the outside, one to a nearby mining museum where we all went 'downth' pit and the other at the museum at RAF Cosford. They have some very interesting and remarkable aircraft and not least the one that never was in service, the TSR 2.

A lot of training time in the Summer Term was taken up by preparations for the General Inspection and the considerable effort put in was reflected by the impression given. We also managed to clock up quite a few flying hours; in addition to those at RAF Turnhouse, our Liaison NCO, Flight Sergeant Tony Gray had several sessions on Little Acre with the Primary Glider. Unfortunately it did not like the very dry ground and refused to slide but a few buckets of water persuaded it otherwise. Tony Gray has given invaluable assistance to the RAF Section over the past two and a half years and we wish him well in his new venture on retirement from the Royal Air Force.

David Mackie has done a very good job in his first year as NCO in charge of the RAF Section and we hope that his good news will benefit the Section as a whole. During the Summer Mr A. J. H. Wands was commissioned into the rank of Pilot Officer and he is very much welcomed into a Section which has been undermanned for several years. It is likely that a third officer will be commissioned shortly and a 'full strength' RAF Section, although novel, should be of great benefit to the needs of the cadets.

A.L.K.D.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

On Tuesday 3rd July, five boys attended a presentation at Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh to receive from HRH Prince Philip a great accolade in terms of young people's awards; they were presented with Gold Awards in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.



For Mark Turnbull, Tom Lawrence, Rufus Logan and David and Graham Brown (all Freeland except Rufus who was in Simpson) the meeting with Prince Philip provided a fitting climax for the many various aspects of the award they had tackled, and made all the hours put into the award during the year when the five boys participated in the Gold seem very worthwhile.

All of the recipients except Mark Turnbull also hold Bronze and Silver Awards and in the years since Third Form when the Bronze was started, they have been involved in many activities: Physical Activity, Interest, Service Expectation and Residential Qualification – sections of the Gold.

As well as being a feather in the cap of the Award winners, their achievement is also a great asset to the School and hopefully their example will provide a stimulant for others to 'go for gold' in following years.

Finally, on behalf of all participants in the Award Scheme at all levels of the School, I would like to thank Mr Klaus Glimm for the great deal of time and effort he put into organising and co-ordinating the activities, and the best of luck to all who take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in future.

G.M.B.

SOCIAL SERVICES

There was no Social Services report last year, due, perhaps, to the fact that the writer was a 'new boy.' There are something in the region of 20 pupils engaged in Social Services on a Friday afternoon. We have continued our weekly visits to 'Almondbank House' in Perth which is a small close-knit community of elderly and young people who had, until they moved to Almondbank, been in long-term hospital care due to mental handicap. From time to time musicians have accompanied us and joined in the music making which plays such a telling part in the residents' lives. In return for the most welcome hospitality, we entertained our friends from Almondbank at the combined Carol Service with the pupils of Kilgraston School, and afterwards had tea with them, here at School. Great friendships have been formed there and the Chaplain was seen to purchase one of their Christmas cakes for personal use.

Some members of the Social Services Group were welcomed at the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Home at Crieff when we took with us a cheque for almost £100 from the Remembrance Day Service. There we were given a talk on BLESMA and spent an instructive afternoon chatting to the residents.

The Social Services Group has also been responsible for the Poppy Day collection both in School and in the village.

To cement relationships with the village, pupils have gone out in twos to visit some of the village residents. Again, great friendships have been forged as well as some useful tasks being done.

A most interesting morning was spent recently at the newly opened Leonard Cheshire Home in Glenrothes (when we eventually found it!) – and there is a strong feeling that this ought to be fostered.

The Group is small in numbers, yet strong in commitment and fulfils a more than useful role in a dignified and unobtrusive way.

T.G.L.

Editor's Note

Last year's Social Services report appears on page 37 of the 1983 edition.

CANOEING

Well, we have started the ball rolling with several outings to Lochore, and a few to the exciting waters of the River Tay. Together with this we are catering for six groups from the senior School, and the same number from Riley in the swimming pool.

Canoe training of this sort not only provides an essential introduction to and practice of new skills, but is also great fun, and I am very grateful for the consistent support of Mr Burgess in all aspects of the sport and Mr Wands for his help in the swimming pool.

I am now formulating plans for next year when the weather warms up a little, and it is hoped that we will be able to get out on the rivers, the sea, and the lochs at least twice a week. Together with this I have in mind two major expeditions, the first to the Western Isles in May and the second to the French Alps in August/September.

Canoeing is a very exciting and enjoyable sport that can be taken to whatever level, and in whichever direction you wish. If you would like to gain a National qualification, if you have a burning desire to speed through some exciting rapids, if you yearn for the tranquility of a sheltered loch, or if you just fancy a quick roll in the surf.

P. J. Elliott

CRAFT, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

We all live in a world of rapid change and massive development in many areas, not least in the field of Technology.

We all come from very different surroundings and cultures, often having to cope with development that seems at times rather pointless, and at other times very confusing.

The basis of a department of Craft, Design and Technology is to offer the chance to gain a full working knowledge of all materials and processes that are available today, and to be able to appreciate their relative importance and functions.

When this is combined with the gradual ability to analyse possibilities, assess implications and communicate ideas; then you are moving into the realms of the 'Designer'.

To be able to maintain an open mind that can accept new situations and deal with them logically as simply another problem to be solved, based upon a good foundation of previous experience, is the fundamental criterion for advancement in this 'Technological' world and gives a clearer understanding of it.

The age of the 'craftsman' has not died, fortunately, and the satisfaction of being able to make something 'with your own hands' is something that will remain with us forever. I feel that whatever your career intentions are, your life can be made a great deal richer by having the opportunity to work with your hands – and who knows what will become of it?

There are many academic qualifications that can be gained in this area, ranging from craft skills to advanced Design and Technology; all of which are very useful as part of your preparation for 'life after school'.

P. J. Elliott, Head of Department

DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society seemed to fade very fast with the notable absence of James Beckman in the Spring term. However, his witty chairmanship backed up strongly with Gillian Currie as Secretary, led to two successful debates.

Although there were no external debates, those within the School touched, once of course, on the role of women in society! The standard of speaking was very high from all concerned, with much humour from Neil McKee and David Davidson and, much more seriously, from Angus Macdonald and Lindesay Low and Robin Sinclair.

It only remains to be seen if we can live up to these standards in the coming session, 1984-1985. The results of last year's debates were that:

This House

*believes that the decline in modern society does not rest more heavily on women than men;
that the natural course of life should be interfered with.*

Committee Members:

Chairman: J. N. Beckman.

Secretary: Gillian Currie.

Elsbeth Mearns.

Lorraine Brewster.

Gillian Niven.

Rachel Beveridge.

Gilbert McClung.

David Davidson.

Mike Allingham.

Robin Sinclair.

Neil McKee.

Andrew Wallace.

Douglas Orr.

Angus Macdonald.

Kate A. Scanlan (Secretary).

In addition, in a competition for Perth Schools, organised by the Perth Speakers' Club, both Angus Macdonald and Kenneth Orr gave most creditable performances.

T.G.L.

COMPUTING CLUB



Over recent years the Computer Department has seen many changes both in place and in size. We have now vacated Maths Room 2 in favour of a room in the Riley block, though this may only be temporary. With this move we also acquired six BBC model 'B' micro computers, which have proved, without including games playing, very popular.

The year was slightly more adventurous in that certain higher members of the Club were invited to an Educational Computer Exhibition displaying software, hardware and films on the latest in technology.

With a mini library now on both disk and tape, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French, Geography, Maths, History and English programs are widely used by the junior members

of the School during classes. The senior members of the School have been busily trying to debug mistakes they have made, or someone else has made, in programs. Members of the Computer Club have also been typing reports into WORD STAR, a commercial word-processor which the School owns, so that this magazine can be easily edited before sending to the publisher for printing. Any member of the School who does computer studies can learn how to use it.

Many thanks to Mr Goody who has spent many an hour soldering DIN plugs, and playing with the econet, and to Mr Gilks for typing in all the School lists while tolerating games on Sunday, including Killer Gorilla.

G.C.L.P. & J.S.

YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

The beginning of the year brought a new face to the YFC as Mr Walker took over from Mr Fairbairn as Master-in-charge, with Roderick Baird as Secretary and Riley now eligible to join.

After a slow start to the year, an interclub night was attended at the Grampian Hotel at which Bankfoot YFC were the hosts. A shield for the winners added new incentive for the annual 'Stump the Yokel' competition which was won for the first time by Ruthven.

The Summer term had four visits. The first was to Newlands AI Centre at Scone on a very hot day in June. The second was to Ingliston for the Royal Highland Show and finally two farm trips to Mr Hamilton's farm at Kinnaird and to Mr Marshall's farm at Dalreoch, Dunning. We are very grateful to both families for their generosity.

Robin Niven.



FISHING

Conditions this year at Menteith were promising, but intervals of sunshine put the fish down and it was not easy going. Nevertheless, the Old Boys captain, Stuart Biggart, boated ten fish to again lead them to victory, but the Strathallan achievements were not to be dismissed. Fish were small but good sport was enjoyed by all and Angus Robertson took the fly reel for the heaviest boy's basket weighing in at 2lb 1oz. For the first time we enjoyed the company of a girl in the team and although the fish eluded her, Maggie Hamilton must be admired for her ability to row two stocky men around Menteith all day and still keep smiling!

As usual the day started with Mr Biggart's customary 'strawberries' and a good day was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the old boys who made this day possible and we hope for better results on our side next year!

Back home on the School pond, weeds produced a problem as always, and fishing became virtually impossible as the summer dragged on. Nevertheless some good fish were taken in the early part of the term and empty bait containers hinted at the possibility that someone had decided that traditional fly fishing was not productive enough!! Could this explain Butch Brown's admirable catches?!

Notable too was the appearance of small brown trout in the Coventrees Pond. Hopefully these will be utilised in further stocking programmes of the main pond. Overall it was a reasonable season.

N. T. Stratton

SHOOTING

As in previous years .22" target rifle shooting has been a popular activity throughout the School and the range is in use most evenings. The senior team, under the captaincy of J. R. Galloway, entered the Perthshire League for the first time in many years and did so well that D. J. Gillespie won the Leslie Maclean Memorial Cup for the highest-scoring junior in Perthshire. In addition to the league shoots next season there are several inter-school matches arranged.

The School recently received four 7.62mm full bore cadet target rifles and these are now used regularly by the better shooters on the large outdoor army ranges at distances of up to 500 metres. This adds a new dimension and gives the lower down the School something further to aim at.

During the year colours were awarded to K. S. Johnson.

A. J. H. W.

JULY 1984

UVI

- Aitken, Kirsty S. (W), *c/o 8 Deal Road, Medway Park, Singapore 0513*. Came 1982³; LVI; House Prefect; 2nd XI Hockey.
- Bargon, C. A. (S), *PO Box 649, Gaborone, Botswana*. Came 1976³; I; House Prefect; 2nd XI '81-'83; Tennis; 3rd XV; Sgt. RAF.
- Bell, D. C. (L), *'Cavanmore,' David Street, Blairgowrie, Perthshire*. Came 1977³; I; House Prefect; Librarian; Cricket 3rd XI; Summer Hockey 3rd XI; 5th XV; Cpl. RAF.
- Biggart, D. A. (R), *Slioch, Duchray Road, Aberfoyle, By Stirling*. Came 1977³; I; House Prefect; XV '82-'84; Athletics '82-'84; Pipe Major.
- Bouchard, J. (F), *Little Elms, Dunbar Road, Haddington, East Lothian*. Came 1983³; UVI; Scholar; 5th XV; Orchestra.
- Brewster, Lorraine (W), *71 Woodside Road, Purley, Surrey*. Came 1982³; Economics, English and History Prizes.
- Brown, D. W. (F), *10a The Square, Letham, By Forfar, Angus*. Came 1977³; House Prefect; Hockey XI (Colours); 6th XV; D. of E. Gold; Cpl. Pipe Band.
- Brown, G. M. (F), *10a The Square, Letham, By Forfar, Angus*. Came 1977³; I; Head of Freeland, School Prefect; Hockey 3rd XI; Summer Hockey 2nd XI; 6th XV (Capt.); D. of E. Gold; Drama; Choir & Cantata Choir; Drum Sgt. Pipe Band.
- Brown, Sarah A. (W), *Forneth House, By Blairgowrie, Perthshire*. Came 1982³; LVI; School Prefect; Hockey XI; Tennis; Swimming.
- Browne, Jennifer G. (W), *The Muscat Regiment, PO Box 897, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman*. Came 1982²; V; House Prefect; Tennis; Hockey; Drama; Social Services.
- Bullard, M. J. A. (R), *The Croft, Forgandenny, Perthshire*. Came 1980¹; III; House Prefect; XV; Athletics; 4th XI Hockey; 4th XI Cricket; PO RN, Sgt. Pipe Band.
- Bullough, Deborah M. (W), *Westmains of Huntingtower, Perth*. Came 1982³; LVI; Captain Girls Tennis.
- Callander, N. S. (R), *29 Bredero Drive, Banchory, Kincardineshire*. Came 1979³; III; House Prefect; 2nd XV; Hockey 2nd XI; Swimming '80-'84; Athletics '81-'84. PO RN.
- Caush, A. P. S. (S), *25 Queens Road, Aberdeen*. Came 1980³; IV; House Prefect; XV (Colours) '82-'84; 3rd XI Cricket; Soccer 1st XI; 2nd XI Hockey; Athletics (Colours) '82-'84; Tennis; Cpl. Pipe Band.
- Clayton, G. V. F. (R), *Kiaran, Forgandenny, Perthshire*. Came 1978³; II; Deputy Head of Ruthven, School Prefect; XV; Hockey XI; 2nd XI Cricket (Capt.); Skiing '80-'84 (Club Capt.); Golf '84; Div. Cox'n RN.
- Cumming, J. G. (F), *9 Pikkleblok Straat, 1900 Overijse, Brussels, Belgium*. Came 1977³; I; House Prefect; Tennis '82-'84; Soccer '83-'84; Debating; Cpl. RAF.
- Currie, Gillian McA. (W), *39 Knaveholm, Doonfoot, Ayr*. Came 1982³; LVI; House Prefect; Choir; Debating; Social Services.
- Donnelly, Karen M. (W), *10 Victoria Road, West Ferry, Dundee*. Came 1982³; LVI; House Prefect; 2nd XI Hockey; Guitar Prize; Early Music Group.
- Drummond, M. (S), *22 Transy Place, Dunfermline, Fife*. Came 1979³; III; School Prefect; XV '82-'84; XI '82-'84.
- Dryden, M. S. S. (S), *4 Shorehead, St. Andrews, Fife*. Came 1979³; III; House Prefect; 5th XV; Drama; Cpl. M.Bikes - Army.
- Forsyth, Aileen M. (W), *'Hardmead,' Heughfield Road, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire*. Came 1982³; LVI; House Prefect; Hockey XI; Orchestra.
- Fyfe, F. W. (S), *42 Oakfield Drive, Rashgill, Dumfries*. Came 1980¹; III; Head of Simpson, School Prefect; 3rd XV; Summer Hockey 2nd XI; French Prize; Debating; PO RN.
- Hamilton, Margaret G. (W), *Tullochgribban Mains, Dulnain Bridge, Grantown-on-Spey, Inverness-shire*. Came 1981³; V; Shooting (Colours); Fishing; Hockey 2nd XI.
- Hanson, J. R. (L), *76 Cradlehall Park, Westhill, Inverness*. Came 1982³; LVI; House Prefect; Swimming; William Tattersall Art Prize; Cpl. RAF.
- Hegland, A. Kirsten (W), *James Street House, Blairgowrie, Perthshire*. Came 1982³; LVI; Badminton; Athletics; Drawing Prize.
- Houison-Craufurd, J. A. (F), *Craufurdland Castle, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire*. Came 1979³; III; House Prefect; 2nd XV; Athletics; 3rd XI Hockey; Basketball; Cdt. RAF.
- Hsu, D. C-P. (N), *20 Macdonnell Road, 3/F St. Louis Mansion, Hong Kong*. Came 1982¹; V; House Prefect; Basketball; Social Services.

- Hughes, V. B. (F), *13 Howard Place, St. Andrews, Fife*. Came 1980³; IV.
- Irvine, J. A. (N), *Trynlaw House, Symington, Ayrshire*. Came 1978³; II; House Prefect; Golf; 5th XV (Capt.); Choir; Drama; Cpl. Army.
- Johnston, T. W. (S), *High Burnthwaite, Durdar, Carlisle*. Came 1977³; I; House Prefect; XV (Colours) '82-'84; Hockey 2nd XI; Summer Hockey 1st XI; Cricket 2nd XI; Soccer '82-'84 (Capt.); Drama; Cdt. Army.
- Knight, D. I. (R), *Forth House, Lochard Road, Aberfoyle, By Stirling*. Came 1977³; I; House Prefect; 3rd XV; 2nd XI Hockey; Summer Hockey XI; Cpl. Pipe Band.
- Knox, R. K. (N), *Laigh Kyleston, Dunure Road, Ayr*. Came 1977³; I; House Prefect; XV '83-'84; Sailing '82-'84; 3rd XI Cricket; 3rd XI Hockey; Drama; Sgt. Pipe Band.
- Lawrence, A. T. (F), *PO Box 15051, Nairobi, Kenya*. Came 1979³; III; 3rd XV; Summer Hockey 3rd XI; Cross-Country; D. of E. Gold; Stage Manager; Cpl. RAF.
- Lawson, G. J. (L), *13 Knoll Park, Ayr*. Came 1977³; I; House Prefect; Golf (Colours); Squash; 3rd XI Cricket; Swimming; Cross-Country; Choir; Drama; Cpl. RAF.
- Leitch, A. B. (N), *33 Bonaly Brae, Colinton, Edinburgh*. Came 1982³; LVI; House Prefect; Tennis; 5th XV; Cpl. RAF.
- Logan, R. M. R. (S), *Dunavard House, Garelochhead, Dunbartonshire*. Came 1977³; I; House Prefect; Sailing; 3rd XV; Art Prize; D. of E. Gold; PO RN.
- McCall-Smith, B. S. (R), *Adamston, Huntly, Aberdeenshire*. Came 1979³; III; School Prefect; Hockey XI (Colours); 2nd XV; Summer Hockey XI; PO RN.
- Macdonald, W. J. R. (N), *8 Wester Inshes Farmhouse, Inverness*. Came 1979³; III; House Prefect; SSRU President's VX; XV (Colours); Athletics '81-'84 (Colours); Soccer XI; 3rd Hockey (Capt.); 3rd XI Cricket; Badminton; Cpl. RM.
- Macdonald W. M. (N), *8 Wester Inshes Farmhouse, Inverness*. Came 1980¹; III; School Prefect; XV '81-'84 (Colours); Sailing (Capt.); Cross-Country; Mathematics Prize; Drama; PO RN.
- McGlashan, Lisa R. (W), *Donavoured Farm, Pitlochry, Perthshire*. Came 1982³; LVI; House Prefect; Ski-ing.
- McIntosh, E. (L), *Greenland House, Brucefield Road, Blairgowrie, Perthshire*. Came 1980¹; III; School Prefect; Hockey XI '83-'84 (Capt.); 2nd XV; AB RN.
- McKee, N. H. (N), *25 Newforge Lane, Belfast*. Came 1979³; III; School Perfect; XV '82-'84 (Capt.); XI '82-'84 (Vice-Capt.); Hockey XI '83-'84; Scholar; Mathematics and Science Prizes; Orchestra; PO RN.
- McLaren, J. (S), *Cults Farm, Cupar, Fife*. Came 1979³; III; House Prefect; 2nd XI Cricket; Biology Prize; Choir; Sgt. RAF.
- Maxwell, Tracy D. (W), *Ballindarg, Forfar, Angus*. Came 1982³; LVI; House Prefect; Hockey XI (Capt.); Swimming (Capt.); Tennis; Squash; Athletics; Ski-ing.
- Mearns, Elspeth S. (W), *c/o FCO (Warsaw), King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AH*. Came 1982³; LVI; Head of Woodlands, School Prefect; Hockey 2nd XI (Capt.); Choir; Debating.
- Mitchell, S. (L), *Birgham Haugh, Coldstream, Berwickshire*. Came 1977³; I; House Prefect; Basketball; Drama; Cpl. RAF.
- Niven, Gillian M. (W), *Innerynte Farm, Stanley, Perthshire*. Came 1983³; UVI; House Prefect; Hockey XI; Cross-Country; Athletics; Senior Art Prize; Debating.
- Panton, D. I. (S), *40 Seafield Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee*. Came 1979³; III; House Prefect; 2nd XV; Soccer XI; Drama; Cdt. Army.
- Paterson, Karen E. (W), *Pitkeathly Wells, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire*. Came 1982³; LVI; Hockey XI; Athletics.
- Robertson, H. S. (R), *Aldie Farm, Tain, Ross-shire*. Came 1978²; III; 2nd XI Summer Hockey; AB RN.
- Russell, A. L. V. (N), *Balemund House, Moulin, Pitlochry, Perthshire*. Came 1979³; III; House Prefect; XV; Hockey XI; Cricket 2nd XI; Swimming; U/O RM.
- Sinclair, R. A. M. (N), *'Hartland,' Thornhill, Dumfriesshire*. Came 1978³; Head of School, Head of Nicol; 5th XV; Hockey 3rd XI; Summer Hockey 2nd XI; Cricket 4th XI; Scholar; Smith Cup; Physics Prize; 2nd Orchestra; Debating; Section Cox'n RN.
- Smith G. K. (F), *Craigeassie, Forfar, Angus*. Came 1979³; III; House Prefect; Ski-ing '79-'84 (Team Capt.); 2nd XI Cricket; PO RN.
- Smith, Karen M. (W), *'Allandale,' Riverside Road, Blairgowrie, Perthshire*. Came 1982³; LVI; Athletics; Badminton.
- Steel, M. G. (R), *19 Ladeside, Newmilns, Ayrshire*. Came 1979³; III; House Prefect; XV; Golf '82-'84 (Colours); Squash '82-'84; Cpl. RAF.
- Stirling, D. D. (F), *Garden, Buchlyvie, Stirlingshire*. Came 1980¹; III; Tennis '83-'84 (Capt.); 3rd XV.

Thain, J. R. (L), 382 North Deeside Road, Cults, Aberdeen. Came 1979²; III; House Prefect; 3rd XV; XI; Hockey 3rd XI; Soccer XI; Tennis; Basketball; LS RN.

Truter, G. W. A. (L), 2 Upper Hitch, Carpenders Park, Herts. Came 1978¹; II; House Prefect; XI '82-'84; 3rd XV (Capt.); Drama; Sgt. i/c. Army.

Turnbull, M. (F), Dryleys Farm Cottage, Hillside, Angus. Came 1980³; IV; House Prefect; Athletics; D. of E. Gold; Orchestra.

Uprichard, D. E. (L), 112 Ochiltree, Dunblane, Perthshire. Came 1977³; I; Head of Leburn, School Prefect; Squash (Capt.); 2nd XV (Capt.); 2nd XI (Capt.); Swimming; Athletics; Cross-Country; Choir; Drama; LS RN.

Whitelaw, D. E. (F), Dunsland, Kintore, Aberdeenshire. Came 1983³; UVI; Scholar; Cross-Country; 6th XV; Orchestra; Brass Consort.

Wood, A. E. J. (N), c/o B. J. Wood, Esq., Property Services Agency, Regional HQ, British Forces Germany, BFPO 40. Came 1976³; I; School Prefect; Hockey XI; Athletics; 2nd XI Cricket; 2nd XV; Div. Cox'n RN.

LVI

Allardyce, C. A. (L), PO Box 25008, Awali, Bahrein, Arabian Gulf. Came 1977³; I; Sgt. RM.

Bainbridge, R. J. G. (N), 79 Hecklegirth Road, Annan, Dumfriesshire. Came 1980³; III; Summer Hockey 3rd XI; Choir; Cdt. Army.

Coutts, N. (S), Chartwell, Nisbet Road, Gullane, East Lothian. Came 1981³; IV; Athletics (Colours); Cross-Country; 3rd XV; Cdt. Army.

Fyfe, F. G. (S), 42 Oakfield Drive, Rashgill, Dumfries. Came 1980²; II.

King, M. W. (F), Town Foot House, Hayton, Carlisle, Cumbria. Came 1981³; III; Tennis; Cross-Country; 3rd XV; Social Services.

Lawson, D. A. (L), Castleton House, Eassie, Glamis, Angus. Came 1978³; I; 6th XV (Capt.); 3rd XI Hockey; Summer Hockey XI; Cross-Country; Cdt. RM.

Low, D. (L), 4-6 The Valley, Selkirk, Ettrick & Lauderdale. Came 1980³; III; XV; Cpl. RM.

Schnitzer, K. (N), Philosophenweg 16A, 0-2000 Hamburg 50, Germany. Came 1984²; LVI.

Skea, R. (L), 62 Cardyne Street, Friockheim, Angus. Came 1981³; IV; Tennis; Cpl. RAF.

V

Billington, Heidi M. (W), Twenties, Twenty Pence Road, Wilburton, Ely, Cambs. Came 1981³; IV; Badminton; Social Services.

Evans-Pratt, M. G. (R), Rookery Nook, Darlington Road, Longnewton, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland. Came 1981³; III; Squash; Cdt. Army.

Fairweather, C. D. (F), 49 Strathem Road, West Ferry, Dundee. Came 1979³; I; LS RN.

Fyall, B. N. (S), Castleton House, c/o A.S.R.Y., PO Box 5110, Commercial Division, Bahrein. Came 1982¹; IV.

Glass, A. G. (L), 15 Bridge Street, Montrose, Angus. Came 1981³; III; Cdt. Army.

Guy, W. (R), 5 Stanley Drive, Paisley. Came 1981³; III; Golf (Capt.); Swimming; Cdt. Army.

Hannah, D. F. (R), 13 Thornley Park Avenue, Paisley. Came 1980³; III; Swimming; Choir; Cdt. RAF/RM.

Hanson, R. R. (L), 23 Wylie Gardens, Kings Park Rise, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Came 1982³; IV; Golf; Cdt. RAF.

Houison-Craufurd, Tessa E. (W), Craufurdland Castle, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire. Came 1981³; III; Hockey; Cross-Country; Athletics.

McIntyre, Fiona E. (W), Logan Court, Ardwell, Stranraer, Wigtownshire. Came 1983³; V; Hockey 2nd XI.

McKenzie, J. C. (R), N.I.S., PO Box 669, Manama, Bahrein. Came 1981¹; III; Hockey XI; Summer Hockey XI; 2nd XV; Cdt. RAF.

McLean, S. W. (N), Castleton House, Castleton Estate, Lochgilphead, Argyll. Came 1983¹; IV.

Macnee, S. D. (R), Moorlands, Glasgow Road, Waterfoot, Eaglesham G76 0EX. Came 1983³; V; Athletics; Cross-Country; Photographer.

Petrie, S. S. W. (R), 300 Redcraigs, Kirkcaldy, Fife. Came 1981¹; III; Swimming (Vice-Capt.); 6th XV; Cpl. Army.

Reid, B. W. (S), Gourdie Farm, Murthly, Perthshire. Came 1982³; III; 4th XV; 2nd XI Cricket; Cdt. Army/RM.

Tosh, A. (N), Glenelg, Station Road, Errol, Perthshire. Came 1978³; I.

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Toner, Helen F. (W), c/o Professor P. G. Toner, The Queens University of Belfast, Institute of Pathology, Grosvenor Road, Belfast BT12 6BL. Came 1982³; II; Scholar; Choir.

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Brodie, Amy E.
Leuty, P. M.
McManus, J. P.

Strathallian Club



THE PRESIDENT 1983/84

James Paton, a well known and widely respected Perthshire farmer, was at Strathallan from 1951-57.

A great enthusiast and keen participant in most things at School, he moved on to Agricultural College in Edinburgh before returning to Bankfoot to join his father (who left Strathallan in 1921) on the farm at Meikle Obney.

He immediately became very involved with Young Farmers Clubs, an interest which culminated in his appointment as National Chairman in 1969/70.

A natural choice as the first chairman of his local community council, he is also an Elder of the Church and a member of Perth Presbytery.

Despite the distractions of work and community service however he still seems to find time to golf at Blairgowrie and curl with the Delvine Club on a regular basis!

Jim and his wife Noreen have two children, Katharine who is reading Law at Edinburgh and James, now in VIth form at Strathallan, thus giving the Paton family the unique distinction of being the first 'third generation' Strathallians.

A warm, generous and kindly man yet strict and firm when the need arises, his wide experience has been of great benefit to the Club and Council during a most successful year in office.

STRATHALLIAN GOLF CLUB

Grafton Morrish Trophy 1984

Although we did not qualify for the Scottish section of this competition I am happy to report that we are getting closer. Three of the five entrants were due to qualify. We finished third equal on 87 points – only to lose out on the better second nine rule. It was a small consolation to discover that our point score was higher than all but one of the 86 Schools who entered in England and that we would have won five of the six sections south of the border.

Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools Trophy 1984

For the fourth year in a row we reached the last eight of the Queen Elizabeth, only to be beaten this time by Glasgow High School, who subsequently beat Watsonians in the final. We again started with a bye in the first round before dispatching Allan Glens (2½ – ½) and Hillhead High School (2½ – ½) in the ensuing rounds. We were represented by Jamie Moffat and Ken Grant, Richard Williamson and Peter Hill and Ian Jones and Gordon Lowden. For the record it should be mentioned that in winning their match against the Allan Glen's third couple, Ian and Gordon halved the first hole, but were shaking hands with the unfortunate Allan Glen's pair on the tenth green!

Autumn Meeting 1984 – Prestwick, October 7th

There was a near record turnout of twelve for the autumn meeting this year. Prestwick proved to be a popular choice and we were rewarded with a sunny day and a strong sea breeze – ideal conditions for this golf course. Ken Grant and Peter Hill tied the scratch with 75 – superb golf in the circumstances. Ken won the Guthrie Reid Salver (scratch trophy) by virtue of his better inward half of 35 (1 under par). Happily Peter won the handicap cup – the Johnson Trophy – with his 73 net. As usual we had a stableford competition in the afternoon and Hamish MacFarlane was successful in retaining

the Bogie Trophy (which he had never seen).

We will return to Prestwick next year, and Hamish should again be available – with sufficient notice for time off. The tees and fairways should also have recovered for Allan Lambie to have another go for the three cups.

Scottish Wayfarers – Golf Section

As most people know, Strathallan was formally elected to the Scottish Wayfarers Club this year. The Wayfarers Club comprises 4 Edinburgh Schools plus Glenalmond, and has an active golf section.

In the Spring Meeting at Elie in March we came fourth out of six in the team competition – reflecting the average drinking capacity of Strathallians. We must improve on this in '85! (NB dates are 23/24 March). However we almost succeeded in being voted out of the Wayfarers by providing the first and second competitors in the Summer Meeting at Muirfield in May – Congratulations to Robin McGregor (winner) and Hamish MacFarlane (second). There was also an Autumn Meeting at Luffness in July.

An over 50's weekend is held annually in May at Prestwick, and the five other schools were understandably annoyed when we failed to raise a team. (Thanks must go to Hamish Dawson and Bert Patterson who represented us at the dinner in the evening – and took a lot of flack!). We must insure that we have six over 50's for the 1985 weekend.

The Wayfarer membership is on an individual basis and any Strathallian who wishes to join should send £10 to R. M. S. Allinson, The Scottish Wayfarers Club, 10 Craighall Gardens, Edinburgh EH6 4RJ.

Finally any Strathallian who would like to join the Strathallan Old Boys Golf Section please write to me – Andrew McInroy, 8 Learmonth Gardens, Edinburgh EH4 1HD (enclosing £1 – annual subscription). The club is not very well supported and new members will be very welcome.

NEWS OF OLD STRATHALLIANS

- Anderson, H. G.** (1973/78) having graduated with honours in Applied Science (Electronics) from Dundee University has taken up a post with Marconi Space & Defence Systems in Stanmore, Middlesex.
- Ashton, T. C.** (1963/68) was recently posted to command a Battery of the 49th Field Regiment R.A. near Thirsk.
- Bain, D. J.** (1973/78) is manager of Oil Service Co. working with the Morecambe Bay gas project in Blackpool.
- Bell, S. R.** (1978/82) was on the Sovereign's Parade at Sandhurst on December 7th, 1984 and was commissioned into the Black Watch.
- Bethune, A. W.** (1964/71) claims to be scraping a living in Aberdeen; singing with the Edinburgh Festival Chorus and playing the organ in various churches.
- Blanche, G. W. G.** (1975/78) has been appointed Assistant Head Gardener at Manderston Estate, Duns. Open to the public on Sundays and Thursdays in the Summer the gardens are worth a visit.
- Bradshaw, J. H.** (1974/79) has recently returned from an extensive two year tour of the Middle East and North Africa. Having lived on a kibbutz for eight months and worked for Tel Aviv Live Theatre Company he returned to college in September to follow a course in Stage Management. He plans an overland trek by jeep to India next Summer for charity and asks those interested in participating or sponsoring to contact him by letter at Pembroke Lodge, Beamsley, Nr. Skipton, N. Yorkshire.
- Carswell, R. A.** (1956/60) is a member of the Stock Exchange with Messrs. Laing & Cruickshank in Glasgow.
- Cran, M. W. H.** (1963/70) is presently serving in the rank of Major with the British Military Advisory & Training Team in Zimbabwe returning to Edinburgh in February.
- Cunningham, R. A.** (1975/77), has been on a Royal Naval helicopter pilots' course at RNAS Culdrose.
- Fairley, A. E.** (1973/79) graduated from Glasgow University last year and is now working with Ferranti in Edinburgh.
- Fairlie, P. J. M.** (1971/75), is currently Sales & Marketing Manager with Glenturret Distillery in Crieff which Strathallians will be welcome to visit. He continues to play international squash.
- Fea, A. W. S.** (1961/66) now married with three children is the General Manager of the Ruthven Motor Co. in Inverness.
- Galashan, A. F. R.** (1976/80) having graduated with 2i Honours in Applied Physics & Chemistry from Durham University has started work with Motorola Ltd. in East Kilbride.
- Gibb, P. R.** (1982/83) has completed his first year reading Chemistry at Edinburgh University.
- Gillanders, D. M. N.** (1970/77) a former Strathallian magazine photographer remains a successful professional in Glasgow.
- Gillanders, F. G. R.** (1967/74) having served as Navigating Officer in HMS PLYMOUTH is now undergoing a one year Principal Warfare Officer Course.
- Gilmour, Carla G. R.** (1979/81) has completed her fourth year of a B.Sc. Speech Pathology & Therapeutics course at Jordanhill where she has also been Student Governor.
- Goodbourn, B. M.** (1974/81) has had a spell in hospital as a result of a motorbike accident. He was joined by **H. C. Kirpatrick** (1974/81) who was involved in an accident on his way to visit Brian!
- Goodbourn, J. N.** (1972/79) is reported married in the Summer of 1983.
- Goodbourn, M. G.** (1974/81) is reported to be continuing his studies at Leeds University.
- Grant, E. P.** (1968/71) is now a permanent resident in New Zealand and would be pleased to hear from or be visited by Old Strathallians at 12 Marae Road, Greenhithe, Auckland as would **Donald MacDonald** at 10 Stewart Crescent, Palmerston North.
- Haggart, I. A.** (1974/79) has graduated in Production Engineering at Strathclyde University.
- Headrick, D. J.** (1974/79) is working in passenger services with Trans World Airlines at London Heathrow.
- Hedges, G. B.** (1977/82) has completed his third year of Civil Engineering studies at Heriot Watt University and is Chairman of the Department's Student/Staff Committee.
- Herd, D. F.** (1975/80) having graduated with Honours in Microbiology at the University of Aberdeen where he played hockey for the University 1st XI, is working as a Junior 'B' MLSO in the Virology Department of the Central Middlesex Hospital.

- Herd, J. C.** (1974/79) having gained a B.A.(Hons.) degree in Chemistry with Business Administration at Kingston Polytechnic is working as a Quality Control Chemist for Contactasoil Ltd. Both he and his brother David (q.v.) play hockey for the Heston H.C. 1st XI.
- Houston, C. J. E.** (1973/80) having graduated B.Sc. in Land Economics from Paisley College of Technology is now working for Fuller Peiser, Chartered Surveyors in Edinburgh.
- Hudson, G. T.** (1954/58) spends the cricket season in Cheshire (see Occasionals report) and the rest of the year in California. Any of the 'old gang' are invited to contact him either in Cheshire (0625 861810) or Los Angeles (213-396-8994).
- Jarlow, K. J.** (1978/83) is in his second year of a Geology degree course at Glasgow University.
- Johnston, A. G.** (1955/62) was appointed Sheriff of Grampian Highlands & Islands in May 1982. He reports that **J. W. Davidson** consults in Life Assurance weekdays from 5 p.m. onwards in the Albyn Lounge Bar and that **R. H. Scott** is contributing to the nation's economy as Senior Petro-physicist with Shell in Aberdeen.
- King, K. B.** (1963/68) has been appointed Head of Communication Studies at Highlands College of Further Education in Jersey.
- Kirk, M. D.** (1968/76) is a director in the family firm of vehicle body repairers in Perth.
- Laband, P. A. K.** (1962/66) is Assistant Executive Director with Abbey Life Assurance.
- Leighton, J. G.** (1956/60) is reported to have returned from South Africa and to be working with J. Sainsbury PLC in Birmingham.
- Leishman, J. G.** (1973/76) having been awarded his Ph.D. by the University of Glasgow is employed as an aerodynamicist with Westland Helicopters in Yeovil, Somerset.
- Logan, J. W. J.** (1977/82) sponsored by Rolls Royce in Derby is reading an Honours degree in Power Engineering.
- McCausland, I. H. M.** (1974/81) after an enjoyable trip to Australia is reported to be resident in Germany.
- McKay, A. H.** (1970/75) is reported to be working on a fish farm in Dumfries.
- Mackenzie, D. D.** (1967/74) is Head of the Engineering Department of Thermal Systems Inc. in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Mackenzie, A. D. G.** (1970/74) having moved from Highland to Selkirk received his first senior cap against the touring Australians at Murrayfield.
- McLachlan, C. L.** (1965/69) is the Financial Director of Effem Foods in Toronto, Canada.
- Maclachlan, D. A. C.** (1971/77) graduated in July 1984 and is now working as RAF Medical Officer at PA Hospital, RAF Wroughton.
- Maclachlan, Fiona E.** (1982/83) has completed the first year of her French & Russian degree course at St. Andrews.
- Maclachlan, K. I.** (1973/80) having graduated B.Sc.(Hons.) in July 1983 is now working as a representative for Cox Pharmaceuticals.
- Maclachlan, W. E.** (1956/63) is married with two children and has been working in Athens as a management consultant in computers with Arthur Anderson.
- McLaren, A. H.** (1971/78) promoted Lt. (RN) in March, 1983 has finished a tour on 801 Sqn. flying Sea Harriers off HMS INVINCIBLE in the Far East. He has started the second ever Sea Harrier Air Warfare Instructors course with a view to becoming a front line squadrons Air Warfare Instructor. He paid a 'flying visit' to the School in the Summer!
- McLean, C. D.** (1972/73) is a Chief Engineer (Marine) living in Southampton.
- McLean, G. C.** (1973/80) having graduated from Cambridge has completed his first term of Law School.
- MacLellan, D. C.** (1976/82) is studying physiotherapy and remedial gymnastics at Pinderfields College, Wakefield.
- Mennie, N. R.** (1974/81) is working for an aluminium company in Sussex.
- Montgomery-Smith, Sarah M.** (1981/83) is in the second year of her Geography degree course at Cambridge.
- Nicol, D. R.** (1967/73) is a foreign exchange accountant with Morgan Stanley International in London.
- Paterson, M. B. N.** (1960/65) is General Manager of Frasers in Aberdeen.
- Paterson, N. D. L.** (1955/61) has recently returned from seven years 'exile' in Maidenhead to be an Hotels' Area Executive with Stakis Hotels & Inns Ltd. with responsibility for a number of hotels from Aberdeen in the North to Ayr in the South.

- Patterson, M. I.** (1969/73) has returned to the Edinburgh office of Cooper & Lybrand having spent four years in their Cape Town office.
- Pollock, J. G.** (1974/79) is an analyst programmer for Marconi Instruments in Fife.
- Powrie, R. A. D.** (1966/74) is currently serving as Adjutant, 3rd Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers in Stirling and lives in Edinburgh.
- Powrie, R. D. G.** (1969/76) is serving with the Royal Horse Artillery in Germany; was reserve for the Army Ski Team in 1983/84 and hopes to go to Australia with the Combined Services Team.
- Prosser, M. J.** (1972/77) is Design Engineer for Admak General Contracting Company in Abu Dhabi on a Road Improvement Scheme.
- Randell, A. M.** (1978/83) is in the second year of an Accountancy degree course at Strathclyde University.
- Richards, D. A.** (1964/67) was the unsuccessful Liberal Party candidate in the October 1983 election to the Queensland State Parliament.
- Ritchie, D. W. D.** (1971/78) after a year as a sailing instructor in Hong Kong is now involved in publishing and selling atlases for George Philip & Sons in London.
- Rogers, Wendy** (1979/80) having qualified SRN is now Matron at New Park School in St. Andrews: Headmaster M. J. E. Wareham.
- Russell, M. A.** (1971/78) is reported continuing his studies with modest enthusiasm in London.
- Russell, P. D.** (1975/81) reports that he is more than half way towards his LL.B. and intends to go on to take honours in Forensic Medicine.
- Russell, P. J.** (1977/81) is reported to be enjoying life at Glasgow University where he is the Entertainment Convener for Dalrymple Hall.
- Shannon, K. J.** (1968/75) after six years in the Life Guards Mounted Squadron, Household Cavalry has left the army and moved to Australia.
- Steedman, C. M.** (1973/80) having just completed his LL.B and Diploma in Legal Practice at Aberdeen University has taken up a position as trainee solicitor in Glasgow.
- Steedman, H. W. R.** (1969/76) has taken up an appointment as financial analyst with the Royal Bank of Canada in Montreal and is playing rugby for Quebec Province.
- Stewart, J. F.** (1923/25) announces his retirement.
- Strachan, R. M. S.** (1969/74) has been appointed to the Treasury Department of the Bank of N. T. Butterfield & Son in Hamilton, Bermuda.
- Straiton, C. T.** (1972/79) has successfully completed his degree course in Business Administration at the University of Strathclyde.
- Taylor, A. J.** (1977/82) is in the second year of his History degree course at Glasgow University and was awarded an Army Bursary in September 1983.
- Taylor, A. N.** (1977/82) represented the Scotland under 19 Squash Team at the World Junior Championships in Calgary, Canada in April 1984. He is playing for Hampshire Juniors; is being coached by Devan Kandiah; is playing in all the major tournaments in England and hopes to make the Senior Squad this season.
- Taylor, W. O. G.** (1926/29) was awarded the Edridge-Green Medal of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1978 and since 1979 has been President of an International welfare organisation 'Albino Fellowship.'
- Walker, I. H.** (1971/78) has graduated with Honours in Business Studies at Dundee College of Technology.
- Wallace, W. D. R.** (1969/74) is working on electricity power lines with Balfour Beatty as a foreman.
- Wheatley, J. R. W.** (1920/26) has retired from his career as a structural engineer.
- White, S. D.** (1974/80) is a proposals assistant with Hughes Micro-electronics in Glenrothes.
- Willox, K. W.** (1974/77) was promoted Flight Lieutenant on being posted from N. Ireland to Cyprus where he has been swimming for the RAF Cyprus Team.
- Wilson, R. F.** (1970/76) was appointed Sales Director of John Wilson's in 1983.

ENGAGEMENTS

- Gillanders, B. N.** (1966/73) to Miss Janet M. Ross on December 29th 1983.
- Herd, J. C.** (1974/79) to Miss Jacqueline O'Neill of Heston on April 6th 1984.
- MacLachlan, D. C.** (1971/77) to Miss Andrea Teynor of Heidelberg on October 21st 1983.
- Prosser, D. H.** (1974/79) to Miss Susan Westrop on May 5th 1983.
- Robb, G. D.** (1971/78) to Miss Caroline Woods of St. Andrews.

MARRIAGES

- Bain, D. J.** (1973/78) to Miss Lisa Marzocchi on August 26th 1984.
- Bethune, A. W.** (1964/71) to Miss Catriona Mirtle on October 22nd 1983.
- Cunningham, R. A.** (1975/77) to Miss Wendy Eyre on August 6th 1983.
- Fairlie, P. J. M.** (1971/75) to Miss Louise Moon on October 6th 1984.
- Gillanders, B. N.** (1966/73) to Miss Janet M. Ross in the School Chapel on June 29th 1984.
- McLachlan, C. L.** (1965/69) to Miss Barbara Barr in June 1982.
- McLean, C. D.** (1972/73) to Miss Margaret Morris on October 21st 1978.
- Patterson, M. I.** (1969/73) to Miss M. A. Carson at Gatehouse of Fleet on June 2nd 1984.
- Pollock, J. G.** (1974/79) to Miss Lorraine Pestell in the School Chapel on August 4th 1984.
- Postlethwaite, H. R.** (1973/78) to Miss Hilary Watt on November 5th 1984.
- Shannon, K. J.** (1968/75) to Miss Lee Kenny on March 10th 1984.
- Taylor, J. D.** (1961/68) to Miss Rachael A. McClements on June 22nd 1984.

- Voigt, R. F.** (1969/76) to Miss Debbie Simpson on June 2nd 1984.
- Walker, R. G.** (1973/78) to Miss Jane Roper in Edinburgh on June 9th 1984.
- Wilcox, K. W.** (1974/77) to Miss V. C. Pennock on July 16th 1984.
- Wilson, R. F.** (1970/76) to Miss Paula Brousseau in Toronto on April 2nd 1983.

BIRTHS

- Gillanders, F. G. R.** (1967/74) to Mr and Mrs Gillanders a son, Hamish Duncan Fergus on August 1st 1983.
- Kirk, M. D.** (1968/76) to Mr and Mrs Kirk a daughter, Amanda on February 28th 1984.
- McLean, C. D.** (1972/73) to Mr and Mrs McLean a daughter, Adrienne Lindsey on April 7th 1983.
- Parker, N. J. C.** (1975/77) to Mr and Mrs Parker a son, Geoffrey Ian on April 29th 1984
- Paterson, M. B. N.** (1960/65) to Mr and Mrs Paterson a son, Andrew John Neill on November 2nd 1979 and a daughter, Fiona Margaret on July 31st 1982.
- Stevenson, N.** (1968/73) to Mr and Mrs Stevenson a son, Thomas Alexander on February 7th 1984.
- Wallace, W. D. R.** (1969/74) to Mr and Mrs Wallace a son, Rory William on November 16th 1983.
- Wilson, R. F.** (1970/76) to Mr and Mrs Wilson a son, John on February 15th 1984.

DEATHS

- Ballantyne, J. C.** (-/31) on November 29th 1984.
- Cochrane, J. A.** (-/32) on May 6th 1984.
- Lawson, I. K.** (-/33) in November 1984.
- Macmillan, J. M.** (-/27) on December 30th 1983.
- Neill, R.** (1919/23) on November 9th 1984.
- Wilson, C. R.** (1953/55) on April 1st 1984.



OBITUARY

SIR GEORGE BAKER

Former High Court Judge

Sir George Baker, PC, OBE, who died on June 13, aged 74, was a judge of the old Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court from 1961 and the first President of its successor, the Family Division, from 1971 until 1979, when he retired.

To him is largely due the credit for the smooth transition from the century-old, oddly combined Division to the new. Furthermore, during his period as President the new Division had to assimilate not only its now comprehensive family jurisdiction but also a considerable amount of matrimonial legislation and case law. It was he who acclimatized it to all these great changes.

It is not generally appreciated how much administrative work falls upon the Heads of Divisions of the High Court. None exceeds that which the President of the Family Division is required to do and it will be readily understood that when a new Division is formed, shedding some work but taking on a great deal more, the task is even greater. Baker was a superb administrator and soon shaped the new Division into an effective and efficient whole.

George Gillespie Baker was born on April 25, 1910, the son of the late Captain John Kilgour Baker of Stirling. He was educated at Glasgow Academy, Strathallan School, Perthshire (of which he became a Governor and later Honorary Governor), and Brasenose College, Oxford, of which he was a Scholar and later an Honorary Fellow.

He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1932, and amongst his many distinctions valued highly becoming Treasurer of the Inn in 1976.

Baker—known to everyone as Scotty Baker—was a true Scotsman all his life, and it was an attractive addition to his judgments to hear his native accent lend point and piquancy to his utterances.

His professional life was interrupted by war service in the army between 1939 and 1945. After a period with the Queen's Own RWK he was, appropriately, commissioned in the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). He also served as DAAG at the War Office and as AAG with the Allied Force HQ and on the British War Crimes Executive at Nuremberg.

He met the peace with his only, and unsuccessful, entry into the field of politics, contesting Southall, Middlesex, as a Conservative candidate in the 1945 election.

At the Bar he resumed a very successful general practice, much of it on the then Oxford Circuit. There was little in his practice to suggest eminence in the field where he later achieved it. He certainly did divorce cases on Circuit and in London but to nothing like the extent of others. His was basically a civil and criminal practice of a progressively high-class kind.

He was Recorder in turn of Bridgnorth, Smethwick and Wolverhampton. He was Deputy Chairman of Shropshire Quarter Sessions from 1954 until 1971. He became a Queen's Counsel in 1952 and two years later Leader of his Circuit, a position which he held for seven years until he was appointed a judge.

It came as a surprise to many that when appointed a High Court Judge in 1961 "Scotty" Baker should be assigned to the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division. But from the very beginning he proved to be a first-class judge, patient, courteous, understanding—and decisive. Nobody left his Court feeling that they had not been fully heard. His success as a judge may itself be judged by the few successful appeals, against his decisions.

In his life on the Bench, Baker decided a number of important cases. Many of his decisions pointed the way towards the wholly new approach the law now takes with regard to divorce and ancillary matters. The most famous of his judicial cases are undoubtedly the one holding that a husband cannot restrain his wife from having a lawful abortion, and the one—in a five-judge Court of Appeal—giving a mistress the right to occupy "the matrimonial" home.

In 1983 when commissioned to review Northern Ireland's emergency laws, Baker had given the impression that normal jury trials might be resumed. However when the report of his committee appeared earlier this year its review contended that non-jury trials should continue, though it criticized the time suspects spent in custody.

"Scotty" Baker was a large and strong man. He was—it will surprise many to know—a shy and diffident man. He had a heart of gold but that indoubted fact only became visible to those who knew him. He had innumerable activities outside his work, of which education was prominent. Not only a long-time Governor of his old school, Strathallan School, but he was also a

Governor of Epsom College and Wycombe Abbey. During his years of high office he not only fulfilled his many official engagements but—often surprisingly—managed to fit in school meetings and other speaking occasions as well.

“Scotty” Baker was a kind and understanding man. Fate, unexpectedly, put him in the perfect position for

his many talents. He will be remembered for himself and for all he did.

He married in 1935, Jessie McCall Findlay. She died in 1983. Three sons survive him.

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