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Editorial

Many thanks, O gracious reader, for turning to this most humble of columns. However, what do you want from an Editorial? Yet more synthetic wit about the inhabitants of Woodlands? How about a comprehensive guide to last year's weather? No! Good grief!

How about something unusual then? A report on that most depressed and oppressed of minorities, the . . . I beg your pardon? You don't approve, sir?

What can I write then? A eulogy in praise of the Headmaster? You heard that last June? You really are hard to please.



I am left no alternative but to devote this column to the glorification of us, the editors. This magazine owes a great debt to our hard work and devotion and demands that we be appreciated as appropriate in these cases.

P. J. McKee, G. M. Archer, A. Fleming, J. M. O. C. Locke, J. W. J. Logan, A. G. Lyall, F. A. Macmillan; R. J. Semple, G. W. Stevenson.

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Head of School: A. F. R. Galashan (left at Christmas)
 G. F. G. Mackenzie

Head of Freeland: G. J. Forbes

Head of Leburn: A. F. R. Galashan then M. H. Gray

Head of Nicol: G. F. G. Mackenzie

Head of Ruthven: G. C. McLean (left at Christmas)
 S. R. Watt

Head of Simpson: P. D. Russell

School Prefects: C. A. MacLeod & I. L. Johnson (left at Christmas), D. B. Walker, N. W. MacPherson, J. C. Turnbull, P. J. McKee.



Staff Notes

The year 1980/81 saw only two staff changes and one addition in the Common Room. Mr Swain left at the end of the Easter term to return to his native Ireland and he and his wife have our best wishes for the future. We are grateful for his help with rugby, athletics, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, House Tutoring and his teaching in the Geography Department. He has been replaced by Mr Jones, a graduate of Lancaster, who timed his arrival to coincide with the refurbishing of the Geography Department which has moved to the 'old' classrooms 1 and 2. Hopefully 'new wine in new bottles' will help stimulate the interest in a subject which has developed markedly in recent years. Mr Tansley, the Director of Music, together with his family, returned to Canada after only one year and will be succeeded in January 1981 by Mr Reed, who is presently at Bradfield College, Berks. Miss Jane Atkinson has joined the English Department and will fill the new post of resident House Tutor to the girls.

Within the Common Room there has been some shuffling of responsibilities. Mr Williams has retired as Housemaster of Ruthven and is replaced by Mr Raine who has been succeeded as Head of the History Dept. by Mr Proctor. Mr Proctor is Master i/c Cricket in place of Mr Johnson who becomes School Librarian instead of Mr Williams. Both Mr Johnson and Mr Williams have held their positions for a good number of years and no record would be complete without acknowledging the hours of unobtrusive hard work which they have devoted to their respective tasks.

Mr and Mrs Fairbairn have handed over their charge of the girls to Mr and Mrs Williams who will move into the new house 'Woodlands' not later than the start of next Spring term. Mr and Mrs Fairbairn originally agreed to look after a few girls for one year—the commitment proved, in fact, to be substantially more, but thanks to their efforts, girls are now well installed at Strathallan.

The year has not been a good one for the health of the staff. Mr Dutton and Mr Pollard were absent from School on sick leave but thankfully they are back with us now and we are grateful to Mr Duffy and Miss Sally Atkinson who so willingly stood in at the last minute.

Illness also struck at our support staff. Mrs Pliszka was away throughout the Christmas term but was able to make a welcome return to light duties thereafter. Sadly the same was not to be for Mr Laidlaw who died on 28th June after a long illness during which, for the most part, he continued to serve the School with the same devotion which had won the admiration and gratitude of our whole community during the previous 17 years. Charles Laidlaw, or Charlie as he was affectionately known throughout the School, was officially 'the Electrician' but there were no demarkation disputes in either time or tasks as far as Charlie was concerned. Such was his ingenuity for improvisation that requests for his help came from all quarters at all times of the day... 'Please Charlie, could you possibly...?' You may have had to wait your turn but you were rarely if ever forgotten. We shall long remember his friendship and loyal service to the School.

Three of our longest serving members of the non-teaching staff retired during the course of the year:

Bet Nicol after 19 years decided it was time for a change and with her departure goes the last of the ladies who would dare to lay the table for breakfast whilst the Masters were still drinking their after dinner coffee!

Miss McIntyre during her 26 years at Strathallan has, like so many who work in a boarding school, turned her hand to many a task. She was a staunch member of the Senior School Sewing Room staff for many years and finally went over to take charge at Riley where more than once she had to stand in for the Matron.

Donald Penny, whose vigour and voice hid more years than he would admit to, finally relinquished his tractor after 27 years. Throughout the summer months he would be seen constantly cutting away to keep the lawns in trim and for the rest of the year he was involved in transporting logs, rubbish, desks etc. from place to place—you name it and it will probably have been carried in his tractor! Then there was the snow plough, for Donald seemed to be one of the few men who positively looked forward to the snow: the heavier it fell, the earlier he was out in the morning!

We are most grateful to them all for their devoted and loyal service and they have our very best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

C.D.P.

CHAPEL NOTES

Chapels exist in schools to testify to a truth which, though often questioned, persists with strange force: that there is an unaccountable dimension of the human spirit which needs to worship, to praise, to keep silence, to think, to reflect on its own aims and performance, and to be addressed by that which is beyond itself. Every year, while writing these Notes, I have found myself questioning the meaning of what really goes on within the Chapel walls; and every year I find the evidence of my own eyes and ears corroborating the value of the place and its worship. As Chaplain I have been only too aware of the negative side—the resistance created, in some, by compulsory worship; the increasing unfamiliarity of the unchurched young with the language and symbols of Christianity; the often-blurred distinction between the message of the gospel and the message of middle-class independent school authority, and so on. But I profoundly believe that the challenges and invigorations of worship do address a space in the majority which recognisably needs to be spoken to; and I do think that the inarticulate struggles and tensions in each of us become clearer, very often, because of what is said, and sung, beneath the wooden Chapel roof.

The vigorous musical tradition in Strathallan makes a tremendous contribution to our worship. To Mr Tansley, Mr Auld, and Mr West—and to the Choir—go my deep thanks for all their co-operation and help. Mr Hewson has been a staunch ally in all his quiet management of Episcopal Communion; and those who have shared in the sacrament under Dean Irvine's ministry have had Christianity presented to them at its highest and its best. Mrs Fairbairn and her team of helpers have provided beautiful flowers for the sanctuary, and I thank them.

The following were confirmed, on Sunday 8th March, into the membership of the Church of Scotland:

W. F. Aitkin; M. J. deG. Allingham; A. D. Anderson; Carolyn E. Belch; A. J. Biggart; C. R. Churchill; Gail S. Fitzpatrick; A. G. Fraser; W. M. Hamilton; I. J. G. Harley; M. B. Howe; Rona Kite; C. McB. Law; N. L. McDougall; D. C. MacLellan; J. McLeod; S. A. Main; G. F. Montgomery; Carolyn M. Mowat; C. J. Pantou; D. W. Reid; D. J. Rourke; K. S. Smellie; S. Stevenson; W. P. Tyser; G. D. Verden-Anderson; B. D. Waller; B. C. Watson; J. G. F. White; W. E. Wordie.

The following were confirmed into the Episcopal Church on the same day:

R. A. Bain; A. D. H. Cameron; J. N. Fairbairn; G. T. W. Sedgwick; M. C. Stone-Wigg; M. P. B. Willis.

Preachers included The Right Reverend Michael Hare-Duke (Bishop of St Andrews); The Very Rev. Dr. Hugh O. Douglas; The Very Rev. Dean T. T. Irvine; The Rev. John Clark; The Rev. W. N. Monteith; Mr Colin MacLean; Rev. Professor Hugh Anderson; Rev. David Ogston; Rev. Ian R. N. Miller; Rev. Stewart Sharp;

Professor R. Ogilvie; Rev. A. A. Orrock; Rev. Robert Sloan; Rev. Michael Urch; Rev. George Buchanan-Smith; Rev. Ian Watt; Miss Ailsa Macintyre; Rev. Uist MacDonald; Rev. Anthony Montgomery, and the Chaplain.

The whole school community was stunned to hear, on 6th October, that their parish minister had died suddenly in Perth Royal Infirmary. The Rev. Stewart Sharp had endeared himself to so many of us. He was the minister of many of the Staff wives; he opened his home to members of the domestic Staff who were ill; and he was known to a great many of us through his quiet and caring knowledge of the School. We send Mrs Sharp—whom we know better as Sister Sharp of the San—our very warmest condolences.

A.A.S.R.

DEVELOPMENT APPEAL THE RECENT PAST and THE NEAR FUTURE 1970-1980 : 1980-1990

Over the past ten years a number of significant changes have taken place within the School. Some of these have involved the expenditure of considerable sums of money much of which has been raised from Old Boys and parents.

Every endeavour has been made through the pages of the *Strathallian* to keep Old Boys and parents informed. The table below gives a brief summary:

	Approx. Cost
1970 Leburn House	£22,500
1973 Gannochy Sports Hall	27,000
1977 Nicol/Ruthven Houses	188,000
1979 Four Staff Houses	100,000
Metal/Wood Work Shops, Pottery	16,000
Tuckshop, Sixth Form Lounge	8,000
1980 Changing Rooms	177,000
Classrooms/Computer Centre	73,000
Lecture Theatre with Drama Area	28,000

In addition £56,000 in renovations and refurbishing has been carried out to Riley, Freeland and Simpson.

In view of the extent of these improvements, it may be thought that the next decade would be less demanding on the School's resources. The plain facts are that there is still a great deal to be done and whatever may be the future surrounding the Independent School, it is certain that economic strength and up-to-date facilities which draw good staff will be two of the most important factors in determining their survival.

The campaign to raise £220,000 was launched in September and the response to date has been most encouraging. It is hoped to approach all old boys and parents and explain the Development Programme in more detail. Should anyone require further information they should contact the Appeal Director who is presently resident at the School: Telephone (073 881) 2124



It is with deep regret that we record the sudden death of Dr David Bogie in a motor accident on 22nd August 1981.

Born in Kirkcaldy in 1905, David came to Strathallan in 1920, the year the School moved to Forgandenny. He left in 1922 after a most successful School career, following which he qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1927 and graduated Bachelor of Commerce at Edinburgh in 1929 gaining many honours certificates en route. He became a partner in the firm of Graham, Smart and Annan (now Deloitte, Haskins and Sells) Chartered Accountants, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, in 1933, retiring as senior partner in 1973.

His professional services in private practice and in commerce were widely sought and willingly given.

He held many directorships in private and public companies. In the 1960's he was Chairman of the Edinburgh Branch of the Institute of Directors and Vice-Chairman for Scotland. For

several years he lectured in Accountancy at Edinburgh University and acted as an examiner for the Society of Chartered Accountants.

A keen churchman, he served on various committees of the Church of Scotland and presented his reports to the General Assembly. He was convener of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund from 1968 to 1972. He was also convener of the Church of Scotland Housing and Loan Fund for Retired Ministers and Widows of Ministers.

The Rev. George Lugton writes: 'There was never an occasion when David Bogie's deep, yet unassuming faith and his sympathetic spirit did not motivate and direct his life and work.'

As a Territorial Officer in the 51st (Highland) Divisional Signals he went to France in October 1939 as adjutant to the unit and was taken prisoner at St. Valery in June 1940.

While a P.O.W. in Germany he conducted classes in Accountancy as well as writing his book, 'Group Accounts' which became a standard work and earned him his Doctorate. He was twice mentioned in despatches and was awarded the Territorial Decoration.

On returning from Germany David and John Cowan, whom Harry Riley had had the foresight to appoint as his sole trustees in 1938, carried out H.R.'s wishes by forming the first Board of Governors, chosen from Old Strathallians, and which David chaired. He served on the Board until 1970 and on retiring was made an Honorary Governor.

He had an unbroken connection with Strathallan of some 60 years.

He was President of the Strathallian Club in the year 1937-8.

Outside his professional work he had many interests and activities to which he gave his characteristic enthusiasm. He was a keen and active curler, a member of several curling clubs and a former Chairman of the Edinburgh Ice Rink Ltd.

Golf was another of his sporting activities and he felt honoured when he became Captain of Bruntisfield Links Golfing Society, but perhaps fishing and particularly salmon fishing was the sport to which he was most devoted. He was a member of several angling clubs including the 'Nest' on the River Tweed, reputed to be the oldest club in the country, and for a term was its President.

As long as Strathallan exists, the name of David Bogie will be remembered for his never-failing encouragement, his shrewd advice, sense of humour and love of life and his deep interest in the well-being of the School.

Although David found time to pack so much into his life, at heart he was a home lover and, above all, a devoted husband and loving father.

He is survived by his wife Eirene, his daughter Caroline Laing and his son Miller and four grandchildren. To them we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their tragic loss.

FREE LAND HOUSE

With the memory of our slightly unexpected but highly welcome triumph in the sports still but green, it seems appropriate for once to begin at the end. Indeed what seemed like being no more than an average year for silverware was transformed in the final weeks of the summer term.

For once our golfers played to form with David Reynolds, Fergus Macmillan and Hugh Murphy ensuring the return of the house cup and the last winning the School strokeplay with a fine 73. For the second year running the sailors successfully stayed afloat, the team this time being Stephen Bisset, Mark Selwood, Michael Hamilton and Douglas Kane. And then came the sports: good individual performances abounded from Gavin Fairweather and several promising juniors, but it was the relays that sealed our triumph—2nd in junior and middle, we won the senior in a new School record time. Any previous disappointments at School level were soon forgotten by Graeme Forbes, Alistair Cuthill, Simon Morton and Fraser McClung in this great victory.

They aided by Robin Grant, Angus Shepherd and Grant Corbett, in particular, engineered a marvellously gutsy performance in the house rugby final. (Their Housemaster to his eternal shame had to be elsewhere at a family wedding on that day so the report of their feats is rightly coloured by partial second-hand information!). However even the uncommitted saw it as one of the best games of the season with Nicol deservedly winning, if only just, in extra time.

Guts also played their part in the winning of the cross-country as did Robin Grant's careful team selection, but this year there was a considerable amount of talent on view with notable runs from Fraser McClung, David Reynolds, David Stirling and Matthew King. The seniors and middles won their sections, the juniors were runners-up—so it was a clear-cut triumph. The hockey league cup also stays on the sideboard: Graeme Forbes manipulated his battle troops with skill as did Stephen Bisset in the rugby leagues where we were again second. Finally on the sporting front Jamie

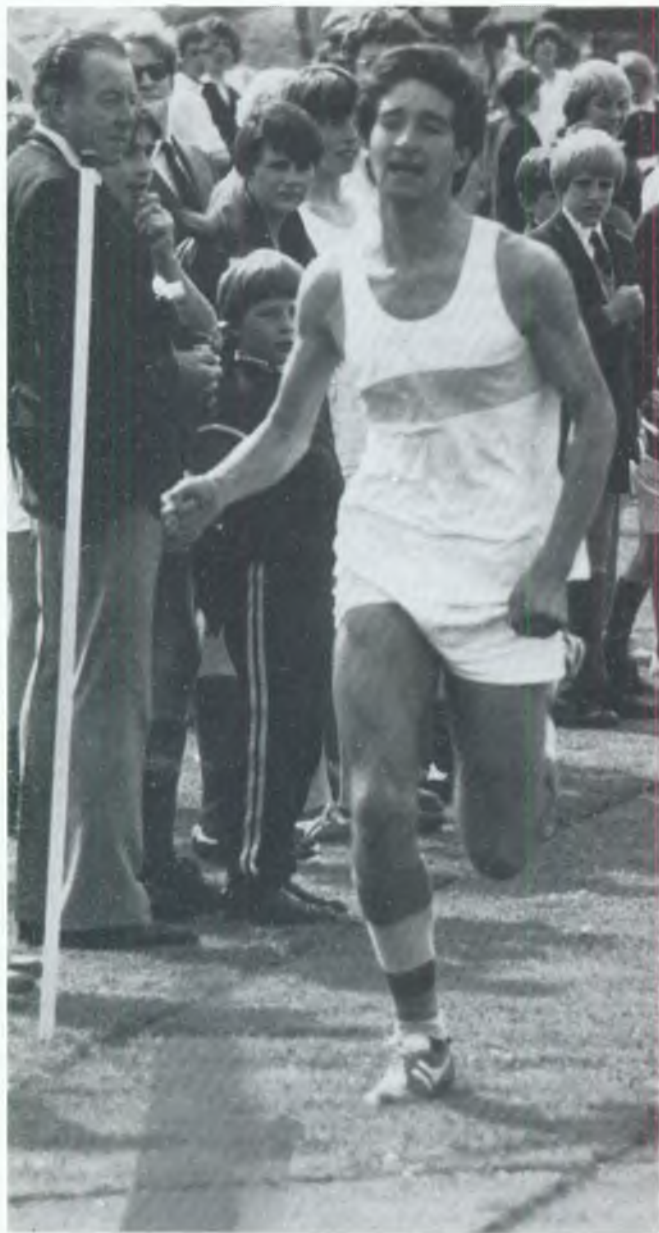
Chapman did an excellent job in looking after junior rugby and cricket.

This was also something of a cultural year. Slightly thinner in major academic prizes perhaps: Angus Shepherd—Art, Graeme Forbes—Economics, but our musicians under the patient expertise of Martin Smith and Quentin Livingston came a creditable third behind Thorny Shades and Simpson. Then there was our joint house play with Nicol. As always the artistic merits are discussed elsewhere, but it is worth mentioning that for a cast of eight, initially we had six starters! Coaxing and cajoling drew Suresh Gandhi and Robert Doig into the fold and once the initial shyness had been overcome, the enthusiasm for rehearsal was highly gratifying. Fred Levick, Fergus Macmillan, Angus Macdonald and not least Gandhi as the silent Jap gave performances that seemed to be enjoyed by the multitude and even some of the pundits.

It has therefore been nothing if not a full year and if we add the acquisition of a fine new snooker table it will be realised that spare time (and during the 'A' Levels much of school time!) has been enjoyed as much as ever, in particular by our jovial Upper Vith. Not all the prefects have been as consistent as usual, but the majority worked very hard under Graeme Forbes, a shrewd, balanced Head of House and Fraser McClung, his enthusiastic deputy. To them and all our leavers we wish all good fortune, only hoping their examination results fulfil all expectations.

Head of House:	G. F. Forbes	House Colours:
Deputy Head of House:	T. F. McClung	G. F. Forbes
Prefects:	S. B. Bisset	T. F. McClung
	R. G. Grant	R. G. Grant
	M. C. S. Smith	S.W. Morton
	A. J. Cuthill	S. B. Bisset
	S. W. Morton	A. J. Cuthill
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LEBURN HOUSE



Once again the time has come to unravel and relate a mixture of House memories spanning a year which passed very pleasantly for the most part, and which produced just about the normal number of triumphs and disappointments on the academic and games fronts.

Unfortunately neither A. F. R. Galashan nor I. L. Johnson managed to convince the Cambridge College examiners of their true worth and they will be starting their University studies at Durham and Edinburgh respectively in October. The news concerning this summer's crop of 'A' Level candidates is that M. H. Gray (Edinburgh), P. K. Reid (Heriot-Watt), S. N. Dajani (Strathclyde) and A. A. Thomson (Stirling) are all 'in' and happy (and relieved) to be so.

Triumphs and disappointments at work and at play, whether of an individual or team nature, relate very much to the enthusiasm, effort and commitment of the individual or team. Regrettably, it has to be said that a number of the Upper Sixth were rather short on these qualities as regards work and their attitude was not helpful to the Lower Sixth group. One hopes that a more academic atmosphere will prevail in the top corridor next year! Significantly, and not surprisingly, for this comes to light year after year, the vast majority of the 'O' and 'A' Level candidates in the House who squared up to the work properly, did well.

Happily, the qualities mentioned above were not lacking as far as games were concerned. True, we had to wait until the second half of the summer term before any cups came our way, but this was not for the want of trying in the other two terms. We competed well in all the major House competitions—rugby, hockey, cross-country, cricket and athletics—and ended the year on a high note by winning the junior Cricket Cup and both the Athletic Cups. The winning of the Rowan Cup for standards was extremely satisfying because it was gained as a result of the efforts of the majority of the House. R. K. Dobbie did a first-class job in whipping up enthusiasm amongst the juniors at a crucial stage of the competition—the winning margin of 1 point

over Nicol couldn't have been closer! It was very pleasing that C. M. Law won the middle Victor Ludorum on Sports Day as two years before he had missed winning the junior one by a whisker. His contribution proved a vital factor in the final destination of the Athletics Cup. The junior cricketers, under A. G. Reid's shrewd captaincy, did well to retain the cup but there were a few edgy moments along the way, and it was thanks in the main to D. E. Uprichard's determined battling that we clawed our way to victory in the final game against Nicol. The senior cricketers provided nailbiting excitement as well in their semi-final match. A swashbuckling innings from G. B. Hedges—borrowed from the hockey field for the day—turned the game in our favour and a six by M. P. Arbuckle off the second last ball of the game clinched a victory which seemed totally out of the question at one time.

Thinking back to the Spring Term, we were runners-up in the cross-country and hockey competitions and had the chance to reach the rugby final: did we pay the penalty for playing one or two key players in the wrong positions? K. F. Orr won the junior cross-country in a record time and P. K. Reid won the senior with something to spare—two splendid results. The hockey league side enjoyed their season and played with much more skill than in years gone by! The junior squash team tried hard for success and might well have achieved it but for a certain A. N. Taylor. The musicians worked hard too but the opposition was very talented and the girls of Thorny Shades were worthy winners. We are still short of quality performers at golf, tennis and ski-ing but there are some usefule fishermen around and perhaps a House angling competition might be a good idea? Which reminds me, the swimmers finished a commendable third in their competition—the Simpson plan to sabotage our chances by sending in Kummel to do battle with A. M. Randell failed!

Some individual achievements have been mentioned already but not all. M. H. Gray won the prestigious Houston Prize (for all-round merit) and deservedly so. Lower down, M. J. Dobbie won the fencing foil and lower down still, D. C. Mactaggart won the reel on the day of the School v Old Boys' fishing match. J. R. Thain retained the House Pool Cup and E. Ijeomah won the inaugural Table Tennis Cup.

I have been pleased with the general spirit in the House over the year and the atmosphere of friendliness and co-operation which has been around the place. However, there are some areas of social behaviour which are still not acceptable and we will have to try harder to get these right next year, but in the meantime let us reflect on the things that went well.

Vic Swain left at the end of the Spring Term to take up an appointment at Bangor G.S. I am grateful to him for all his help during his two and a half years as House Tutor and wish him and Fiona all the best of luck in the future. My thanks also to Martin Gray and the prefects for their assistance over the year and we hope all goes well for them and the rest of the leavers in the future.

Heads of House: A. F. R. Galashan (Autumn)
M. H. Gray (Spring and Summer)

Prefects:	R. K. Dobbie	S. N. Dajani
	C. J. Cracknell	P. K. Reid
	N. L. McDougall	

House Colours:	M. H. Gray	R. K. Dobbie
	S. N. Dajani	C. J. Cracknell
	P. K. Reid	A. A. Thomson

Captains of Sport and Activities:

Rugby	A. A. Thomson	Swimming	A. G. Lyall
Cricket	C. J. Cracknell	Squash	G. B. Hedges
Hockey	A. A. Thomson	Sailing	N. L. McDougall
Athletics	M. H. Gray	Ski-ing	A. A. Thomson
Cross-Country	R. K. Dobbie	Golf	A. A. Thomson
Music	G. B. Hedges	Tennis	G. B. Hedges
Shooting	P. K. Reid		

H.C.A.

NICOL HOUSE

The year promised to be another of sporting achievement and so, with a few late hiccoughs, it proved. The supreme success was the winning of the now 'occasional' rugby cup. After a gruelling battle with Ruthven we met Freeland in an epic encounter. We led 9-3 with seconds to go when Freeland scored and converted to take the game into extra time (much to the horror of the weary referee!) James Turnbull, that personification of a rolling maul, crashed over again to win a marvellous match played with skill, determination and sportsmanship by both sides. To this cup we added, with relative ease, the indoor and outdoor hockey trophies. Although at various times six of the House, with Stuart Raeside outstanding, played for the 1st XV, it was at hockey that our real strength lay. In Graeme Mackenzie and David Rourke we had schoolboy internationals and Scotland's only scorers. David also represented the schoolboys at the indoor game. Graeme captained the 1st XI with great authority and Niall McPherson was a totally efficient secretary and no mean player.

These major cups were joined by the junior rugby league and shooting awards. Frightened perhaps by our reputation no one seemed interested in competing for the squash cup so we kept that and, when Glenshee failed to produce any snow, the ski-ing pot stayed on our shelf too.

Thereafter we had to take second place—frequently to Leburn. We were a point short in the standards competition, beaten in another nail-biting finish in the rejuvenated senior cricket matches and, despite our talent, failed to match their men in junior cricket. Golf and sailing fell prey to various mishaps so the summer term was not quite the expected harvest.

As well as hockey stars Nicol had some other fine individual performers. James Turnbull (the younger) and Niall McPherson were 2nd and 3rd in the senior cross-country race, James going on to win the Club trophy and on and on to register over 180 laps on the sponsored sports day. Neil McKee played rugby for the Midlands U-16, Peter MacFarlane sailed with distinction in the inter-schools races, John Coleman turned in some fine performances for the cricket XI and, to cap things nicely, Mark Hutcheson, holder of the School squash cup, seemed well on the road to Scotland's junior team.

These achievements were balanced by some success on other fronts. Ronnie Duncan toiled late into the night and got his Cambridge place. Bruce Guthrie and Peter McKee had the best 'O' level results and Neil McKee won the fourth form prize. Andrew Wallace and Niel Pratt chipped in with set prizes and the McKee pairing picked up two of the reading awards. If the beaver-ing 'over the other side' by the sixth form is any guide there was generally a more positive attitude to work, engendered, I suspect, by the realisation that university places and jobs will be harder to find in the future.

The cultural highlight was another Nicol/Freeland play—'The Long, the Short and the Tall'—always a popular choice for schools. Ken Smellie gave an outstanding performance as the cynical Bamforth and Peter McKee's well-spoken sergeant held everything together in rehearsals and on the nights. Bruce Guthrie and Robert Doig came out of their shells to play smaller parts and Jeff Lewis, Keith Sime and Alastair Fleming did the necessary discreetly and efficiently behind the scenes. We are most grateful to Mr Barratt for his enthusiasm and skill in producing two such memorable evenings.

Although music is still a low priority it was encouraging to see more junior choristers and instrumentalists. We again managed a clear sixth in the competition but Niall McPherson worked hard with limited voices and we performed with gusto.

We had more than our fair share of success this year but the most pleasing aspect to my mind was the improved social atmosphere. There was increasing respect for the individual and greater willingness to be helpful and responsible. Graeme Mackenzie can take much of the credit for this. Aided by a sensible bunch of prefects (who may have created a record by finally having a further three School prefects in their ranks), he ran the House with just the right blend of efficiency, determination and sympathy. I am most grateful, too, to Mr Glimm for his continuing help and support. I hope this team will be seriously challenged by Peter McKee and his men next year when they return to a refurbished common room and Jessie's splendid recovery work. Their aim should be to stimulate a little more pride in their surroundings so that we never do become a dog house.

Head of House: G. F. G. Mackenzie

School Prefects: N. W. McPherson

J. C. Turnbull

P. J. McKee

Captains: Rugby: D. J. Rourke

Hockey: G. F. G. Mackenzie

Cricket: J. A. R. Coleman

House Colours: M. S. Cuthbertson

P. A. MacFarlane

Tennis: M. M. Hutcheson

Squash: G. F. G. Mackenzie

Sailing: P. A. MacFarlane

J. C. Turnbull

P. J. McKee

House Prefects: M. C. Cuthbertson

R. J. Duncan

P. A. MacFarlane

S. D. Raeside

Athletics: M. S. Cuthbertson

Swimming: R. A. Bain

Golf: D. J. Rourke

N. W. McPherson

S. D. Raeside

D. J. Rourke

K. S. Smellie

J. A. R. Coleman

A. M. Stevenson

Shooting: J. W. Galloway

Cross-Country: J. A. R. Coleman

Music: N. W. McPherson

K. S. Smellie

J. A. R. Coleman

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RUTHVEN

This has been very much an average year for Ruthven. On the academic side there has been a fair amount of work done, although I remain concerned about the casual attitude among several in their 'O' Level year. The only major prize won was the Dux, by Gary McLean, and we congratulate him on gaining entry to Downing College, Cambridge.

Not a vintage year in games either, and we have finally lost the Rowan Cup. But before too many Old Boys shake their heads in disbelief, let me add that our standards total was our highest ever, and all credit to Nicol and especially Leburn, both of whom gained over twenty more standards than we did. We were very well represented in School sides, and although in winter competitions success was limited to Junior Rugby we finished the year on a strong note, retaining the Swimming Cup and winning the Tennis.

There have inevitably been some poor features of the year, and the behaviour of a small minority has not been good. Teachers may be fair game, but I haven't much time for the boy who deliberately sets out to make life miserable for another. But we have also had a number of boys who have suffered injury, long illness, and bereavement, and I know very well how much these boys have valued the friendship and active support of their fellows at times of great personal strain.

This is the fifteenth and last time I have penned these notes, for we now leave Ruthven for other fields. I was fortunate to inherit a fine House from Peter MacLellan, and I have been particularly lucky to have had a succession of experienced, hyper-active and loyal House Tutors: Frank McNamara, Nolan Newbury, and above all Neil Johnson. I and Ruthven have much to thank them for.

My thanks must also go to Mrs Pliszka, who has helped many a tearful new boy to find his feet, to a succession of Sisters, and to Mrs McDowall who has had the nigh impossible task of cleaning up after sixty-odd boys.

But above all Kay and I will remember the Ruthven boys and their parents, whose friendship we greatly value, and who have been so generous with their gifts and their good wishes. We wish the House every success in the future, and we are confident that Brian and Jean Raine will find their new post happy and rewarding.

D.A.R.W.

Head of House: G. C. McLean (Autumn Term)
S. R. Watt (from January)

Deputy Head: D. B. Walker

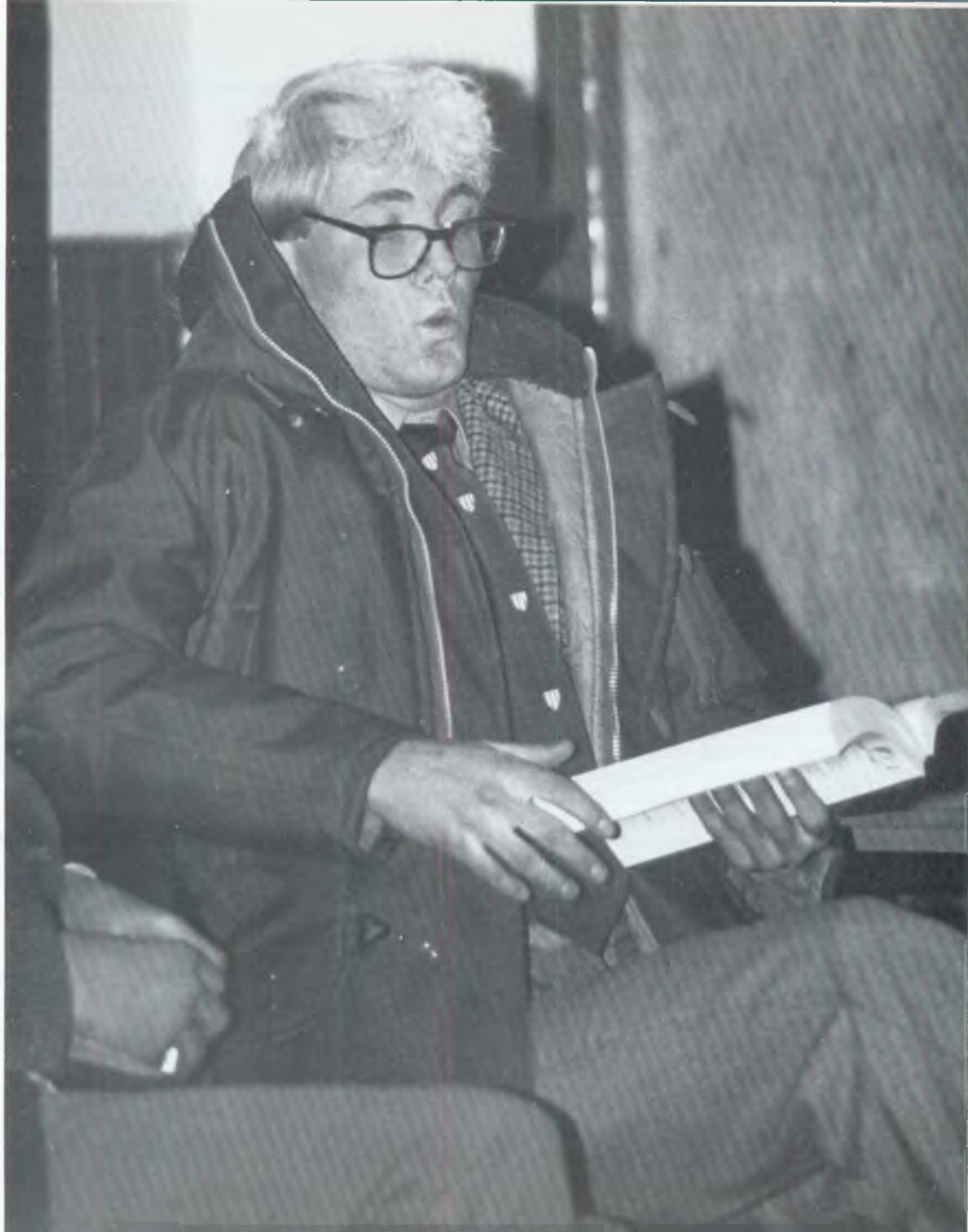
Prefects:	W. Baird	P. J. Stewart
	Adrain P. Johnston	G. M. Archer
	Alistair P. Johnston	T. J. Coard
	B. D. Montgomery	

Captains, etc.:

Rugby	S. R. Watt
Hockey	B. D. Montgomery
Cricket	S. R. Watt
Athletics	D. B. Walker
Swimming	D. B. Walker
Cross-Country	B. D. Montgomery
Ski-ing	M. W. Lightbody
Shooting	Alistair P. Johnston/W. R. Hamilton
Sailing	A. G. Fraser
Tennis	M. W. Lightbody
Golf	G. M. Archer
Squash	G. M. Archer
Music (instrumental)	W. M. Downie
(vocal)	T. J. Coard

House Colours

were awarded to:	S. R. Watt	T. J. Coard
	D. B. Walker	M. W. Lightbody
	B. D. Montgomery	D. A. Robson
	Alistair P. Johnston	



simpson

In order to attempt to introduce a suspicion of originality into this report of Simpson memorabilia, I had decided to write it in the congenial atmosphere of the Rose and Crown, a charming hostelry near Sherborne. Unfortunately so pleasant was the atmosphere that my pen deserted me.

This effort has been written in the slightly less hospitable surroundings of a four-hour wait in the departure lounge of Gatwick Airport. Therefore any libel actions, complaints of omission, cynicism or mere vitriol should be addressed to the American air traffic controllers.

Having said goodbye and thank you to Angus Macleod last summer, the phoenix re-emerged in September to become the country's youngest elder statesman—Margaret Thatcher please note. Having rid himself of the cares of Head of School, Angus gained his rugby colours, became a leading socialite and occasional transvestite. Reliable sources have it that he put the experience to good effect in the seedier parts of Sydney. Unfortunately the scholars of Lincoln failed to test his knowledge of Highland cattle, but I am sure that this will be St Andrew's gain. At the time of writing I do not know whether Patrick Russell will take up his position of elder statesman with executive authority in the autumn.

On the academic front Patrick Russell won two and Colin Harrison three prizes on Speech Day, and it was fitting that Colin, who has given so much of his time and talent to School music, should play a solo. Unfortunately we failed to retain the music cup, falling to a most professional challenge from Charlie's Angels. Many congratulations to Thorny Shades on winning their first trophy.

Sporting achievements played an even larger part in House activities than usual. We won the Rugby House Leagues, the Junior Squash and, best of all, the House Cricket. Despite canine help we only managed second place in the House Swimming, and could not quite compete with the Nicol stars in either the indoor or the outdoor hockey.

There were also a number of outstanding individual performances. Mike Allingham again represented the Scottish under-16's at cricket while Russell Kilpatrick narrowly missed selection. Alastair Taylor won his under-16 Squash cap, as well as winning the Junior singles. Mike Goodbourn was arguably the best sailing crew the School has had, while Graham Roger not only won the middle cross-country, but added the Senior to the Middle and Junior Victor Ludorum's that he had already won in previous years. Lastly, Colin Panton tried to prove once and for all that the pen is mightier than the sword.

Finally, I would like to thank Patrick Russell and his prefects for their hard work and good sense and conscientiousness; Helen Mackay for her gallant attempts to keep the House clean; Eric Smith for his vigilance, and Duncan and Liz Langlands for all their many contributions.

Simpson will not be the same without Finlay Bowie's timetables, Alan Thomson's domestic workshop, Ashley Harbert's probing investigations and 'Des' Baxter. Goodbye and good luck to all the leavers.

N.T.H.Du B.

School Prefects: C. A. Macleod P. D. Russell

House Prefects:	B. M. Goodbourn	F. R. Bowie
	A. S. Harbert	J. W. J. Logan
	M. G. Goodbourn	J. R. M. Crabb
	I. H. M. McCausland	G. Roger

House Colours:	C. A. Macleod	C. R. Harrison
	P. D. Russell	M. G. Goodbourn
	A. S. Harbert	M. J. S. Hulme
	B. M. Goodbourn	A. J. Taylor
	G. Roger	M. J. de G. Allingham

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THORNY SHADES

Having completed our second year at Strathallan, Thorny Shades, although not a major contestant in the inter-House rivalry for obvious reasons, has become increasingly integrated in School activities, providing amusement to onlookers, if nothing else. For certainly, long past are the days when the girls were regarded as the delicate sex, unable to open doors, let alone be confronted by an aggressive male hockey team!

The House activities have been varied, although often more credit can be given for effort than result! Our disadvantage lies in the restriction of choice of members of teams, which fact we do not hesitate to advertise, for in spite of the increase to twenty girls, the numbers remain small. As a result, the tennis, badminton, ski-ing and squash teams put forward against other schools had limited successes. However, the standard of our cross-country team was of a different calibre and we came 4th in the Scottish Schools at Heriot-Watt University. A special mention should go to Charlotte Cantley for her individual run, and also for being the first girl to get her colours (although her use for the tie is somewhat debatable)! We also took part in some House teams and while the junior hockey House league faced substantial opposition from the girls, Freeland met no such difficulties in the House tennis.

The academic standard of the House is very high, in spite of the view held by the male chauvinists that we should merely cook, sew and clean for the boys, being incapable of anything else. Clarissa Rowe not only excelled in her 'A' level grades but also gained a place at Balliol College, Oxford, this coming October, and of equal merit Lindsay Naylor won one of the top bursaries to Aberdeen. Prizes were won on Speech Day by Lindsay Naylor, Sally Rutherford, Irene Mason and Barbie MacLaurin. Similarly we have taken a major part in the musical sphere and our first Cup was won in the House Music Competition where our representatives excelled in both standard and initiative. Also, several of the girls have strengthened the Choir and Orchestra in particular Jocelyn Christie, Rona Kite, Irene Mason and Christine Lee. On the Drama side the Lower Sixth have provided the necessary female roles in School plays, the success of the Christmas ones being followed up by a series of one-act plays on Speech Day in the new Theatre-Lecture room.

The year is not only memorable for the academic and

musical achievements, for naturally the girls play a large part on the social side. Amidst much speculation some are particularly notable for their constant switch of affections. On the male side, what boy would resist the temptations of a personal laundry service, even though the returned articles are often unrecognisable?! (Unfortunately the blowing up of the washing machine by a certain female, who will remain unknown, put a temporary halt to this activity). There have been several social occasions including a wine tasting party (somewhat restricted by the absence of wine!) and a 'Tarts and Tramps' Party—enough said that it was the School Prefects who were the Tramps—which was memorable for the obvious effort made by all in decor and dress, in particular Mr Pighills and Mr Fairbairn. Next year will see a large increase in our numbers, as girls will be taken throughout the School, and already the building of the new House 'Woodlands' is in progress. However, while we look forward to Mr and Mrs Williams as the new Housemaster and Housemistress and wish them every success in their new job, we will be sorry to see Mr and Mrs Fairbairn leave Thorny Shades, and would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their help and interest during the past two years enabling us to participate fully in School life.

Barbie MacLaurin.



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RILEY HOUSE



Although this has not been a year for any sensational improvements, developments or results, it has been a year for some quiet satisfaction. We have had our disappointments, particularly with regard to a disastrous cricket season, but the successes and reasons for pleasure have far outweighed the less satisfactory aspects.

Undoubtedly the greatest cause for this satisfaction has been the arrival of Mrs Brown as Matron. Competence and efficiency have been the least of the excellent qualities she has brought to the job: more important have been the understanding, sympathy and warmth she has introduced. With the new central heating working so well too, the warmth generated in the House is altogether greater than it used to be in the chilly days of the past. We have also had three new tutors in the course of the year. Mr Law has proved very helpful and enthusiastic, and has operated the House bank with mathematical efficiency. Mr Auld, as others have in the past, found the combination of music master and Riley tutor a difficult problem to counter, despite his obvious enthusiasm, and sensibly opted for a

senior house. He was replaced in the spring by Mr Jones, who has made an auspicious start.

Newcomers have not been confined to the staff. For the first time in our history, girls have started to take their place in Form I. Lara Clayton has been the first, and made the problem of integration no problem at all by her sensible approach. The tone has been set for other incumbents to follow.

This break with tradition was also followed on the sports field, where the best rugby season Riley have had was followed by the worst cricket season. The rugby started unpromisingly, but two of the early defeats were against much larger sides, and early pessimism proved unfounded, as fine victories were recorded over Ardvreck, Beaconsfield Grange and New Park. The side showed great determination and enthusiasm, and thoroughly deserved these good results. The cricket, on the other hand, was desperately disappointing. The potential was certainly there, but a series of misfortunes led to a loss of determination, enthusiasm, team spirit and a willingness to learn.

There was a considerable improvement in the latter part of the season, but the damage had been done. It was all such a sad contrast with the rugby, and, indeed, with the hockey. Here we had a highly promising, and determined, and enthusiastic team, but very bad luck with the fixture list meant that we only played one match, against unbeaten Cargilfield, with whom we fought out a highly creditable draw. Scott Oliver and Colin Fairweather were outstanding players. Perhaps the moral of the sports year is that success breeds success, and failure failure. The 1st Form performed well in their hockey and cricket fixtures with Craigclowan, having the better of both encounters with more experienced opponents.

The 1st Form were also very conscientious in the classroom and much of the good work of the year was done by them. Individuals in Form 2 did well, but the atmosphere in the class, particularly in the summer, was not always conducive to work and was sometimes irresponsible. Like so many years in so many schools, everybody was well-meaning as an individual, but as a group they could be disruptive. On the other hand, when properly channelled or motivated, they could be a marvellous group to work with. This was true of the rugby and the hockey, and was also true of a musical production they put on in the spring term. This was not only great fun, but performed with great style and panache, splendidly supported by a behind-the-scenes team of workers. All who saw 'The Swinging Piper' thoroughly enjoyed it—and yet the same boys formed part of a mediocre and lacklustre choir! No mention of music would be complete without a mention of Simon Billington's violin playing. It was of a standard well above his years, and to see a Riley boy leading the orchestra was a delight. He set a standard of excellence which all Riley boys (and girls) should seek to emulate in some field or other.

M.J.E.W.

SPORTS RESULTS

RUGBY

Sept. 27th v. Rannoch	(H)	Lost	6-20
Oct. 4th v. Fettes Junior School	(H)	Lost	4-8
Oct. 11th v. Belmont House	(H)	Lost	0-20
Oct. 25th v. Lomond	(A)	Won	4-0
Nov. 8th v. Croftinloan	(A)	Lost	0-14
Nov. 11th v. Ardvreck	(A)	Won	6-4
Nov. 15th v. Beaconsgrange	(H)	Won	14-0
Nov. 22nd v. New Park	(A)	Won	16-12
Dec. 6th v. Morrison's Academy	(H)	Lost	4-27

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HOCKEY

Mar. 11th v. Cargilfield	(A)	Drawn	2-2
Mar. 17th v. Craigclowan	(H)	Won	2-1

(Form I)

CRICKET

May 9th (H)	CROFTINLOAN 36.	RILEY 38 for 4.
	Won by 6 wkts.	
May 14th (H)	RILEY 86.	NEW PARK 88 for 3.
	Lost by 7 wkts.	
May 23rd (A)	RILEY 17.	CLIFTON HALL 18 for 2.
	Lost by 8 wkts.	
May 30th (A)	LATHALLAN 172 for 9 dec.	RILEY 58.
	Lost by 114 runs.	
June 5th (H)	RILEY 75 for 6 dec.	FATHERS 76 for 9.
	Lost by 1 wkt.	
June 18th (A)	RILEY 107 for 8 dec.	FETTES JUNIOR SCHOOL 53 for 3.
	Match drawn.	
June 30th (H)	RILEY 112.	ARDVRECK 113 for 1.
	Lost by 9 wkts.	
July 4th (H)	RILEY 97 for 4 dec.	EDINBURGH ACADEMY 62 for 5.
	Match drawn.	

2nd XI

May 14th (A)	RILEY 70.	NEW PARK 36.
	Won by 34 runs.	
June 30th (A)	RILEY 43.	ARDVRECK 44 for 3.
	Lost by 7 wkts.	

Form I

June 24th (H)	RILEY 72 for 4 dec.	CRAIGCLOWAN 35 for 9.
	Match drawn.	

ATHLETICS

1st	2nd	3rd	Time/ distance
100m			
McLachlan	Paterson, R. W.	Aitken	13.1" (rec)
200m			
McLachlan	Paterson, R. W.	Aitken	28.9"
400m			
McLachlan	Oliver	Fairweather	65.4"
800m			
McLachlan	Fairweather	Oliver	2'37.6"
1500m			
Fairweather	Paterson, R. W.	Crawford	5'14.0" (rec)
High Jump			
McLachlan	Paterson, J. W. G.	Clarke, S. G.	1m27
Long Jump			
Oliver	McLachlan	Paterson, R. W.	3m85
4x100m			
Big Dorm	Islay	Glencoe	59.9"
Victor Ludorum: N. A. McLachlan.			

RUGBY

We started the season with another visit to the South of France—this time winning two matches, including our biggest score ever in France, and losing two. In addition, we had the honour of playing in the Narbonne Stadium, a somewhat bigger more luxurious version of Murrayfield, as the opening match to the first division game Narbonne versus Grenoble. The game against Argelliers and the hospitality of the whole village that evening will long live in most of the touring party's memories—although some may remember Aramis more!

Once again this did make a difference in our approach to the early matches. It was pleasing to see the School pack being able to cope with the Old Boys and an excellent opportunist try by Fraser McClung levelled the scores at 7–7, just before the final whistle. Unfortunately the Perth Academy game was very scrappy and with John Coleman having to leave the field mid-way through the first half we were unable to capitalise on our superiority. However, tries by Martin Gray, Angus Thomson and three penalties and one conversion by Fraser McClung put us out of reach at 19–10.

The picturesque but uncomfortable journey to Rannoch seemed to have its usual soporific effect. Granted conditions were not favourable, yet we should have dominated the game much more and had it not been for Fraser McClung's invaluable contribution of eleven points this could have been another humiliating surprise defeat. The Keil match showed what could be done when forward domination produced good ball, giving the backs time and confidence to experiment. As a result, both wings, Simon Morton and Graham Forbes, and full back Bruce Montgomery scored tries—this game also saw the fly-half, David Rourke, at his best.

The Fettes match was something of a strange mixture. Throughout the first twenty minutes we were the only side in the game and one was convinced there could only be one

result. However, their defence held out creditably and their first score came from a defensive lapse at a set piece just outside their 22. A superb covering tackle by Martin Lightbody from the opposite wing stopped the break in the corner but they scored from the subsequent play and this seemed to be such a dispiriting blow that they scored again immediately. Just before and after half time they had scored nineteen points without reply and then in the last quarter of the game we came back very strongly, scoring once and being very close two or three times. A story of 'what might have been.'

Glenalmond and Loretto were a different story—once behind in these matches there was a definite air of resignation and so we were deservedly and resoundingly beaten in both games. For the record, this was the first time in six years that we had been beaten by over thirty points twice in one season, let alone in successive games. There was some revival against the touring side Ellesmere College but, as with Fettes, we let the game slip out of our hands.

This was one season when the half-term break was a very good thing and we were able to start afresh and it is a tribute to the determination and dedication of captain, Angus Thomson, ably assisted by Angus Macleod, that the morale of the side was brought to such a high pitch after the aforementioned defeats. Even with the inexplicable defeat against Kelvinside it was an excellent second half of the season.

The change of mood and results started with a very sound victory over Merchiston 24–3 with tries by Doug. Walker (2), our set-move, short-penalty expert, Angus Thomson (1) and three conversions and two penalties by Fraser McClung. Forward tries showed the superiority in this area and the improvement in the forward play. Despite the victory it was felt that the backs had not made good use of the amount of ball they had and, as a result, one or two changes were made for the games against Morrison's and Edinburgh Academies.



After a satisfying 16-7 victory over Morrison's we drew 9-9 with Edinburgh Academy in a thrilling match. Although a draw, with Eddie Ijeomah, who had his best match of the season, off with concussion for the last quarter and Angus Thomson virtually a passenger for the second half it was, we all felt, a moral victory. Tremendous work-rate and spirit overall was the hall-mark, which was epitomised by Angus Macleod, our diminutive scrum-half, that unbeatable com-

bination of Durham and Scotland, tackling a massive second-row forward as if he were a lumberjack felling a giant fir with one mighty blow. Steve Watt showed in this match and in others to follow that his injuries before half-term may well have prevented him making a real challenge as hooker for the Scottish Schoolboys. As a result of this match Angus Thomson also sacrificed his chances of playing for the President's XV.



In absolutely appalling conditions Mud Flats lived up to its name in the fixture against Gordonstoun. It was extremely difficult to do anything and a 13-3 victory was satisfactory. Dollar Academy was a different matter and we were brought to life with a real jolt when they scored with consummate ease in the first minute. This galvanised the team into action and again the forwards took control. Unfortunately, the ball did not go to centre and wings quickly enough—thus, tries were scored by Doug Walker and Angus Thomson with three penalties from Fraser McClung to give a satisfying 17-7 victory.

It seemed within the first five minutes of the Kelvinside match that it would be a matter of how many points we would score rather than whether or not we would win. Not only were we over their line but we were very close on two occasions; sadly, points did not materialise and the longer the game went on the more frustrated we got. Undoubtedly, Kelvinside defended well for their 7-3 victory but it would not have been an unfair reflection on the game if the score had been 20-7 to us! The other half of the Glasgow matches, the Academy, proved to be very tough opposition—a 6-3 victory to us, all the points coming from penalties, showed just how tight the game was.







We rounded off the season with a game against St Edward's College, Oxford. At half-time the score line was 6-4 with a try from Angus Thomson, but in the second half, the touring side put us under pressure and began to stretch our defence, especially at set pieces and from loose ruck/maul situations. Thus our backs, who looked superior, were starved of vital possession. A lasting memory of this match will be James Turnbull's rampaging drive half the length of the field, showing that even props can side step.

As can be seen from the statistics we finished the season with a satisfactory record; but for Ellesmere College and Kelvinside, both matches we should have won, it would have been a very good season. A raw and inexperienced pack, with only Angus Thomson having played throughout the previous season and some not having been main stream Senior Colts players, had eventually proved itself. Stuart Raeside and Martin Gray are examples of the improvement made—both determined players and great line-out forwards. The backs, on the whole, were young and inexperienced and it will be of great benefit next season to see a number returning. 1st XV colours were awarded to: A. A. Thomson, C. A. Macleod, S. R. Watt, D. B. Walker, S. D. Raeside, M. H. Gray.

Because of a shortage of coaches, the 3rd and 4th XV's were looked after by Mr Langlands; he was able to get to grips with both teams and they had more than satisfactory results. The Senior Colts, although not outstanding, gave a good account of themselves and had the Merchiston game gone the right way it would have been an excellent tribute to Mr Swain, whose last season with us as coach this was. He has been of great assistance at all levels and will be sorely missed by myself and by the boys. I'm sure that our loss will be Bangor's gain. The Junior Colts, captained by D. A. Biggart, had a very successful season with Mr Barratt now giving his expertise at this new level. It was good to see such ability and commitment from the backs, among whom A. G. Reid, N. H. McKee, M. G. Steel, H. W. McCall-Smith and A. P. S. Caush were outstanding. If the forwards can develop and mature this could be a formidable side. In addition to a very good season the Minor Colts went on a short end of term tour to the North of England, playing Barnard Castle and Durham Schools. Although they lost narrowly to Durham School it does show that they are capable of taking on the best in England. With backs of the calibre of J. A. Clarke, K. H. Adamson and D. W. Davidson and intuitive, determined forwards like S. J. Duncan, N. D. Kilpatrick, A. W. Tench and A. C. Buchanan they should do well in the future.

Many thanks to all the coaches who make the rugby in the School possible and to Craig Young and the catering staff and Mrs Williams and the sewing room department for all their care and consideration.

B. Raine.

RESULTS

1st XV

School matches

v. Perth Academy	won	19-10
v. Rannoch	won	15-6
v. Keil	won	34-0
v. Fettes	lost	4-19
v. Glenalmond	lost	12-36
v. Loretto	lost	3-35
v. Ellesmere College	lost	7-20
v. Merchiston	won	24-3
v. Edinburgh Academy	drawn	9-9
v. Morrison's Academy	won	16-7
v. Gordonstoun	won	13-3
v. Dollar Academy	won	17-7
v. Kelvinside Academy	lost	3-7
v. Glasgow Academy	won	6-3
v. St Edward's Oxford	lost	4-16

Club match

v. Old Strathallians	drawn	7-7
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Schools: Played 15; Won 8; Drawn 1; Lost 6.

Points for: 186; Points against: 181.

All matches: Played 16; Won 8; Drawn 2; Lost 6.

Points for: 193; Points against: 188.

2nd XV

v. Queen Victoria School 1st XV	won	11-6
v. Fettes	lost	6-14
v. Glenalmond	lost	6-14
v. Loretto	lost	4-8
v. Merchiston	won	9-0
v. Edinburgh Academy	lost	8-9
v. Morrison's Academy	lost	0-9
v. Kelvinside Academy	lost	7-9
v. Glasgow Academy	won	16-9
v. Perthshire Colts	won	7-6
v. Wombles	lost	6-17

Played: 11; Won 4; Lost 7.

Points for: 80; Points against: 101.

3rd XV

v. Perth High School 1st XV	won	13-0
v. Rannoch 2nd XV	won	51-0
v. Fettes	lost	3-44
v. Glenalmond	lost	3-32
v. Loretto	won	15-0
v. Merchiston	lost	9-22
v. Edinburgh Academy	drawn	9-9
v. Dollar Academy	won	18-12
v. Kelvinside Academy	won	10-0

Played 9; Won 5; Drawn 1; Lost 3.

Points for: 131; Points against: 119.

4th XV

v. Queen Victoria School 2nd XV	lost	3-14
v. Fettes	lost	0-24
v. Glenalmond	lost	0-3
v. Loretto 5th XV	won	15-3
v. Merchiston	won	4-0
v. Edinburgh Academy 5th XV	won	14-12
v. Dollar Academy	won	22-6
v. Kelvinside Academy	won	24-0

Played 8; Won 5; Lost 3.

Points for: 82; Points against: 62.

5th XV

v. Rannoch 3rd XV	lost	3-10
v. Glenalmond	lost	0-46
v. Loretto 6th XV	won	19-14
v. Merchiston	lost	0-52

Played 4; Won 1; Lost 3.

Points for: 22; Points against: 122.

6th XV

v. Glenalmond	lost	0-8
v. Merchiston	lost	10-26

SENIOR COLTS (u.16) 'A' XV

v. Rannoch	won	52-0
v. Keil	won	48-4
v. Fettes	won	16-8
v. Glenalmond	lost	12-24
v. Loretto 4th XV	won	32-0
v. Merchiston	lost	18-19
v. Dollar Academy	drawn	12-12
v. Glasgow Academy	won	9-3

Played 8; Won 5; Drawn 1; Lost 2.

Points for: 199; Points against: 70.

SENIOR COLTS (u.16) 'B' XV

v. Perth Academy 'A' XV	lost	4-30
v. Glenalmond	lost	4-44
v. Glenalmond	lost	0-10

Played 3; Lost 3.

Points for: 8; Points against: 84.

JUNIOR COLTS (u.15) 'A' XV

v. Rannoch	won	50-0
v. Fettes	won	18-0
v. Glenalmond	won	16-6
v. Loretto	won	20-4
v. Merchiston	won	15-6
v. Dollar Academy	lost	3-9
v. Morrison's Academy	won	40-0

Played 7; Won 6; Lost 1.

Points for: 162; Points against: 25.



JUNIOR COLTS (u.15) 'B' XV

v. Perth Academy 'A' XV
v. Glenalmond
v. Fettes
v. Merchiston

Played 4; Won 2; Lost 2.

Points for: 32; Points against: 56.

JUNIOR COLTS (u.15) 'C' XV

v. Merchiston

MINOR COLTS (u.14) 'A' XV

v. Rannoch
v. Lathallan
v. Fettes
v. Glenalmond
v. Loretto

won 10-6
lost 4-34
lost 4-12
won 14-4

drawn 4-4

won 68-0
won 30-0
won 28-4
won 13-10
won 16-0

v. Merchiston
v. Dollar Academy
v. Morrison's Academy
v. Stockport GS
v. Barnard Castle
v. Durham School

Played 11; Won 9; Lost 2.

Points for: 308; Points against: 58.

MINOR COLTS (u.14) 'B' XV

v. Perth Academy
v. Glenalmond
v. Merchiston

Played 3; Won 1; Lost 2.

Points for: 60; Points against: 40.

won 28-8
won 17-4
won 72-0
lost 14-16
won 22-0
lost 0-16

lost 0-20
lost 6-20
won 54-0

CROSS COUNTRY

Captain: P. K. Reid.

At the beginning of the season, the cross country team had plenty of talent, especially the senior team, but due to lack of enthusiasm and injury, the results were not quite as good as expected.

In all the home fixtures, Mr Brown ran a Senior 'B' team and occasionally an under-17 'B' team.

Throughout the season, the under-15 team achieved exceptionally well. Harley and White ran well for the under-17's and James Turnbull and David Reynolds for the under-19's.

The girls ran for the School team for the first time. Although the team results were not exceptional, Charlotte Cantley ran extremely well in all her races.

The Scottish Schools Cross Country Championships were again held at Heriot-Watt University with teams from the School running in all age groups. The girls did not repeat last year's performance there being a larger number of competitors but the senior team was placed 9th, with Reid 67th, Reynolds 69th, Alistair Biggart 72nd and Turnbull 87th.

The full length Trophy race at the end of term (8 miles) was won by James Tyrnbull.

Reid, Turnbull, Reynolds and Charlotte Cantley were all awarded cross country colours.

Results:

v. Dollar Academy	lost
v. Keil v. Kelvinside Academy	2nd
v. Balwearie HS v. Kirkcaldy HS	3rd
v. Glenalmond v. Rannoch	3rd
v. Morrison's Academy	won
v. Perth Academy v. Perth HS	3rd

Inter-House Competition:

1st—Freeland	2nd—Leburn	3rd—Nicol
4th—Ruthven	5th—Simpson	
Junior: K. F. Orr	Middle: G. Roger	Senior: P. K. Reid

SQUASH

This year saw the development of two young players fulfilling their promise. M. M. Hutcheson and A. N. Taylor played attractive and attacking squash which, apart from enthusing the spectator, also served as an inspiration to the rest of the team. Their success results from considerable attention to improvement of any weakness they have and one of them was rewarded by being selected for the Scottish Schoolboys. Congratulations to A. N. Taylor.

Perhaps not surprisingly the overall performance of the team was very satisfactory. Of twenty-one matches played in both senior and junior leagues of the Dundee and District, sixteen were won and only five lost (four away games). We finished third in the senior league table but were unable to complete the junior fixtures owing to treacherous weather.

In the inaugural year of the Tayside Region Junior Competition, the team were runners-up to Grange Country Club. M. M. Hutcheson and A. N. Taylor were selected to play for the Tayside Region V in the Scottish Regional Championship.

The Scottish Individual Open Championship saw the flamboyant Hutcheson reach the Quarter finals in under 19. G. B. Hedges showed the great value of weight and power until he had to withdraw in the pre-quarter final to give preference to Hockey. In the under-16 event, A. N. Taylor's success ended at the hands of the number one player at the quarter final stage. Nevertheless he showed great fighting qualities to the selectors, to earn a cap for Scotland in the Triangular Tournament (England, Ireland and Scotland).

For the third year in succession we finished fifth in the Scottish Quaich Team Championship but, this year the field was much wider as the private clubs were also invited to participate. We won the Plate competition which compensated the team for its good efforts.

The House matches generated quite a lot of interest especially among juniors. Kilpatrick, Lawson, Uprichard, Bargon and Burrows showed promise for the future.

Inter-House Winners: Senior: Nicol Junior: Simpson.

Senior Champion: M. M. Hutcheson—awarded the Vivian Fairlie Cup and full colours.

Junior Champion: A. N. Taylor.

S.K.D.

SHOOTING

My acknowledgments to Mr Pollard for his endless perseverance in supervising shooting four times a week.

Both 'A' and 'B' teams were entered for the Autumn League, but unfortunately we had to withdraw the 'B' team owing to lack of support caused by unforeseen occurrences. The 'A' team, however, carried on consistently throughout the season.

This year saw the debut of the first lady competition shooter, Clarissa Rowe, who proved her usefulness.

The 'A' team this year consisted of: W. Baird, Alistair P. Johnston, P. D. Russell, W. R. Hamilton, R. A. Ferguson. Also shot: Clarissa Rowe, L. W. Gordon and J. W. Galloway.

The 'B' team consisted of: S. R. Bell, K. J. Sime, P. G. C. Watson and P. H. Tyser.

Shooting colours were awarded to: W. R. Hamilton, Alistair P. Johnston and P. D. Russell.

The individual Shooting Cup for the highest competition average was awarded to Alistair P. Johnston.

The House Shooting Cup remained on the Nicol shelf, even after some controversy.

W. R. Hamilton is appointed Captain of Shooting for the 1981/82 season.

W. Baird.

BASKETBALL

Captain: M. H. Gray

We started the year in a similar situation to that of the previous year—all but two of the team had departed and the two remaining players had little match experience. However, after an appeal for players, the initial enthusiasm was good and we soon had a complete side.

Unfortunately the first match loomed up before we had time to brush up on anything more than the basics. Our strategy was to give the ball to one of the few reasonable shooters we had, give him a shot and hope to get the rebound if he missed. Our rivals were always quick to guess our moves and it did not give all our players enough of the ball. After about eight matches our morale was dropping.

We then started to pass the ball around a great deal more, but at first there was no great difference as there was a lack of communication between players. However the situation improved and towards the end of the season we had a run of wins against Brechin, St Saviour's, Kinross and Rannoch.

In the Tayside Cup we were drawn against the strong Menzieshill and lost to them 72-34. We had better luck in the first round of the Scottish Cup with a win against Oban High. We were unlucky to be drawn against the Scottish Champions, Cumnock, who have five players in the National Squad, in the second round. We lost to them 136-18, although we remained determined to score baskets to the end.

Although this year has not been a particularly successful one for the Club in terms of wins, I think that the interest further down the School and the introduction of junior matches will ensure the strengthening of the team in the future.

Results:

v. Glenalmond	lost 43-60
v. Crieff High	won 36-13
v. Menzieshill	lost 24-47
v. Oban	won 38-22
v. Glenalmond	lost 23-47
v. Perth Academy	lost 52-56
v. Cumnock (Scottish Cup)	lost 18-136
v. Strathallian Club	lost 18-49
v. Falkirk High	lost 39-59
v. Menzieshill (Tay Cup)	lost 34-72
v. Brechin	won 58-40
v. St Saviour's	won 49-47
v. Rannoch	won 73-56
v. Glenalmond	lost 41-76
v. Queen Anne	lost 45-47
v. Kinross	won 76-18

Played 16; Won 6; Lost 10.

Winners of Muir Cup: Perth Academy.

M. H. Gray.

SKIING



The best that can be said of the 1981 season is that whenever there was any snow we were there standing shoulder to shoulder on it.

The Spring Term was characterised by groups of forlorn and frustrated skiers wandering aimlessly round the grounds, knees twitching feebly and wondering how they'd survive another week without a packed lunch.

And spare a thought for Grant White. He took a lot of trouble putting the organisation into action and ended up, through absolutely no fault of his own, with very little to show for his year of Captaincy. Only one race took place—the girls qualifying round for the Scottish Schools event.

Our team, chosen for their good looks, enjoyed themselves and performed creditably on what was arguably the one good day of the season. They failed to qualify for the final but that scarcely mattered since the final was eventually cancelled.

Madesimo was a good place to be at the end of term. Although the lower slopes, in common with those of virtually all the European resorts, had taken a fierce hammering from the rain and warm winds, conditions at the top were idyllic—a vast deep snowfield glistening under cloudless skies with sunshine hot enough to raise blisters on the unwary. The photograph tells it all—and look at the standard of instruction we provided! That's Wonderful Wendy on the right.

We managed a day's midweek ski-ing on Field Day which was thoroughly enjoyable and excellent value. Even with relatively poor snow cover the absence of queues meant that we covered more ski miles than in all the Sundays put together.

One unfortunate climatic casualty was the House Race; not just because it's an event to which we look forward but also because we were unable to compete for the first time for the Duncan Trophy, generously presented by Mr Jack Duncan, father of Ronnie. The trophy is to be awarded annually to the individual winner of the competition.

Ron was very active on the Europa Cup circuit during the winter, gaining valuable experience and FIS points in a succession of events all over the continent. He narrowly missed being given a start in the last European World Cup event of the season. Over the summer he has been racing 'down under' with Konrad Bartelski, Martin Bell and Freddie Burton. His downhill points now qualify him for 'free' entry to the Europa Cup and are within a short spit of making him an automatic choice for World Cup. Keep your eyes on the box this winter.

We look forward to the coming season with optimism—it can't possibly be worse. Andrew Crawford, pictured competing in the 1981 British Junior Championships, has already captained our 'plastic' team of Robin Gilyead, Kyle Smith and Guarin Clayton through the Scottish Qualifying Round to the final of the British Schools Championship to be held at Hillend in December. And at the end of the Easter Term we're off to Tignes and Val d'Isere.

Finally to the vast horde of Old Strathallian skiers: how about a Strath Jamboree? We could hire Glencoe for the day and perhaps even have a race—if you're not scared of losing, that is!

J.F.C.



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HOCKEY

As in the previous year seniors turned out in great numbers for winter indoor training but only a few juniors made the effort. Next year a systematic programme of skills practice will be organised for them and I hope they will respond. If the good record of recent seasons is to be maintained it is essential they do.

A Strathallan team took part in the Inter-School and Inter-District Indoor Tournaments in Perth. In neither competition did we do as well as expected. Speed, aggression and, at least from some, stickwork were there, but we were caught out by 'soft' goals and superior tactics.

Graeme Mackenzie's solid play and short corner technique and David Rourke's speed and enthusiasm won them places in the National Indoor training squad. Rourke eventually represented Scottish Schoolboys in an invitation tournament at Meadowbank.

An exceptional February gave us almost a full programme of outdoor matches in the spring. Generally fixtures were played in pleasant conditions even if the pitches were soft.

In the 1st XI's pipe-opener against Morgan F.P. five forwards were used. The result was encouraging—a 3-3 draw—but showed that this formation puts a great strain on the centre half, and, although the young Allingham coped quite well, it was obvious by the end that a 2-4-4 arrangement would suit us better.

A bumpy pitch in Perth limited skills but we started well and were soon in front through Lightbody after a brilliant run by Rourke. Mackenzie had a short corner disallowed and the second half was more even but very scrappy. Mackenzie converted a corner and, although the Academy scrambled a goal after a series of a series of corners, Thomson's sound keeping kept us comfortably in front.

In the Loretto encounter Strathallan started in fine style and were quickly two goals up through excellent shots from Coleman. It looked as though Loretto would be overrun for, despite their getting and missing a stroke, they looked inexperienced and clumsy. But, although there were many attacks and near misses from corners, no more goals came and a rather physical game finished tamely.

Our pitch was wet but just playable for the transferred game with Fettes. Strathallan started slowly and Fettes quickly scored after dispossessing Mackenzie, his one bad error of the season. We showed more life after this and Rourke beat three defenders with great skill to slip a pass to Roger who netted spectacularly. Both sides went near in the second half but fine goalkeeping at both ends kept the score level. We had just the edge territorially and, with better shooting would have won, but Fettes, excellently led by their captain, were tenacious and deserved the draw.

The Gordonstoun trip became a mini-tour, playing there on the Friday afternoon and going on to Aberdeen on Saturday to renew our meetings with the Grammar School. The first game was an even affair, neither side making clear-cut chances in the first half. The home forwards looked dangerous on the break but were well handled by the Strathallan backs. The substitution of Hulme for Cuthill injected more life into midfield and chances came and went until Roger crossed powerfully from the right for Lightbody to deflect in the winner in a hard-fought match. Aberdeen didn't provide much opposition until the last few minutes when two remarkable deflections by Hedges prevented short corner goals which would have embarrassed us. For the rest of the game we dominated through skilful square interpassing by the midfield four. Three goals came directly or indirectly from short corners but at least ten more went unrewarded.

The game against Harris Academy was won by two good short corners from Mackenzie. After a shock goal by Harris in the first minute Strathallan were generally on top. Long balls down the middle were well dealt with by the backs and Thomson confidently cleared corners. The forwards didn't create many chances but Rourke flicked just over the bar on one occasion.

The new fixture with Stewarts Melville was nearly the victim of wet weather. The pitch was only just playable and in the first half neither side came to terms with the conditions. However once Strathallan had scored through Allingham's flick after a corner we played with more composure and quickly added more goals. Rourke dribbled round the keeper and he then put Coleman in for a third. A shot against the post following a marvellous 'one-two' between the same two players just failed to crown a fine second half performance.

With an unbeaten record a party went to the Oxford Festival with high hopes. They were to be dampened both literally and metaphorically. Three weeks of rain had left most grass unplayable and our fixtures were cut from five to four. Cheltenham proved a real handful on the Radley hard pitch. More familiar with this type of surface they had fine skills and teamwork. We were their match in the first half and were unlucky to concede a goal on the half time whistle. Cheltenham added another from a stroke on the restart but we then had a great chance to get back into the game only for Rourke to miss the penalty. The opposition added a third but the margin was flattering. We had played our best hockey of the season against opponents a class above anyone one meets in Scotland. The Forest game was largely played in impossible conditions. A torrential storm reduced the pitch to a quagmire and all skills were futile. Forest scored the only goal but we had all the pressure. This was a game we would have won on any other day for the opposition had enthusiasm but little talent. Although Warwick had a fine centre forward who caused constant trouble they, too, should have been beaten. Within twenty minutes we were two up through a stroke from Rourke and a firm hit from Kilpatrick but Warwick were level by half time. Mackenzie went near from a short corner and Rourke hit the post with his second stroke but we were unable to force the winner. (However your correspondent narrowly won the umpiring contest!) Framlingham were in the same class as Cheltenham but although they scored first they were unnerved by our attacking formation and with fine shots from Kilpatrick and Allingham we were ahead at half time. Reversion to a more defensive formation surrendered the initiative in the second half and Framlingham put us under immense pressure. It was no surprise when they scored twice to win. We had played well but had to concede to a better side who again emphasised how good schoolboy hockey is in the south of England.

Graeme Mackenzie and David Rourke were to find this out again when playing for the Scottish Schoolboys in the International Tournament in London. They acquitted themselves well. Mackenzie had a particularly fine game in the rearguard action against England and both scored in the comfortable victory over Wales. They, and John Coleman, represented the Midlands in the domestic inter-district competition.



These three were the outstanding players for the 1st XI. Although perhaps not scoring as many as he should Mackenzie always disturbed oppositions with his short corners and in defence he played immaculately. Rourke provided the flair at the front but was unlucky or inaccurate with his shooting. Coleman was fast and skilful on the left. The most improved player was Thomson. He was expected to be erratic but through hard work and good concentration he developed into a fine, safe keeper. Hedges was an excellent partner to Mackenzie at full back. His mobility is improving slowly! Although McPherson played with great enthusiasm and increasing authority, the midfield lacked a really dominating player. Allingham could fill this role next year but Cuthill, Montgomery and Hulme, while all having good games, struggled a little against the best opposition. Lightbody and Roger had speed and enthusiasm but both needed to be calmer when in the circle. At Oxford the powerful Kilpatrick looked a good prospect.

It was a sound, but not outstanding side. The spirit was good and most showed a desire to improve through hard practice. Much depended on the good example set by captain Mackenzie and secretary McPherson who were constantly enthusiastic and efficient.

Of the other School sides the 2nd XI were the most successful. Unbeaten again it was not quite as dominating a team as the previous year but it should provide some useful 1st XI players for the future. So too should the Senior Colts who had another good season, losing only once. The Junior Colts had some talented players but lacked the drive to win their close matches. The 3rd and 4th XI's had their short fixture lists disrupted by weather. It was probably just as well—they were the weakest for some years!

Riley were also plagued by bad weather but their XI played with determination to draw with Cargilfield, who, together with nine other schools came to our second Prep. Schools Hockey Day. Again it was blessed with clear weather and, after a hectic afternoon of six-a-side games Loretto Nippers carried off the new cup. The event is obviously here to stay and we look forward to more schools taking up the game and joining us next year.

My thanks go to all those, whether coaching, umpiring, organising, providing pitches and teas or washing shirts, who helped to make the hockey a success at an increasingly busy time of year. Please keep up the good work!

J.N.F.



TEAMS AND RESULTS

1st XI

G. F. G. Mackenzie* (Captain), N. W. McPherson* (Secretary), D. J. Rourke*, J. A. R. Coleman*, A. A. Thomson† (Goalkeeper), G. B. Hedges A. J. Cuthill†, B. D. Montgomery, M. J. Allingham, M. W. Lightbody, G. Roger, M. J. S. Hulme, R. W. N. Kilpatrick.

*Full colours †Half colours.

v. Morgan Academy F.P.	Drawn	3-3
v. Perth Academy	Won	2-1
v. Loretto	Won	2-0
v. Fettes	Drawn	1-1
v. Gordonstoun	Won	1-0
v. Aberdeen G.S.	Won	3-1
v. Harris Academy	Won	2-1
v. Stewarts Melville	Won	3-0

Oxford Festival

v. Cheltenham College	Lost	0-3
v. Forest	Lost	0-1
v. Warwick	Drawn	2-2
v. Framlingham	Lost	2-3

2nd XI

D. B. Walker (Captain), C. J. Panton (Goalkeeper), G. J. Fairweather, S. R. Bell, C. R. Churchill, B. D. Montgomery, M. J. S. Hulme, R. J. White, A. M. Smith, G. S. B. Corbett, G. M. Archer, R. W. N. Kilpatrick, J. F. Lewis, T. J. Coard, C. S. McCarroll, A. O. Shepherd.		
v. Rannoch 1st XI	Won	4-1
v. Loretto	Drawn	2-2
v. Fettes	Drawn	0-0
v. Harris Academy	Won	7-0
v. Stewarts Melville	Won	6-0
v. Perth H.S. 1st XI	Drawn	4-4

3rd XI

W. Baird (Captain), D. C. Maclellan (Goalkeeper), J. R. M. Crabb, S. R. Bell, C. S. McCarroll, P. A. McFarlane, C. J. Cracknell, R. S. J. Eglinton, K. S. Smellie, S. R. Watt, T. J. Coard, R. J. White, J. T. Hughes, W. P. Tyser.		
v. Rannoch	Lost	1-2
v. Loretto	Lost	2-3

4th XI

N. R. Mennie (Captain), A. P. Johnston (Goalkeeper), D. I. Smith, J. R. M. Crabb, N. L. McDougall, M. D. Glass, G. E. McClung, S. R. Watt, J. M. T. Barrowman, R. J. White, R. J. Semple, B. Watson.		
v. Loretto	Lost	1-7

SENIOR COLTS 'A' XI

M. P. Arbuckle (Captain), A. E. J. Wood (Goalkeeper), E. McIntosh, J. N. Fairbairn, R. A. Bain, G. V. F. Clayton, D. I. Knight, A. G. Reid, D. E. Uprichard, N. H. McKee, D. S. Paterson, A. L. V. Russell.

v. Perth Academy	Won	3-1
v. Loretto	Won	3-1
v. Fettes	Drawn	1-1
v. Gordonstoun	Won	2-1
v. Aberdeen G.S.	Lost	1-3
v. Harris Academy	Drawn	0-0

SENIOR COLTS 'B' XI

A. J. M. Crawford (Captain), D. W. Brown (Goalkeeper), N. S. Callender, W. M. Macdonald, D. A. Biggart, M. G. Steel, G. F. Montgomery, M. Drummond, G. M. Brown, D. J. Lawson, J. A. Houison-Crawford, T. D. Hamilton.

v. Loretto	Lost	2-3
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JUNIOR COLTS 'A' XI

K. H. Adamson (Captain), K. F. Orr (Goalkeeper), A. C. Buchanan, D. A. G. McMurray, M. D. Murphy, R. S. Hamilton, A. J. Fagg, A. W. Tench, J. C. Downie, A. R. Maclellan, J. M. Garnett, N. D. Kilpatrick, J. A. Clarke.

v. Perth Academy	Won	1-0
v. Loretto	Lost	1-2
v. Fettes	Drawn	1-1
v. Harris Academy	Lost	1-2

JUNIOR COLTS 'B' XI

B. S. McCall-Smith (Captain), G. K. A. Gill (Goalkeeper), R. K. Knox, C. M. Bannerman, R. D. Baird, S. Duncan, G. J. Lawson, D. W. Davidson, N. D. Kilpatrick.

v. Loretto	Won	3-2
v. Stewarts Melville	Won	11-0

OVERALL RECORD

Played 34; Won 15; Drawn 9; Lost 10;
Goals for 78; Goals against 52.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Indoor Cup won by Nicol (beating Simpson 16-6 in final).
Outdoor Cup

Preliminary round	Leburn	3	Freeland	-2
Semi-finals	Leburn	4	Ruthven	3
	Nicol	1	Simpson	0
Final	Nicol	4	Leburn	0

Leagues won by Freeland (83% record).

MUSIC ROUND-UP

At the start of any school year there is new musical blood and this year it extended to the Music Staff as well. By way of introduction, an Informal Concert was held in early September when anyone with musical talent could perform. This proved successful in breaking ice and noting who could do what. A now familiar feature of 'Headmaster's Musick' was held in the Music Room in November and both performers and audience were entertained by the Headmaster afterwards.

A number of new 'groups' appeared during the year. These included the 'Strathallan Singers'—a mixed chorus of 36 singers (reports elsewhere), a Windband conducted by Arthur Falconer, Opus 8—a vocal group specialising in Madrigals and Part Songs, and a String Orchestra conducted by Alistair Auld. In addition, the main Orchestra met regularly in the first and third terms. They were largely responsible for the music at the Christmas Concert, a programme of seasonal fare with audience participation. This was followed by the annual Christmas Carol Services in which there appeared a number of innovative carols intermingled with the old favourites—but with the addition of the Brass Group.

The Chapel Choir has flourished throughout the year. We were very fortunate to have a strong Treble line and the calibre of musicianship increased as the year progressed. In February, Riley House were responsible for a production of 'The Swinging Piper'—a rock operetta. This was performed in the new Drama Centre and was most warmly received by students and parents alike. Accounts of certain major musical events appear elsewhere and at this point I would simply like to add my sincere thanks to all those School musicians who have entertained during the year, to Alistair Auld, my assistant, for his hard work and support, and to all those visiting teachers who come week by week to teach individual instruments. For the first time there has been a student 'Head of Music'—a post which was held by Quentin Livingston who has been an able sounding board of musical opinion and of invaluable help to me.

M.S.T.

The last two evenings of the Spring Term saw the first concert given by Strathallan Singers. The programme was comprised of two short choral works by Handel and Bach and then a mass by Haydn.

The first piece of the evening was the famous anthem, 'Zadok the Priest,' which was written for the coronation of George II and has been sung at every coronation since.

This was followed by a chorale prelude on 'O Mensch, bewein dein Sunde Gross' sung unaccompanied by the choir after which the original setting was played on the organ by Gordon West.

The main work of the evening was a recital of Haydn's Mass No. 3 in D Minor which was originally performed during a visit by Nelson to Eisenstadt, hence it is now commonly known as 'The Nelson.' The soloists were: Maureen Nicol, soprano; Margaret Izatt, contralto; Peter McDonald, tenor; and our own Craig Young, bass.

The accompanying orchestra was made up of students, staff and friends of the School, and both orchestra and choir were conducted by Michael Tansley.

Irene Mason.

'ACIS AND GALATEA' (HANDEL)

A pastoral cantata

Performed in the Chapel, 27th June 1981

A most enjoyable evening was had by both performers and audience alike. This delightful work was originally to be performed outside, behind the main building which would have provided a perfect setting. However, the Chapel proved an adequate (and much warmer!) venue since weather conditions were unsuitable. Maureen Nicol and Peter McDonald made their second successful visit as soloists to Strath, whilst our own Craig Young proved ideal for the part of Polyphemus, the giant. Alex Wands sang the part of Acis but was the least convincing; some of his top notes not really penetrating as they should. The choruses were executed with great gusto and precision, and the orchestra played convincingly under the baton of Michael Tansley.

Anthems sung by the Choir:

Praise the Lord—Handel; God be in my head—Rutter;
Lead me, Lord—Wesley; Greater Love hath no man—
Ireland; Blessed be the God—Wesley; Sleepers Wake—arr.
Mendelssohn; Jesu, joy of man's desiring—Bach; O Come
ye servants—Tye; Lift up your heads—Matthias; The
spacious firmament—Graves; Hallelujah Chorus—Handel;
Insanae et vanae curae—Haydn; Ave verum corpus—
Mozart; O Thou the central Orb—Wood; Praise ye the
Lord—Hurd; O Clap your hands—Vaughan Williams.
Settings included: King's Call to Great Heart—a confirma-
tion hymn; a new Te Deum and Venite Psalm 150—
Beaumont.

**Choir and Musicians at St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh
Sunday, 31st May, 1981**

PROGRAMME

Choir: 'O Thou the central orb' - - - C.Wood
Clarinet Quintet: Minuet and Trio - - - Mozart
(Mark Selwood, Simon Billington, Angus Macdonald,
Hector Forsyth, Aileen Forsyth)
Choir: 'Like as a hart' - - - Herbert Howells
Opus 8: 'Alleluia Ascendit' - - - Byrd
(Rona Kite, Jocelyn Christie, Carolyn Mowat, Irene Mason,
Angus Macdonald, John Coard, Colin Harrison, Quentin Livingston)
Horn Solo: Concerto No. 3 (First movement) - - - Mozart
(Stewart Dow)
Flute Quartet: 'Four Fancies' - - - Gordon Jacob
(Irene Mason, Simon Billington, Colin Harrison, Rona Kite)
Choir: 'O Clap your hands' - - - Vaughan-Williams



Next year (no, by the time this magazine is printed, I expect it will be a year ago), one house at Strathallan will consist entirely of girls. How very sensible of Freeland and Nicol, therefore, to make the most of this last opportunity for male chauvinism and put on a play with an entirely male cast! How admirable, too, to produce a performance which was among the very best of recent years. Perhaps the comparative lack of distractions helped!

For this was an admirable production, the best since 'Journey's End,' in my opinion, though I have not seen them all. The first success was to choose the right play for the right people. It is not a great play, but it always has appeal for adolescents, with its strong, forthright language, powerful anti-war message and clear and, above all, recognisable characterisation. (Which



House common-room does not recognise the Bamforth and Whitaker types?). This last characteristic makes it particularly attractive to school producers, and Mr Barratt not only chose well, but conjured fine performances from his cast, notably in some of the lesser roles. Bruce Guthrie, for instance, was admirable in portraying the tough, experienced Cpl. Johnston, and in the opening scene, with the producer's help, was instantly successful in creating the atmosphere of tension in a hot, steamy jungle. Angus Macdonald was suitably wide-eyed and apprehensive as Private Whitaker. Frederic Levick was quite excellent as Lance-Corporal Macleish, selecting just the right Glaswegian accent, maintaining it and adding suitable overtones of indignation and despair as the occasion demanded—in a role, incidentally, created on the London stage by a Strathallian. Suresh Gandhi was action-perfect as the Japanese soldier



and cringed realistically, but surely he shouldn't have relaxed and enjoyed the 'Flingers on blonde' episode so soon? Robert Doig and Fergus Macmillan did all that was required of them in the roles of Smith and Evans—indeed, they were better than that bald remark might indicate.

Of the major roles, Kenneth Smellie's elusive accent was his only shortcoming. He was strong when strength was required, brutal in brutal scenes, and sympathetic to the prisoner in gentler passages. The role of Sergeant Mitchem is the key role, and it was bravely tackled by Peter McKee. Here, for all its positive qualities, I felt that he suffered from an excess of realism. Yes, some sergeants do carry on like that, never relaxing for a moment, bawling at all and sundry at the top of their voice, creating added tension and irritation in an already tense situation. To do that in the play, however, was counter-productive. The bawling became so insistent that it became,



firstly, annoying and, secondly, especially in the long argument with MacLeish in Act II, boring. One longed for some light and shade. It is arguable that this was a well-sustained performance and, in a sense, it was: possibly the fault lay with the part's creator, for I can remember being similarly affected by a professional in the part.



Technically, this was a good production. There was a little too much talking to the back of the stage, but, throughout, lines were very clear and lucidly enunciated, despite the multiplicity of accents. There was no bunching, a real feat on our tiny stage, and the actors all looked as if they meant what they were saying. The atmosphere, so skilfully created at the beginning, was maintained until the McLeish-Mitchem arguments, but inevitably was lost thereafter. I missed some of the tension necessary at the approach of the Japanese soldier, and surely they all spoke too loud then? I quite understand the producer's motives in abbreviating the final scene, but the result was a rather abrupt conclusion.



Final words of congratulation must go to the backroom boys who, as always at Strathallan, were superb. No praise is high enough for what Mr Macleod and Mr Goody achieve behind the scenes, year in, year out. They have saved mediocre productions and good ones, like this, they have enhanced.

'I wish,' said the lady behind me at the start, 'they had TV's at the side here, so that we could see 'Dallas.' I trust that, with this production, she felt that missing 'Dallas' was well worthwhile.

M.J.E.W.













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COMBINED CADET FORCE



This has been a good year for the C.C.F. and I've been pleased with what has been achieved. The C.C.F. will never be universally popular, particularly when it is compulsory, but I've noticed an increasing number of boys taking an interest in C.C.F. activities. For example, during the last year Colin Millar (Royal Marine Section) was awarded an Army Scholarship, Adrian Johnston (R.A.F. Section) was awarded a Flying Scholarship and Peter Watson (Royal Naval Section) a Royal Naval Reserve Scholarship. Colin Millar and John Coard also went on parachute courses. It is worth pointing out that many young people today are thinking of the Services as a career or, at least, taking short service commissions after leaving University. Recently, at R.A.F. Lossiemouth I met two young Jaguar pilots who had degrees in Biology and, job prospects being somewhat gloomy at the present time, they had decided to train as pilots. So I think the moral behind this is, take all the opportunities on offer through the C.C.F. because one day you may find this training of use to you in your future career. Several Old Boys recently have tried for short service commissions and their record of training in the School C.C.F. is always taken into consideration.

During the Christmas Term 1980, I invited Commander John Picton, O.C. Tay Division R.N.R., to be the Reviewing Officer for the Contingent Commander's Parade. Commander Picton obviously wanted to give value for money and spoke to almost every boy on parade. It was a great opportunity for the Contingent to demonstrate self discipline and I'm glad to say that most people, including the officers, stood up to it (literally) very well indeed.

Field Day, by way of an experiment, was held during the Easter Term. This was mainly to include ski-ing in the programme. Fortunately, in the midst of a green winter, there was just enough snow to satisfy the skiers. The weather was reasonable and for the rest there were plenty of other activities arranged so that most people enjoyed their day.

The main event of the Summer Term was General Inspection Day and this year, being an unofficial inspection, I invited Wing Commander R. R. Stanford-Tuck, D.S.O., D.F.C., R.A.F.(Ret'd) to be the Reviewing Officer. I also invited two Old Strathallian R.A.F. officers to accompany him: Squadron Leader A. D. K. Campbell, R.A.F., from Cottesmore (Tornado establishment) and Flying Officer K. W. Willox, R.A.F., Catering Officer at the R.A.F. Hospital, Nocton Hall.

Wing Commander Stanford-Tuck travelled overnight from Sandwich Bay in Kent and met his accompanying officers at R.A.F. Leuchars. They were flown over to the School by helicopter. A Guard of Honour was drawn up in front of the School and it was an impressive occasion. During the day, the Wing Commander looked at the various activities in the School grounds and then, with motorcycle escort, drove up from Coventrees for Retreat Parade. After tea there was a trip down the Tay, by motor launch, to watch members of the R.N. Section competing in Perth Sailing Club races. I was pleased that it was possible to arrange for Wing Commander Stanford-Tuck and the accompanying officers to meet some of the senior N.C.O's at a buffet supper that evening.

On the whole, I think it was a most successful day and it was a great honour and privilege to have one of the most famous Battle of Britain pilots of the last war as our Reviewing Officer for General Inspection Day 1981.

I was very pleased this year that Strathallian School was selected to be one of ten schools in the U.K.—the only school in Scotland—to form a Royal Marine Section. Naturally, the Marines are part of the R.N. Section of the C.C.F. and Sub-Lieutenant K. O. F. Glimm has been appointed Officer in Charge of the R.M. Section.

At the beginning of the summer term we welcomed Pilot Officer K. B. Jones, R.A.F.V.R.(T.) to the R.A.F. Section of the C.C.F. He has agreed to take charge of the motorcycle training, a responsible and unenviable task which I am delighted to hand over to him. Motorcycle training is extremely popular with some of our less enthusiastic members of the C.C.F. and, at the same time, extremely unpopular with almost everybody else on the campus.

P.A.B.





R.N. Section

This year began, ironically, with a farewell visit, that of Commander Picton, R.N.R., on relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer at HMS *Camperdown*. He inspected the whole C.C.F. Contingent on a cold winter afternoon that will long be remembered. We are grateful to him for his help and interest in our section.

We were also visited by Commander Logan, the father of two of our cadets. He, being a submariner, gave us a very interesting, lively, amusing and informative talk on the role of the submarine in the eighties. He spoke particularly of the principle of deterrents.

We have, as always, been visited regularly by F.C.P.O. Curle whom we are pleased to see fully recovered after his illness. We are very grateful to him for his invaluable assistance.



The main visit this year was that for General Inspection by the former R.A.F. fighter pilot, Wing Commander R. R. Stanford-Tuck. He inspected all the activities including our adventurous training group, our model boats and some sailing on the pond. After the retreat parade he was taken to the Tay to watch some more advanced sailing in a Perth Sailing Club competition. We are very grateful to HMS *Camperdown*, and in particular Lt.-Cdr. Bryden, for making the fast motor launch available on this occasion to ferry the inspecting party between Perth Harbour and the sailing area where they boarded our own Cheverton Champ.



Field Day this year was held in March. We are pleased and grateful that both HMS *Camperdown* and HMS *Cochrane*, Rosyth, were able to lay on so many excellent facilities.

During the Summer Term we had an overnight amphibious exercise using the motor boat, sailing club Enterprises and canoes. The trip was an eventful one with a demasting on the way down to Newburgh. Two boats managed to pass to the wrong side of the island and thus overshoot Newburgh by some distance on a scorching plane. Thus their crews and the motor boat's crew returned to camp in the early hours, having left the motor boat coxswain and the two Enterprises to guard their grounded craft with a tent and a sleeping bag between them.

The expedition, which suffered no further alarms, took place under the leadership of Lt. MacLeod and Sub-Lt. Goody, and thanks to Mrs Mackenzie-Smith who allowed us to camp at Lindores Abbey. We should not forget our saviour, Forgandenny regular, Mr Ian MacEwan, who performed a vital welding operation on the Cheverton gear-stick.

ROYAL MARINES DETACHMENT

Courses were well attended again this year with cadets sailing at HMS *Caledonia*, range firing at HMS *Cochrane*, and becoming acquainted with aircraft at HMS *Daedalus*, submarines and the work of the R.N. at Portsmouth and the Royal Marines at Poole and Lymington. In addition AB Callander was awarded his RYA Power Boat Certificate at HMS *Raleigh*, Torpoint, and Cox'n Watson attended B.R.N.C. Dartmouth as a R.N. Scholar.

Lt. MacLeod also attended B.R.N.C. Dartmouth as River Officer with Sub-Lt. Clayton instructing sailing at HMS *Raleigh* and Sub-Lt's Goody and Glimm surviving the Officers' Initial Course at B.R.N.C. Dartmouth.

In September Sub-Lt's Clayton and Goody took a group to the Clyde for a week's sea training in FT *Denmead* which included a joy-ride for some members of the Army Section who were hill-walking on Arran. There were, however, indications that joy was not perhaps 100% unconfined!

We were very lucky this year in that we were given the use of a Fleet Tender (*Cawsand* this time, with THE stove!) again in April. This time Lt. MacLeod and Sub-Lt. Clayton took the customary group of 12 cadets.

These weeks are exceptionally good training for cadets, especially in navigation and other aspects of life at sea—and ashore!

In addition to this we are very grateful to Lt.-Cdr. Bryans for giving us two sea-training weekends in HMS *Droxford* whilst it was in the Firth of Clyde.

HMS *Lindisfarne* has kept us in touch with their peregrinations in pursuit of illegal fishing operations. We look forward eagerly to a chance of visiting them.

This was a successful year with some of the best examination results for years as well as an increase in our numbers and in the range of our activities. Much credit for the success must go to the N.C.O's for their leadership, willingness and enthusiasm.

Finally our thanks to Cdr. Whittingham and Mr Horton of the R.N. Aircraft Workshops at Almondbank for transporting our Cheverton to School for maintenance.

The formation of the R.M. Detachment in September 1980 was greeted with enthusiasm and eager anticipation. We all took considerable pride in the fact that we belonged to the chosen few, that we were the only Scottish school among eleven British schools which had been granted permission to establish one of the Royal Marines Detachments.

During the second week of the term Lt. Benbow arrived from London: we were to be provided with brand-new uniforms and specialized items of equipment which would make us the envy of all other sections, and our prospective parent establishment, 45 Commando in Arbroath, was going to help us with the instruction and training of a fierce new breed of cadets. However, none of us had reckoned with the economic facts of life and the spending cuts stopped our high-flying plans before we even had a chance to take off.

Determined to make the best of a difficult situation, we begged, acquired and borrowed from all conceivable quarters until we looked rather like the dirty dozen—where else would you see track-suit bottoms and rugby-shirts on parade?—and began our training as seriously as possible. We tried our hand in un-armed combat, learnt the basic skills of canoeing, swam across the pond in what felt like mid-winter and revived the assault course. Most of our activities fulfilled the principal requirement of R.M. training, i.e. they were demanding and left us exhausted.

On Field Day we went to Rosyth for a quick warm-up on the assault course and then went on to the firing range where we got rid of our aggression by blasting away with SLR's.

The most memorable event, however, must have been the weekend training exercise in March. A sudden change in the weather tested our survival skills almost to the limit and the exercise is best summed up in the words of one member of the Detachment who, when asked whether he had enjoyed the weekend, replied: 'I don't know yet, but I have learnt a heck of a lot!'

We ended the year as we had started it, still without uniforms but forever hopeful and in good spirits. The renewed promises of support have encouraged us to be even more determined to make this exciting venture a resounding success. Our thanks go in particular to Lt. Benbow, whose personal involvement has helped us over many a sticky patch, and to all the members of Strathallan C.C.F., whose advice and assistance have been invaluable.

K.G.

Promotions 1981-2:

Under Officer: P. J. McKee.

Coxswains: J. W. J. Logan, P. G. C. Watson.

Petty Officers: A. D. S. Glennie, M. J. Hamilton,
F. S. Macmillan, D. J. M. Reynolds, R. Suri.
P.J.McK.

How to get a Commission in the Regular Army.

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

Army Scholarships.

Up to 90 Scholarships are awarded annually to allow boys to remain at school, where facilities exist for Advanced level study to qualify for entry to Sandhurst or for Undergraduate Cadetships. Candidates must be between 15 years and 5 months and 16 years and 5 months on the 1st January for the Spring competition and on the 1st July for the Autumn competition. Selection is by interview. Maximum value of the Scholarships is £660 tuition fee p.a. and £750 maintenance grant p.a.

Welbeck College.

Candidates for one of the technical corps are given two years' V1th Form education and enter Sandhurst on successful completion. Candidates must be up to GCE 'O' level standard at Grade C or above in Mathematics, Physics, English and at least two other subjects preferably including Chemistry. Parental contributions may be payable according to means. They must be between the ages of 16 years and 17 years 6 months on the 1st January or the 1st September, the dates of entry to the College.

School Entry.

Candidates between the ages of 17½ and 22, must have five GCE passes (or equivalent), to include English language, Mathematics and either a Science subject or a foreign language. Two of these passes should be at Advanced level (or equivalent). Candidates who are not Army Scholars nor Welbexians must pass the Regular Commissions Board.

Undergraduate Cadetships.

Cadetships are open to anyone who is over 17½ and expects to graduate before

his 25th birthday. Candidates must have been accepted, or already be at a University, Polytechnic or College of Technology and must pass the Regular Commissions Board. Successful candidates will be granted a Commission on probation and will be paid at least £4,201 per year plus tuition fees. After graduation you're granted a Regular Commission.

Undergraduate Bursary.

Candidates to whom an award is made will be granted a bursary amounting to £900 per year to supplement any I.E.A. grant awarded. This will be effective while you study at a University, Polytechnic or College of Technology. On completion of your degree course you will be granted a three-year Short Service Commission at a salary of £7,220 plus a gratuity of £3,030 tax free if you leave after three years.

Graduate Entry.

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

Short Service Commissions.

Candidates must have at least five GCE 'O' level (or equivalent) passes, to include English language. Age limits are 18 to 26 for most Arms on entry. A Short Service Commission is initially for three years and may be extended up to eight years. A gratuity of £3,030 tax free will be paid if you leave after three years.

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



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ARMY SECTION

It is impossible to run a C.C.F. section without relying heavily on cadet N.C.O's, and I must start this report with my thanks to Sgt. Mackenzie and to Cpls. Grant, Dobbie, Thomson, Turnbull, McPherson and Stewart for the efforts they put in throughout the year to ensure that the various aspects of training were carried out efficiently. They proved adept at coping with unexpected hitches—to quote but one example it is mildly disconcerting to be told on the morning of the inspection that rifles must not be fired and therefore a camouflage and concealment exercise devised instead. Having coped with that, the signals net then tells you that the Inspecting Officer is about to approach from the west instead of the anticipated east!

Field Day this year was held in the spring rather than in the autumn. Those in the section not involved in Glenshee found themselves directed to a navigation exercise in the Ochils. At least, it was supposed to be in the Ochils, but to judge from where various groups were seen . . . ! However, everyone returned safely, which did suggest that the leaders had some sense of direction.

Costa Cultybraggan from 11–18 July was not regarded by all as the ideal resort for a week's relaxation after the end of the summer term—as the rain poured down on the night of the 10th and the morning of the 11th I even began to have misgivings myself—but 24 cadets found the attractions of the package too difficult to resist and duly arrived. Regular assistance meant that it was possible to split into three groups for training, with all groups having a mixture of the military and the adventurous. My own feeling is that what cadets get out of a camp of this nature is proportional to the amount of effort they are prepared to put in to rising to a challenge—those who found the task of climbing a 3000' mountain too much for them or wandered aimlessly round the Danwick trail gained considerably less benefit than those who were determined not to be beaten. The majority however felt that they had quite enjoyed the week—some are promising (or threatening) to come again next year when we hope to travel over the border to Warcop in Cumbria, a similar type of camp.

Finally, it is a pleasure to welcome Mr Law to the section—although military paperwork and the provision of uniform all took time, we were glad to have his assistance at camp and look forward to his taking a full part in our training, particularly shooting, in the future.

A.M.P.

R.A.F. IN GERMANY

Thinking back to R.A.F. Germany, it is difficult to know where to start—even what to leave in and what to leave out. A detailed diary of the events of that one week would require a magazine by itself—not a mere article or page.

Four boys from Strath. went, accompanied by Mr MacLeod. There were two aspects to the camp. The official side was a close look at R.A.F. life and the contribution of our R.A.F. forces to NATO in Germany. This was interesting, informative and not a little re-assuring. We were all struck by the high quality of the men we met on the station, their cheerfulness, helpfulness and dedication. We looked over virtually every part of the station that was not Classified—the dog-section, the squadrons, the missiles, the armoury, the maintenance sections. In short we saw and learned a great deal about the R.A.F.'s largest base.

The other aspect of R.A.F. Germany, as if not more important in the eyes of some, was that it was a week's continental holiday on the cheap. We spent a good deal of time off station and our free time on station was never boring. On station our evenings were spent at the cinema, the NAAFI or occasionally a disco. The cinema had good films; the NAAFI provided incredibly cheap refreshments and the disco gave us all an opportunity to exercise our native wit and charm on the local talent to greater or lesser effect . . . invariably lesser. Thus our evenings were well taken care of from about 7 p.m.—and we had to get up at 6.30 a.m. every morning. Thus it was that whenever we went anywhere on the bus it was mandatory to bring a pillow, grab two seats for oneself and 'crash-out.'

We made visits to Moenchengladbach and Cologne. The cathedral at Cologne, even Suresh Gandhi will testify, was amazing. We also visited Holland twice—once to Eindhoven where most of us visited the Philips museum of technology which is built in the shape of a flying saucer and genuinely seems to be bigger inside than out. The Philips museum provided a full six hours of electronic wizardry and educational amusement. Also in Holland we visited an open air museum and testimonial to the war at Overloon where one of the biggest infantry and tank battles of the war was fought. On the way there we had stopped at a single German war cemetery where there were 37,000 graves . . . an awesome and haunting sight.

Altogether we enjoyed a really marvellous week's holiday packed full with incident, information and amusement. When we told some of the boys who had considered going and then decided not to, there were a number of regretful faces to be seen.

R.A.F. SECTION

F.Sgt. M. H. Gray F.Sgt. P. D. Russell
Sgt. P. K. Reid Sgt. B. M. Goodbourn
Cpl. Alistair P. Johnston, Cpl. Adrian P. Johnston,
Cpl. S. B. Bisset, Cpl. N. L. McDougall, Cpl. M. C. S. Smith

I fear that this has been a very disappointing year for the R.A.F. Section. I have had the task of trying to run the Section single-handed apart from my job as Contingent Commander. I admit that the R.A.F. Section has been neglected but then this was a golden opportunity for the N.C.O's to take command; to show their powers of leadership and to keep things going during a difficult period. Sadly, they did not rise to the occasion and this soon became obvious in a number of ways. I left the N.C.O's to organise the Proficiency work and the exam was sat at the end of the Easter Term. The results were abysmal and as bad as I can ever recall. In Proficiency Part 2 only two out of ten candidates passed and these were bare passes. In Proficiency Part 3 five out of nine candidates scraped bare passes. Apart from this, I sensed that morale generally was low and I suppose the fact that very few boys opted to join the R.A.F. Section at the beginning of the year was an indication that all was not well. Anyway, enough of the gloomy side of things; there have been a number of positive achievements during the year. Flying at Turnhouse has been good and a number of boys have enjoyed the experience of flying a Chipmunk and even putting it through its paces aerobatically—a rare experience for any youngster. As regards this activity I am greatly indebted to the Chaplain who frequently took the group to Turnhouse in order that I might carry out my duties here at School. Without this help flying, I fear, would have been a rare event on the programme. During the Easter half-term two boys went up to Kinloss and enjoyed the interesting experience of following the fishing fleet in a Nimrod. Easter camp this year was at Lossiemouth and I think all those who attended would agree that it was a superb camp. There was a good flying programme—Shackletons, Nimrods, helicopters and even a Piper Aztec—to say nothing of all the other activities the station laid on. The success of this camp had absolutely nothing to do with the fact that the Contingent Commander just happened to be Camp Commandant for the week! This year we

also had a camp in Germany—R.A.F. Bruggen. Lieut. MacLeod accompanied four boys from the School and I gather it was also extremely good. Sadly, we couldn't take up all the places offered and this really is disappointing because Germany camps only occur once in three years. On this same disappointing note, I would also add that we had no 'takers' for gliding courses at Arbroath during the Easter holiday and only one boy for a summer gliding camp. No doubt, our numbers in future will be cut for all these events because most schools are desperately concerned to get the maximum number of places at gliding courses and Germany camps.

Field Day seemed to be quite successful this year. Our senior boys had an overnight stay at Lossiemouth and I gather the programme for their visit was very good. Some boys even flew the Jaguar simulator—a very rare privilege indeed. A few of our top shooters spent the day at Leuchars firing the SLR and I took the junior boys to Portmoak Gliding School and, although the weather was poor, a few boys went up and even did aerobatics which is quite something on your first flight in a glider.

Summer Term activities followed the usual pattern although the primary glider broke just before G.I. Day and this upset the programme. We have built a radio-controlled aircraft and this looks as if it will develop into a popular activity. I also purchased a hovercraft kit for the R.A.F. Section and had hoped that this would be on show on G.I. Day. Admittedly, there have been many problems in building it but sadly the group of boys concerned lost interest towards the end of term and now we are left with an incomplete and very expensive hovercraft that will need to be completed by a new group of boys at the beginning of the next academic year. These are the sort of things that have made me rather disappointed with the attitude of the R.A.F. Section this year. In spite of this, I am still optimistic. 'C' Flight are keen and enthusiastic and I am looking to them for a more promising future for the Section.

At the beginning of the Summer Term we welcomed Pilot Officer K. B. Jones to the R.A.F. Section. Already he has been a tremendous help in taking over responsibility for the motor-bikes. At the end of the Summer Term we said farewell to Flight Sergeant Blackman, the liaison N.C.O. He has been particularly helpful at a time when we have been understaffed and my only complaint has been that his visits have been far too infrequent. I would like to thank him for all his help over the past few years and to wish him all the very best in his new posting.

P.A.B.



Social Services

We continued our round of flag collections, selling raffle tickets, senior citizens' carol service, hospital visiting and fund raising for charities.

In all these activities, the girls now take a prominent part.

Two major projects were undertaken this year. One involved the adoption of mental patients from Murthly Hospital and the other a Sponsored Sports Marathon to raise funds for the International Year for Disabled People. Both these projects are described in detail below.

J. B. Brown.



This year in Social Services we undertook a project involving the mentally handicapped from both Murthly and Murray Royal Hospitals.

Before we met the patients we were informed what to expect and of the mental condition of the patients. Apart from this the patients were very shy and difficult to communicate with, at first. Our initial feelings were those of apprehension and little faith in ourselves. However, as time progressed the patients came out of their shells and felt quite at ease in their new surroundings—usually the Sixth Form Coffee Lounge. Some patients had not set foot out of



their institution for many years. Breaking down this barrier brought all of us great satisfaction, the changes in certain patients being quite remarkable. It was amazingly easy to communicate with the patients despite obvious limitations, such as age and background.

Every Friday a bus would travel to Strathallan from the hospitals. The idea was to create conversation over a cup of coffee and biscuits and as a result it was possible to form relationships. Many of the patients had no friends or had lost touch with relations. Each patient was 'adopted' by one or two pupils. For some inexplicable reason the girls seemed to be most popular, even Mr Brown got quite involved!

During the year we would go for walks, if the weather was fine; the pipe band provided music occasionally and the cricket nets provided some entertainment.

Towards Christmas, we thought it would be a good idea to have a Christmas party and Carol Service for our hospital friends. The Christmas dinner was a great success and enjoyed by everyone present. The Chapel Service this year was especially good, romantically set in candle light.

In the Summer Term we went on a trip on the *Tay Queen*. This was very enjoyable and afterwards we were treated to lunch and members of the School pipe band played some Scottish pipe music. This meal was a 'thank you' from the patients and organisers for the School's efforts throughout the year.

C. W. H. Murphy.
Alison M. Anderson.



Groups of patients from Murray Royal, Murthly, Burghmuir and Hillside hospitals were taken for a free cruise on the river estuary.

Embarking with them at Broughty Ferry were representatives of voluntary organisations who help the patients throughout the year—pupils from Perth Grammar School,

Strathallan and Perth College of Education as well as members of the W.R.V.S. and the Red Cross. The outing was arranged by Mrs A. McMahon, Voluntary Services Organiser for the Perth and Perthshire hospitals, who co-ordinated the weekly visits from Murthly.

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PEOPLE

The International Year of the Disabled was given a deep significance for the School by the appalling news that Andrew Widdowson had been paralysed in a rugby accident at Oxford. Andrew was at Strath. from 1968 to 1974. Although only a few of the senior boys could remember him during his time here, this did not detract from the determination of the whole School to make a great effort on his behalf.

At the time of the accident, Mr Brown was already organising a Sponsored Sports Marathon on behalf of some local charities for the Disabled. It was therefore decided that the money raised should be split between the Andrew Widdowson Appeal and the local charities to which we had already pledged assistance.

The actual Sports Marathon took place on Sunday June 24th with virtually every member of the School participating. Each sport was organised by a senior boy or girl who had volunteered to do so. There were diverse methods of raising money: swimming, hiking, cycling, athletics, hockey, football, basketball and sailing. There were some striking personal achievements—notably J. K. D. MacKenzie who ran an amazing 81 laps of the track which amounts to 20 miles. He was then the youngest and the smallest boy in the School. Angus Taylor and Angus Glennie both swam 400 lengths of the pool, over 5½ miles. Several boys and girls cycled a 50-mile route.

The final sum raised was £2,420. As suggested, this was divided, the Andrew Widdowson Appeal receiving £1,210. We hope that this will assist Andrew with the treatment he needs.

A committee of senior boys is deciding in conjunction with Mr Brown how the remaining money should be allocated.

Thus everyone involved can congratulate themselves on a successful and enjoyable event. The many masters who assisted, supervised and regulated the proceedings are thanked for their efforts.

Strathallan raised more than any other school in the country in the 'Year of the Child.' We have done as well in the 'Year of the Disabled.' This speaks volumes not just for the enthusiasm of the boys, girls and organisers but also for the friends and relatives of the pupils who do the actual sponsoring.

MARATHON DAY

*The day for the Marathon began cloudy,
the sun only appeared for brief moments;
not noticed or believed above screaming noises,
vigorous exercises brought physical accidents;
but what for? The many crippled in wheel
chairs, or the old boy paralysed for life?
Do we ever realise, do we ever care,
the alternative may be better, a gleaming knife.*

*The goals that were scored that day,
were they for love, charity, pity?
or were they full of hate, boredom, resentment;
a resentment for a boy who gave his all,
to be struck down by a very severe blow,
that ruined his life, and his goal?*

*Is money really the answer to this?
An easy way out of caring for him.
A golden handshake, the eternal bliss?
No, only a start—he needs limbs.*

*Limbs of spirit, courage and valour,
Limbs of guts, modesty and colour,
He gave to this school a wonderful day,
Can we reward his present in a memorable way?*

*He has given us the joy to be free,
opened our eyes to the horrors of life,
Reminded us of how lucky we are to be,
Wholesome, cared for, and not facing that gleaming knife.
Jeffrey S. Lewis.*



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Cricket

The First Eleven had a successful season, winning seven matches, losing one and drawing three. The strength of the side lay in a powerful team attack, backed up with good close-catching. The batting was rather fragile. Although there were several players capable of making good scores, only Michael Allingham was really consistent. Grant Corbett did all the hard work on several occasions, only to get out when he had the chance to make easy runs. Russell Kilpatrick looked a promising opener. Steven Watt, Graham Roger and Fraser McClung all scored valuable runs at times. The bowling of John Coleman and David Robson, backed up by Steven Watt, proved too much for most sides. Unfortunately this meant that no spinner had a real chance of bowling a long spell and Gilbert McClung had a particularly frustrating season. The fielding was generally good and the close catching was a vital factor in the success of the side. Richard Eglinton improved behind the stumps throughout the season. Graham Roger excelled in the outfield. Grant Corbett took nearly all his chances at slip. Steven Watt captained positively and considerately. The experience of the side from last season helped it greatly and seven return for 1982.

The Second and Third Elevens suffered badly from the weather and from a basic lack of fixtures. Both sides put up some good performances without being really consistent. Compared to the First Eleven they suffer badly from lack of facilities. So too do the Senior Colts whose batting confidence is steadily undermined by the standard of the Garden wicket. N. McKee had a good season as an all-rounder. G. Truter showed some class as a spinner. A. Reid

proved an inspiring captain and a determined competitor. In terms of results the Junior Colts had a disappointing season, but even in defeat the team was always cheerful and keen. S. Hamilton showed real potential with the bat while A. Trench alone showed consistency with the ball.

In general there seemed to be interest in the game at all levels but the standard of net and centre wickets must be improved if this interest is not to be killed. New nets are being prepared on the Garden.

Thanks must go not only to those who take the 'prestige' games but to those who spend hours over the less able; thanks also to those who have to do the catering at often very inconvenient times.

R.J.W.P.

RESULTS

2nd May v. Crieff C.C. (Home).

Crieff C.C. 123 (S. Watt 4-25, G. McClung 3-36).

Strathallan 127-3 (M. Allingham 46*, G. Roger 34*).

Won by 7 wickets.

7th May v. Dundee University Staff (Away).

Dundee University Staff 66 (J. Coleman 7-19).

Strathallan 67-1 (J. Coleman 41*).

Won by 9 wickets.

J. Coleman enjoyed some useful practice.

23rd May v. Fettes (Away).

Strathallan 145 (G. Corbett 31, S. Watt 43).

Fettes 88 (D. Robson 4-21, J. Coleman 3-29, S. Watt 3-15).

Won by 57 runs. A last wicket stand of 24 between Robson and Shepherd put the pressure back on Fettes. Without Kennedy the Fettes batting showed itself to be rather fragile after a remarkable catch by Roger broke their one promising partnership.

28th May v. Loretto (Away).

Strathallan 155 (S. Watt 41, G. Roger 36).

Loretto 40. (D. Robson 3-19, J. Coleman 3-13,

M. Allingham 3-2).

Won by 115 runs. Some determined though unrewarded batting by Corbett and Allingham on an evil wicket allowed us to capitalise on their second-string bowlers. The wicket was then put to good use by our bowlers.

5th June v. R. J. W. Proctor's XI (Home).

R. J. W. Proctor's XI 157-9 dec. (G. Errington 67, J. Coleman 6-35).

Strathallan 161-4 (M. Allingham 68*, G. Roger 40, T. McClung 45*).

Won by 6 wickets.

Extraordinarily gentlemanly captaincy by the opposing captain allowed the School to win.

11th June v. XL Club (Home).

XL Club 135-7 dec. (W. Bell 67).

Strathallan 100-7 (M. Allingham 30).

Drawn. A game restricted by the weather and played in a mudbath.

13th June v. Edinburgh Academy (Away).

Edinburgh Academy 163-6 dec. (Fraser-Darling 119).

Strathallan 119-2 (Corbett 51, Kilpatrick 54*).

Drawn. A reasonable declaration followed a superb innings from Fraser-Darling. After a sound start we failed to accelerate.

14th June v. Strathallian Club (Home).

Strathallan 154-8 dec. (M. Allingham 54, A. Fairbairn 3-23).

Strathallian Club 146 (H. Parker 67, D. Robson 4-56, S. Watt 3-31).

Won by 8 runs. The Club looked set for a comfortable win with H. Parker batting well but it lost its last seven wickets for sixteen runs to snatch defeat.

20th June v. Merchiston (Home).

Strathallan 174 (M. Allingham 58, S. Watt 45).

Merchiston 64-9 (D. Robson 5-19, J. Coleman 4-15).

Drawn. After the loss of early wickets Merchiston lost interest in victory.

4th July v. Strathallan Occasionals (Home).

Strathallan 140-5 dec. (M. Allingham 57*).

Occasionals 94-6 (D. Langlands 34).

Drawn.

5th July v. M.C.C. (Home).

M.C.C. 153-5 dec. (J. Sutton 36, M. McLelland 56*,

D. Robson 4-44).

Strathallan 154-8 (R. Kilpatrick 38, M. Allingham 34, S. Dharsi 4-48).

Won by 2 wickets. A fair declaration and a good over-rate by M.C.C. created a fine match after a delayed start. The School responded well and achieved victory on the fifth ball of the final over.

7th July v. Glenalmond (Home).

Glenalmond 99 (J. Coleman 3-33, S. Watt 3-18).

Strathallan 98 (W. Hannay 5-42, J. McLean 3-20).

Lost by 1 run. The score speaks for itself. Bowlers dominated a tense and nervous match in which the batting of neither side did itself justice. A spirited last-wicket stand almost saved the day.

1st XI AVERAGES

	Inns	N.O.	Runs	H'st	Avg.
M. J. Allingham	12	5	402	68*	57.43
T. F. McClung	8	1	137	45	19.57
S. R. Watt	10	0	191	45	19.10
R. W. N. Kilpatrick	9	1	148	54*	18.50
G. Roger	11	1	174	40	17.40
G. S. B. Corbett	12	0	197	51	16.42

Also batted: J. A. R. Coleman 41*, 3, 0, 5*, 4, 17*, 9;
D. A. Robson 21, 10, 5*, 0, 5, 28*, 18, 2; R. D. Eglinton 0,
4*, 0, 6*, 1; R. A. Ferguson 8, 5, 8, 3*, 13, 0, 19*; G. E.
McClung 0, 0, 0, 1*, 2; A. O. Shepherd 2*, 9; M. J. S.
Hulme 0.

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avg.
J. A. R. Coleman	162.7	59	300	29	10.34
S. R. Watt	102.2	28	239	22	10.86
D. A. Robson	193.5	30	430	30	14.33

Also bowled: M. J. Allingham 26-12-35-6; G. E. McClung
24-3-92-4; R. W. N. Kilpatrick 32-6-104-3; A. O. Shepherd
3-0-15-1; R. A. Ferguson 2-1-2-0; T. F. McClung 2-0-4-0;
G. S. B. Corbett 1-0-8-0.

Colours were awarded to: J. A. R. Coleman, G. S. B. Corbett
D. A. Robson and T. F. McClung.

Half-Colours were awarded to: R. W. N. Kilpatrick,
G. Roger and R. D. Eglinton.



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'A' XI

- 19th May v. Morrison's Academy (Away).
Strathallan 118-6 dec.
Morrison's 22 (D. Robson 3-12, J. Coleman 6-5).
Won by 96 runs.
- 26th May v. Perth Academy (Away).
Perth Academy 83 (C. Bargon 3-27, M. Drummond 3-8).
Strathallan 86-3 (M. Allingham 32*, J. Coleman 30*).
Won by 7 wickets.
- 16th June v. Dollar Academy (Home).
Strathallan 129 (J. Coleman 45, S. Carr 6-54).
Dollar 98-9.
Drawn.
- 26th June v. Coleraine (Home).
Coleraine 146 (L. McKeever 47).
Strathallan 124-7 (G. Roger 41).
Drawn.

SENIOR COLTS XI

- 9th May v. Edinburgh Academy (Away).
Edinburgh Academy 157-6 dec.
Strathallan 129.
Lost by 28 runs.
- 19th May v. Morrison's Academy (Away).
Morrison's 58 (McKee 4-10, Smith 3-3).
Strathallan 60-2.
Won by 8 wickets.
- 23rd May v. Fettes (Away).
Strathallan 97-9 dec. (Reid 30).
Fettes 98-5 (McKee 3-31).
Lost by 5 wickets.
- 28th May v. Loretto (Away).
Loretto 72 (McKee 5-16, Reid 3-8).
Strathallan 75-2 (McKee 41*).
Won by 8 wickets.
- 13th June v. Edinburgh Academy (Home).
Edinburgh Academy 67 (Russell 4-14, Truter 4-12).
Strathallan 63-5 (McKee 32*).
Drawn.

- 20th June v. Merchiston (Home).
Merchiston 60 (Truter 6-27).
Strathallan 61-7.
Won by 3 wickets.
- 26th June v. Dollar Academy (Home).
Strathallan 113.
Dollar Academy 64 (Truter 4-29).
Won by 49 runs.

JUNIOR COLTS XI

- 9th May v. Edinburgh Academy (Away).
Strathallan 44.
Edinburgh Academy 46-0.
Lost by 10 wickets.
- 19th May v. Morrison's Academy (Away).
Strathallan 100-8 dec. (Hamilton 42).
Morrison's 19 (Kilpatrick 5-6, Tench 4-10).
Won by 81 runs.
- 23rd May v. Fettes (Away).
Strathallan 178-6 dec. (Davidson 58*, Kilpatrick 30*, Heggie 30).
Fettes 51-5 (Garnett 3-8).
Drawn.
- 28th May v. Loretto (Away).
Strathallan 110-9 dec. (McEachern 30*).
Loretto 69-5.
Drawn.
- 13th June v. Edinburgh Academy (Home).
Edinburgh Academy 144-8 dec. (Tench 4-36).
Strathallan 61.
Lost by 83 runs.
- 20th June v. Merchiston (Home).
Merchiston 27 (Kilpatrick 4-6).
Strathallan 28-2.
Won by 8 wickets.
- 7th July v. Glenalmond (Home).
Strathallan 136 (Hamilton 53).
Glenalmond 137-1.
Lost by 9 wickets

OCCASIONALS 1981

On paper this was a very poor season by recent Occasional standards—so poor in fact that our long-standing founder, manager and impresario threatened to hang up his gloves, rest his back, wash his neckerchief and sheathe his wit. However, I hope on behalf of all Occasionals, past and present, that Neil can be eased screaming from premature retirement—even if it does cost quite a lot of gin. If the worst comes to the worst a separate obituary of cricketing Johnsonians will have to be written.

The season started with the visit from the usual genial selection of Perth Farmers. After a lengthy period of stalemate, skipper Hamilton tried an interesting variety of bowlers. However your correspondent showed great determination in keeping an in-form Mike Allingham away from the strike. Against the wily combination of Addison and Williams, the Farmers made a light brigadesque charge at the target but lost only nine men in the attempt.

Cupar came for batting practice and Jenny Locke proved to be a teamaker of considerable potential. Thank you Steve Watt.

Despite good innings by Mike Allingham for the School and Duncan Langlands for the Occasionals, the School game petered out into an uninspiring draw and ended the home season.

The touring side appeared to have endless batting—a surefire recipe for regular collapses—but to be a little short of bowling.

We started with a comfortable win against the Wessex Stags. Some devastating spin bowling by Peter Hamilton removed the gralloch of the Stag batting and ensured that we would be royally entertained in the evening by our resident agronomist. An attack spearhead by 'Teatowel' Williams never seriously threatened the Occasionals batting, but it was good to see Hugh Parker returning to the fold and immediately making runs.

The sight of a perfect batting wicket on a glorious day at Clifton had our batsmen slaving in anticipation of spectacular success. Just after lunch we were 88–9. Our only success up to this point was a rapid K.O. decision in front of the pavilion in favour of a Strathallian golden labrador against his Cliftonian opponent who did not come from Crufts. Fortunately after lunch Robert Proctor and Peter Hamilton put on a record stand of 105 for the last wicket and gave us some respectability. The Cliftonians batted as we ought to have, and won easily with time to spare.

Overnight rain in vast quantities did not make prospects for play at Corsham very bright. However, despite a late start, we, to the abhorrence of the manager, agreed to a limited over game. The Corsham total seemed reachable, but despite useful innings from 'Hammy' and Moray Hulme, we never really threatened.

At Street, John Coleman found a lively wicket to his liking and had mid-Somerset in trouble, but then the deluge started and that was that.

At Milton Abbey, Hugh Parker and Nick Du Boulay ground away against steady bowling on what looked a difficult wicket and we eventually reached a respectable total. The Rangers batting found our bowling rather easier to handle and won with a little in hand.

This led to the thriller at Wellington. Denstone made a respectable 191–6 dec. After useful contributions from Graham Searle, Grant Corbett, who unfortunately once again got out when things were becoming easier, Robert Proctor and Ross Settles, everything looked set for a dramatic victory. However, Ross Settles, reared in the hard school of the Western Union, refused to be budged into anything frivolous, and took a sedate single off the last ball to leave the scores level.

Maybe it wasn't the best tour in terms of results but everyone appeared to enjoy themselves. It was good to see 'Addo' coming out of retirement. 'Hammy' thrived with bat and ball. Fraser McClung couldn't understand why he didn't bowl more. Mike Allingham gave himself an unaccustomed week's rest. Ronnie learnt to play liar dice but could not compete with the Card Sharp King, Proctor. Lastly all our thanks go to Neil for his organisation. He cannot be allowed to rest on 99 victims for the Occasionals.

Any old boy who would like to come on next year's tour should get in touch with R.N.J. If he is a spin bowler who bats brilliantly, and fields like a gazelle, so much the better.



RESULTS

May 14th v. Perth Farmers.

Occasionals 196-1 dec. (Du Boulay 102*, Allingham 69*).

Perth Farmers 126-9 (Williams 3-19, Addison 4-22).

Match drawn.

May 31st v. Cupar.

Cupar 180-4.

Rain. Match drawn.

July 4th v. The School.

School 140-5 dec. (Allingham 57*).

Occasionals 94-6 (Langlands 34).

Match drawn.

TOUR

July 20th v. Wessex Stags.

Wessex Stags 157 (Hamilton 5-47, Proctor 3-55).

Occasionals 158-3 (Du Boulay 76, Parker 36*).

Won by 7 wickets.

July 21st v. Old Cliftonians.

Occasionals 193 (Proctor 67*, Hamilton 39).

Old Cliftonians 196-3.

Lost by 7 wickets.

July 22nd v. Corsham (40 overs).

Corsham 143-8.

Occasionals 113 (Hamilton 26, Hulme 25).

Lost by 30 runs.

July 23rd v. Mid Somerset XI.

Mid Somerset 37-4 (Coleman 4-25).

Rain. Match drawn.

July 24th v. Dorset Rangers.

Occasionals 176-5 dec. (Parker 39, Du Boulay 82).

Dorset Rangers 177-6 (Settles 3-55).

Lost by 4 wickets.

July 25th v. Denstone Wanderers.

Denstone Wanderers 191-6 dec.

Occasionals 191-9 (Proctor 44).

Match drawn.

Seasons' Statistics: Played 9; Won 1; Drawn 5; Lost 3.

N.T.H.D.B.

SWIMMING

It would be nice to be able to report that swimming had taken a turn to the better in 1980/81. After the disappointments of the previous two seasons the swimmers certainly deserved better than they received. However, the technical problems which sent the temperature in the pool up and down like a yoyo and which provided a level of chlorination which was, to put it mildly, unacceptable for most of the time, left their mark on the standard of swimming. It was virtually impossible to organize fixtures at home—the pool had ceased to be our 'secret weapon,' as the opposition was beginning to realize where our strength lies. And to go away was just as difficult because regular training could only be undertaken by the hardest and most determined of swimmers, whose numbers dwindled as the year went on.

The Inter-House Swimming, won by Ruthven with Simpson in second place, was therefore the only serious contest held. Even the Games Circus which had provided a fair amount of competition the year before, did not include swimming because the weather was good enough for the outdoor sports to dominate the scene.

For the coming year I am cautiously optimistic: a lot of work has gone into improving the pool and a new, young team of swimmers is showing all the enthusiasm which could be the basis for the revival of swimming at Strathallan.

A.T.

TENNIS

Captain: M. W. Lightbody.

Yes, well the new courts didn't quite arrive this year, so it was another season on the somewhat mountainous surface.

The results were an improvement on last year's but were still not startling. Although promise lies ahead, for half the team for most of the season was made up of Vth formers, namely A. Taylor, B. Shepherd and D. Stirling who won a fair percentage of their games. The other steady players were M. Hutcheson in the first pair and M. Stone-Wigg in the second pair.

The girls' team, captained by Barbie McLaurin, had a useful season, only losing one match. The team included Gail Fitzpatrick, Lyn Belch, Sally Rutherford, Lindsay Rhodes and Jenny Aston. It should be noted, however, that they only managed to play one match, that being against St. Leonard's.

The Senior Singles Tournament was won by M. W. Lightbody, the Junior by A. Taylor and the House Competition by Ruthven. Full colours were awarded to Lightbody and Hutcheson and half colours to Taylor.

As to the future, the pairs should be similar next season as no-one is leaving, that is of course supposing no new talent arrives at or emerges within the School.

M. W. Lightbody.

ANGLING

At the end of the Easter Term the pond was stocked with 200 rainbow trout so we came back to School for summer with the knowledge that we would have a good stock of well-conditioned fish. The customary fee of £1, levied to offset the cost of stocking the pond may have to be increased next year as inflation has also hit the cost of trout. This year the Club only sported 26 members, a smaller number than usual but a fairly experienced lot. Fishing was ruined from Half-Term onwards by the abundance of pond weed—probably the worst it has ever been. Approximately 100 fish were taken out so in theory there should be about as many left but the local poachers have done their job, leaving very few—although a couple of monsters still seem to appear from time to time.

The annual trip to the Lake was a let-down. Not only did the old boys win, but only 12 fish were caught in the whole day. Of these only 3 were caught by the School. Thus it was probably by no more than an ounce that the youngest member of our team—D. C. McTaggart—won the reel for the heaviest catch.

We hope that next year the date will not co-incide with the School exams and that, for the pond's sake, something is done about the weed.

Robert Ferguson.

SAILING

The number of people in the club this year was just as high as in previous years, but there was an extraordinary number of experienced sailors. This was reflected in the remarkable success of our racing team. The School was virtually undefeated (becalmed waters and a strong tide shattered our lead over Loretto). Merchiston, Fettes and Rannoch all fell to the might of Strathallan. For the first time ever we beat Glanalmond on their own water in their own Mirrors. Excellent stock remains in the School and our team should be good for a few years to come if our emerging success in Perth Sailing Club events is anything to go by.

P. A. McFarlane and M. G. Goodbourn entered the Scottish Schools Race at Loch Earn where two second places and a first earned them second place overall—an improvement of one on their performance of the previous season. Other sailors of note were I. J. G. Harley, M. J. Hamilton, J. W. J. Logan, P. G. C. Watson and D. M. Kane, who will have to be contended with next year as will young A. D. Wallace.

It should be mentioned that M. G. Goodbourn is the first crew ever to receive his colours.

On a joint expedition with the Marines, two boats were sailed to Newburgh—a third, having lost its mast en route, was towed. Good winds and a certain lack of communication saw James Logan and Peter McFarlane sail almost to Dundee before turning back. The foul tide, however, prevented them reaching the designated camping site and the sailing crews pitched tent on the river bank while the motor boat crew marched back to Newburgh along the river bed, by then almost dry. We are much indebted to Mrs Mackenzie-Smith for allowing camp to be pitched at the farm.

The House Sailing was won by Freeland followed by Nicol, Simpson and Ruthven with Leburn last.

P.A.McF.

GOLF

Captain: D. J. M. Reynolds
Secretary: F. S. Macmillan

The golf team this year was, on paper, one of the strongest for several years. However they lacked experience in the league and this was their downfall. Thus the results were a little disappointing.

Excursions to Glenalmond for the Stocks Cup in September and to Ladybank for the Aer Lingus in October both proved fruitless, not surprisingly in view of the extreme lack of practice.

In the League we never established ourselves firmly and never gained enough confidence to make a solid impression on Morrison's the eventual winners of the section.

In the friendly against Merchiston we fielded a somewhat makeshift team but still only lost narrowly and in the Masters' Match the School were beaten for the second successive year. Our inability to raise a team (cricket contributing) caused the cancellation of our match against Glenalmond.

C. W. H. Murphy won the School Strokeplay and Freeland won the House golf, played for the second year running at Dunning.

League Results:

v. Auchterarder (Auchterarder)	Lost	1-3
v. Morrison's Academy (Crieff)	Lost	$\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
v. Crieff H.S. (Auchterarder)	Lost	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
v. Pitlochry H.S. (Auchterarder)	Won	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
v. Breadalbane H.S. (Taymouth Castle)	Halved	2-2

Other Matches:

v. Merchiston (Ladybank)	Lost	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
v. Masters (Ladybank)	Lost	1-2

Team: D. J. M. Reynolds, F. S. Macmillan, G. M. Archer,
A. A. Thomson, C. W. H. Murphy.

Also played: A. M. Stevenson, G. S. B. Corbett,
G. W. Stevenson, D. J. Rourke.

D.J.M.R.

SUMMER HOCKEY

As in previous years, hockey proved a popular option in the summer term and fixtures were arranged not only for the 1st XI, but also for 2nd, 3rd and U-16 XI's. These latter fixtures give chances and experience to many players who would not normally expect to represent the School on the hockey field, and I hope that they will continue.

On paper it looked as though the 1st XI was going to be fairly weak, but suddenly established players became available. Delight! Equally suddenly, injuries and unavoidable absences occurred. Depression! Despite the ups and downs, an enjoyable season was had and all games were played in a good spirit. The pattern of results was very similar to that in previous years—no school managed to beat us, although I did feel that the draws against Glenalmond and Edinburgh Academy could have been victories for us if we had been a little less frantic and paid more attention to the basic principles of the game. The Old Boys again had to concede defeat, but club sides delivered the usual lessons in skills, quickness of thought, and finishing. However it is encouraging to find that members of the team always find these the most rewarding games and are prepared to learn from what can, on occasions, be a chastening experience.

The following played for the 1st XI:

G. F. G. Mackenzie (Capt.), N. W. McPherson (Vice-Capt.), R. A. Bain, T. J. Coard, R. G. Grant, G. B. Hedges, Adrian Johnston, J. S. Lewis, M. W. Lightbody, B. D. Montgomery, D. J. Rourke, P. K. Reid, A. M. Smith, D. B. Walker, R. J. White.

A.M.P.

ATHLETICS

This year the athletics team produced a better result than last year, we doubled the number of wins—from one to two!

The results were not as poor as the number of wins indicates, for the matches against Loretto, Fettes and Edinburgh Academy were lost by very close margins of 3, 5 and 15 points.

We were short of track runners and high jumpers and as a result many people had to double up for two or even three events. It was unfortunate that we lost many good athletes to other summer sports (athletes are good at everything!) as even two or three more could have markedly changed the results.

Our hopes of a good start to the season with our match against Loretto were soon shattered after losing by three points. Luck was not on our side, A. J. Biggart tripped in the 1500 metres while passing a Loretto runner and G. Forbes was not settled in his blocks when the gun was fired—he made up for this by winning the 400 metres convincingly. We also had wins from Turnbull in the 1500m, MacLellan in the High Jump and Gray in the Discus.

After this bad start we faced Edinburgh Academy who are always a very strong side. We fared well but lost by 15 points. Cuthbertson, Raeside and Gray won their events in the senior competition while Fairweather won the 800m and Law won the 100m, 200m and Shot Putt in the middles. Overall the middles produced a better result, losing by 3 points to the seniors' 12.

We closed the points margin against Fettes, but still lost if only by 5 points. Forbes dominated the 400m while Gray and Raeside won the Shot and Discus. Law again won the 100m and 200m, MacLellan won the Javelin and Fairweather sailed home in the 1500m with an 11 second lead.

We knew Glenalmond would be a strong side—but we underestimated how strong. They totally dominated us both in seniors and middles with only Fairweather producing a win in the 800m.

We went to Merchiston determined to win. It worked—we had a large number of firsts both on track and field with Turner, Forbes, Dobbie and Turnbull winning the 100m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and Gray winning the Discus and Shot in the seniors while Law won the 100m and 200m, and Churchill the 400m. Fairweather put in a tremendous effort to win both the 800m and 1500m, Callander winning the middle Javelin.

After Merchiston we were confident when we faced Rannoch. Turner won both the 100m and 200m, Turnbull the 1500m while Forbes and Dobbie won the 400m and 800m by good margins. Cuthbertson won the Long Jump and Gray won the Shot and the Discus. The middles performed as well as the seniors. Law won the 100m and 200m, Fairweather stormed home in the 800m and 1500m with leads of 10 and 13 seconds. Ijeomah won the Long Jump, Dodds the Discus and MacLellan the Javelin. We finished convincing winners by a margin of 45 points.



Results:

v. Loretto
v. Edinburgh Academy
v. Fettes
v. Glenalmond
v. Merchiston
v. Rannoch

Lost 53-56
Lost 113-128
Lost 117-122
Lost 85-154
Won 131-110
Won 142-97

M. Gray.

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS Scotstoun, Glasgow, 20th June 1981

We entered a Middle and Senior team in the 4x100 metres Relay. The middles were eliminated in the heats but gave a good account of themselves and gained valuable experience. Team: C. M. Law, D. C. McLellan, C. Churchill, E. K. Ijeomah.

The senior team had a very challenging situation to contend with. In their heat Simon Morton, our number 1, decided for some reason to move his rear leg from the block then replace it just as the pistol went off. He never quite knew why he did it. Despite this our hand-overs were almost perfect and we managed to come second to Fettes who had beaten us in our school match with them. Glenalmond were first in their heat, and on heat times the result would be 1st Glenalmond, 2nd Fettes, 3rd Strathallan. However I calculated that if the time lost by Simon's footwork could be made up we were in with a chance for the Silver. The Final was very close, no mishaps this time. Glenalmond held their lead with Strathallan and Fettes neck and neck in the home stretch. In the final moments Chris Turner managed to clinch it on the tape to give us the Silver.

Team: S. Morton, F. Forbes, A. S. Harbert, C. H. Turner.

Gavin Fairweather ran in the middle 800m. He came 4th in his heat and failed to qualify by one place. However he gained valuable experience in middle distance running and managed to create a new School record of 2min.5.8secs.

D.B.H.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS RESULTS 1981

On checking the results for the School Magazine it was discovered there had been an error in recording on Sports Day. The result of one event had not been recorded, and when it was it changed the overall result as follows:

Leburn	184	points—Winners
Freeland	177	
Ruthven	146	
Simpson	135	
Nicol	101	

D.B.H.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Event	Class	1	2	3	Time/Distance
100m	Girls	Wishart	Cantley	Rutherford	15.4"
100m	Junior	Davidson (R)	McCall-Smith (R)	Kilpatrick (S)	12.4"
100m	Middle	Law (L)	McKee (N)	Tyser (L)	11.8"
100m	Senior	Lightbody (R)	Harbert (S)	Turner (S)	11.7"
200m	Junior	Davidson (R)	McCall-Smith (R)	Kilpatrick (S)	25.2"
200m	Middle	Law (L)	Ijeomah (L)	McClung (F)	24.5"
200m	Senior	Lightbody (R)	Forbes (F)	Harbert (S)	23.2"
400m	Junior	Kilpatrick (S)	Bowey (F)	McCall-Smith (R)	59.7"
400m	Middle	Fairweather (F)	McKee (N)	Allingham (S)	56.3"
400m	Senior	Roger (S)	Forbes (F)	McClung (F)	53.3"
800m	Junior	Caush (L)	Murphy (F)	Dunbar (L)	2'20.0"
800m	Middle	Fairweather (F)	Dow (F)	Sedgwick (L)	2'06.5"
800m	Senior	Roger (S)	Forbes (F)	Dobbie (L)	2'04.0"
1500m	Junior	Caush (L)	Murphy (F)	Duncan (L)	4'55.0"
1500m	Middle	Fairweather (F)	Dow (F)	Orr (L)	4'42.0"
1500m	Senior	Reid (L)	Turnbull (N)	Roger (S)	4'34.9"
High Jump	Junior	Bowey (F)	Adamson (R)	Heggie (S)	1m50
High Jump	Middle	Callander (R)	MacLellan (R)	McClung (F)	1m60
High Jump	Senior	Roger (S)	Cracknell (L)	Lightbody (R)	1m725
Long Jump	Junior	Lagerborg (N)	Caush (L)	Kilpatrick (S)	4m87
Long Jump	Middle	McKee (N)	Tyser (L)	Kilpatrick (S)	5m47
Long Jump	Senior	Gray (L)	Forbes (F)	Lightbody (R)	5m77
Discus	Junior	Davidson (R)	Duncan (L)	Heggie (S)	30m47
Discus	Middle	Dodds (L)	McCall-Smith (R)	Law (L)	30m63
Discus	Senior	Gray (L)	Wilshaw (R)	Turnbull (N)	30m28
Javelin	Junior	Bannerman (F)	Davidson (R)	Kilpatrick (S)	34m54
Javelin	Middle	Orr (L)	Allingham (S)	MacLellan (R)	39m34
Javelin	Senior	Coleman (N)	Turner (S)	Raeside (N)	36m90
Shot	Junior	Davidson (R)	Robson (F)	Bannerman (F)	10m52
Shot	Middle	Law (L)	Thompson (R)	Kilpatrick (S)	11m46
Shot	Senior	Gray (L)	McClung (F)	Thomson (L)	11m88.5
Relay 4x100m	Junior	Ruthven	Freeland	Nicol	52.6"
Relay 4x100m	Middle	Leburn	Freeland	Nicol	47.55"
Relay 4x100m	Senior	Freeland		Nicol & Simpson	45.5" (rec.)

Inter-House Competition 1st Leburn 184 pts.

2nd Freeland 177 pts.

3rd Ruthven 146 pts.

4th Simpson 135 pts.

5th Nicol 101 pts.

The Rowan Cup for Standards

Victories Ludorum

Winners: Leburn

Junior: D. W. Davidson

Middle: C. M. Law

Senior: G. Roger



Pipe Band

We started the year with only two of last year's pipers and it looked as though we were in for a lean time. However we put four junior pipers in at the deep end and after a lot of hard practice managed a very good performance on St. Andrews Night. It was with very great regret that Pipe-major Jimmy Mortimer had to leave through ill-health. However we were fortunate in obtaining the services of Pipe-major Bert Barron from St. Andrews University O.T.C. to take over individual piping instruction. With Donald Murray taking bandpiping and David Wilson drumming the band got down to hard work. The band gave a very well appreciated performance at the Blackford Highland Games in May, and two performances on Speech Day. Duncan Biggart was appointed Pipe-Major and Bob Coard Leading Drummer. We were unable to enter the Glasgow Band Competition this year as one of our pipers was ill, leaving us with only five pipers, six being the minimum required. In the East of Scotland C.C.F. Competition at Dollar Academy the band was not placed but came third in combined Drill and Turn-out. Duncan Biggart came 5th equal in a field of eighteen in senior piping.

This year we welcome Gordon Leckie from Morrison's Academy who goes straight into the band. We start the year with six sound pipers so we can be nothing less than optimistic about our chances in the competitions that lie ahead.

School Competition Results:

- Chanter: 1st A. E. Forbes.
2nd A. J. W. Marr.
3rd C. D. McCall-Smith.
- Junior Piping: Non-band pipers
1st L. W. Watson.
2nd I. D. S. Watson.
3rd A. M. Randall.
- Junior Piping: Band Pipers
1st D. I. Knight.
2nd C. J. Menzies.
3rd G. Brown.

Senior Piping: There was only one senior piper available so it was decided to hold the competition in the Winter Term.

Drumming Competition

- Junior: 1st J. C. Downie.
2nd P. C. Brown.
3rd G. W. A. Truter.
- Senior: 1st R. K. Knox.
2nd equal = T. J. Coard.
= G. Brown.

D.B.H.

BRIDGE AND CHESS CLUBS

As reported last year, attendance at these activities does not cause any serious pressure on space! However, the quality of our bridge has obviously struck fear into all potential rivals, for inter-school competitions were always arranged to coincide with our holidays. Our chess standard is rising—we actually won a league match this year, and I hope that as young players rise through the School, the experience they gain will enable us to take on strong opponents with confidence. It must be said, though, that this experience only comes with practice, and I hope that all members of the School who have an interest in playing either game, regardless of their present standard, will come to ML 5 at six o'clock on Tuesdays and Fridays.

A.M.P.

SIXTH FORM LECTURES

The programme for 1980-81 was curtailed, there being no lectures after Christmas. We express our very sincere thanks to the gentlemen named below who generously gave up an evening to come here to talk to the Sixth Form during the autumn of 1980:

- Bill Walker, Esq., M.P.—Parliamentary Government.
Major M. P. Taitt—Northern Ireland: A Soldier's View.
D. J. Withrington, Esq., M.A., M.Ed., F.R.Hist.S.—The Transition from School to University.
Lt.-Col. L. P. G. Dow, O.B.E.—The Edinburgh Military Tattoo.
John A. Stewart, Esq., M.A., LL.B., W.S.—The Law.
The Revd. J. W. A. Forbes, B.D.—The Year between School and University.*

YOUNG FARMER'S CLUB

Membership rose this year to 169. Attendance at the weekly film shows was good and reached 116 one week. Over thirty films were shown throughout the winter and spring terms.

A number of lectures were given during the year. The first by Mrs Cunningham of the Milk Marketing Board was accompanied by two milk marketing films.

The second was a very interesting talk, well illustrated with numerous slides, about an exchange visit to Canada, given by Charlie Methven of East Fife Young Farmers.

Two visits were undertaken during the year and I would like to express my thanks to both Robert Hutchison & Co. Ltd., Maltsters of Kirkcaldy and Central Farmers, Aberhill Works, Methil, for allowing us to visit their premises and for their kind hospitality throughout the day there.

I would also like to thank Mr Davidson, Chief Executive of the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland for coming to give a very informative lecture on the work of the Society which involves a lot more than arranging the Royal Highland Show, which 52 members visited in June under the care of Mr Jones.

'Stump the Yokel' was held towards the end of the Spring Term and was won by Lloyd Gordon with Graham Sinclair second.

Finally I would like to thank all members for the good attendance during the year and also the House representatives: G. F. Sinclair, W. M. Hamilton, R. J. Barlas, W. R. Hamilton and W. M. Wordie for their help.

W. J. C. Turnbull.

FIELD CLUB

A group of senior pupils climbed Bishop's Hill in the Lomond Hills to study the carboniferous fossil remains in the strata. The coastal section between St. Monance and Elie on the Fife coast also produced much interest where relationships between the volcanic and sedimentary rock were exemplified.

Lady Mansfield of Scone Palace gave a talk to the Club on running the Palace and we visited her 'home' later in the year.

We also paid a visit to Falkland Palace and to the Fife Folk Museum at Ceres.

J. B. Brown.

GLENCOE JULY 2nd/3rd

The advanced party, with difficulty owing to the hampering effects of wind and rain, managed to set up camp. Unfortunately the weather had not cleared and the mountains were shrouded in mist. However, undaunted, we set off up Buchaille Etive Mor from the Glencoe side. At first there seemed to be tireless enthusiasm amongst the party and Mr Barratt had constantly to change leaders in an attempt to keep the pace down. The party found some difficulty when climbing up a scree and for an exhausting quarter of an hour, we slipped, crawled and scrambled until we came clear of the scree into a dense mist. From there we walked along a ridge until we came to the top. From there on we did further ridge walking. Owing to the thick mist no-one really had a clue where they were going and we had to rely on Mr Barratt who, using a compass and map, safely navigated us through the mist avoiding water falls and rock faces.

As we came across another scree and began the descent there were frequent warning calls of 'Below!' to alert us that someone had dislodged another rock from the scree.

Despite everyone taking a tumble at some time on the slippery surface luckily no-one suffered any notable damage and everyone emerged back at camp safely, with tired feet and knees and a few blisters.

While we were not climbing mountains, Fred Stroyan and Andrew Crawford fished in the River Etive and enjoyed a few small successes here and there. Frank Panton and Torquil tried a bit of rock climbing but are not yet ready for the South-West Face. Others went unsuccessfully in search of hotels.

On the Sunday, owing to the adverse weather, we were not able to undertake any serious climb and so we made do with a climb up a wooded gully to find a lost corrie which Mr Reid assured us was used by the Macdonalds to keep stolen cattle, but after scrambling over huge boulders and walking along narrow ridge paths we seriously had doubts that the Macdonalds could have accomplished such a task. When we arrived at the corrie we found the bottom to be remarkably flat and the grass remarkably green.

Afterwards we returned to the Land Rover and made our way back to Strath, some obviously having enjoyed themselves, others stunned and taken aback by the difficulty of the challenge that the Highlands of Scotland impose.

Ian Hamilton.

SPEECH DAY

This year's Speech Day proceedings were graced with the presence of Mr George Matheson from Clifton Hall, the Chairman of I.A.P.S.

Laced with the sort of humour everyone wanted to hear, his address was most enjoyable and entertaining.

As is customary following the speeches, Mr Tansley's musicians entertained their captive audience to a concert.

Back at School, the equally customary sunshine made the setting perfect for the afternoon's displays and other activities which this year included a cricket match as a focal point of entertainment. The sunshine certainly brightened the day of one round-the-world yachtsman, who shall remain nameless for fear of reprisals, when he capsized before the start of the Parents v. Boys sailing race on the pond.

SPEECH DAY PRIZES

The Smith Cup for Captain of School	G. F. G. Mackenzie
The Houston Prize for All Round Merit	M. H. Gray
Dux	G. C. McLean
The William Tattersall Art Prize	A. O. Shepherd
The Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings	C. R. Harrison
The Robert Barr Memorial Prize for Music	C. R. Harrison
The Richard Moffat History Prize	P. D. Russell
The Wilfred Hoare Senior Reading Prize	P. J. McKee

Geography
English

Mathematics
Chemistry
French
Physics
Biology
Economics

Irene Mason
P. D. Russell and
Barbie MacLaurin
P. A. McFarlane
Lindsay Naylor
C. R. Harrison
Lindsay Naylor
Sally Rutherford
G. J. Forbes

A SCHOOLPERSON'S PRAYER

*Our Computer,
Which art in Cheltenham,
UCCA be thy name.
Thy forms come, thy procedure be done
In school as it is in Cheltenham
And give us this day our unconditionals
And forgive us our results
As we forgive our examiners,
And lead us not to polytechnic
But verily unto Oxford or Cambridge,
For thine be the acknowledgements, the rejections and the offers,
For UCCA and UCCA
Omen.*

DECEMBER 1980

MARCH 1981

SCHOLARSHIP SIXTH

Duncan, R. J. (N), *Craigmount, Hill Street, Monifieth, Angus.* Came 1973³; I; House Prefect; Ski-ing '74-'80 (Capt. '78-'80); British Mens Downhill Champion; British Mens Alpine Ski Team; 3rd XV; 2nd XI Cricket; 3rd XI Hockey; Cdt. (R.A.F.).

Galashan, A. F. R. (L), 7 Scott Avenue, Polmont, Falkirk. Came 1976¹; III; Head of School; Athletics (Captain); 2nd XV; Choir; *Strathallian* Editorial Board; Flt.Sgt. (R.A.F.).

Johnson, I. L. (L), 4 Aldenham Close, Luton, Beds., LU4 0RT. Came 1973³; I; School Prefect; 3rd XV; Orchestra; Choir; Music Prize; Cpl. (Army).

McLean, G. C. (R), c/o Bank of Montreal (Bahamas & Caribbean) Ltd., P.O. Box N3922, Nassau N.P. Bahamas. Came 1973³; I; Head of Ruthven; Scholar; Dux; French Prize; XI '79-'80; Hockey 2nd XI; 3rd XV (Capt.); Swimming; *Strathallian* Editorial Board; Cpl. (R.A.F.).

MacLeod, C. A. (S), 2 Pimlico, Durham City, Co. Durham. Came 1976³; III; Head of School; Head of House; XV; XI (Captain); Hockey XI; *Strathallian* Editorial Board; Sgt. (Army).

Rowe, Clarissa J. (T), *Scrabster House, Thurso, Caithness.* Came 1979³; UVI; Scholar; Modern Languages Prize; Shooting; *Strathallian* Editorial Board; Parachuting.

UVI

Giles, I. (F), 14 Strathmore Avenue, Dunblane, FK15 9HX. Came 1980³; UVI.

LVI

Wallace, G. K. A. (F), P.O. Box 83118, Mombasa, Kenya. Came 1977³; III; Cross-Country '79-'80; Swimming '78-'80; Orchestra; L.S. (R.N.).

V

Gibson, C. J. (S), *Royal Stuart Hotel, 318 Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4NR.* Came 1978²; III; Cdt. (Army).

Hyne, C. A. W. (F), 5 Bridgeton Place, Almondbank, Perth. Came 1977³; III; 4th XV; Cdt. (Army).

McNab, I. R. (S), *Tornsdale, Seabank Road, Nairn.* Came 1977³; III; Cdt. (Army).

IV

Broadley, C. H. (L), *Myrtle House, West End, Willington, Nr. Crook, Durham.* Came 1980¹; IV; Junior Cross-Country Champion '80; Cdt. (Army).

Greenshields, M. J. A. (R), 12 Cavendish Drive, Newton Mearns, Glasgow, G77 5NY. Came 1979³; III; Orchestra; Cdt. (Army).

Patidar, S. (R), P.O. Box 869, Ndola, Zambia. Came 1977³; I; Choir; Cdt. (Army).

UVI

Crabb, Sandrah A. (T), *Mosa Plantation, Kimbe P.O., Papua, New Guinea.* Came 1980³; UVI.

IV

Mackie, P. R. B. (S), 45 Huntly Drive, Glenrothes, Fife. Came 1979³; III; Cdt. (Army).

III

Denton-Miller, A. (L), 11 Bloxham Road, Cranleigh, Surrey. Came 1978³; I.

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UVI

Barcroft, J. T. B. (L), *The Parsonage, Pitlochry, Perthshire.* Came 1977¹; III; Tennis '81; Chess '80-'81; L.S. (R.N.).

Belch, Carolyn E. (T), *The Crossways, Charlotte Street, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.* Came 1980³; UVI; Tennis; Shooting; Drama.

Bisset, S. B. (F), *'Sea House,' Elie, Leven, Fife.* Came 1977³; IV; House Prefect; 3rd XV; Sailing '79-'81; Cpl. (R.A.F.).

Bowie, F. R. (S), 135 Hickson Drive, New Providence, NJ 07974, U.S.A. Came 1976³; III; House Prefect; P.O. (R.N.).

Christie, Jocelyn M. A. (T), *Rossie Ochil, Forgandenny, Perthshire.* Came 1980³; UVI; Cross-Country; Squash; Choirs.

Cracknell, C. J. (L), *'Alburne Knowe,' Orchard Drive, Glenrothes, Fife, KY7 5RG.* Came 1976³; III; House Prefect; School Librarian; 2nd XV '79-'80 (Capt. '81); 3rd XI Hockey '80-'81; Basketball; Strathallan Singers; Drama; D. of E. Silver; L/Cpl. (Base Drummer) Pipe Band.

Cuthbertson, M. S. (N), *Hareshaw Lodge, Fenwick, Nr. Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, KA3 6JJ.* Came 1976³; III; House Prefect; XV '80; Athletics '77-'81 (Colours '78); Cpl. (Army).

Cuthill, A. J. (F), *The Coach House, Dura Den, by Cupar, Fife.* Came 1976²; III; House Prefect; XV; Hockey XI; Badminton; Soccer; Choir; Cpl. (Army).

Al-Dajani, S. N. (L), 14/15 Haydock Park Gardens, Haydock Park Estate, Ashton in Makerfield, Merseyside. Came 1976³; III; House Prefect; A.B. (R.N.).

Dobbie, R. K. (L), 30 Hanmores, St. Catherine's Road, Broxbourne, Herts. Came 1977¹; III; House Prefect; Athletics '80-'81 (Colours '81); Cross-Country '80-'81; 5th XV; Choirs; Drama; Cpl. i/c Signals (Army).

Ferguson, R. A. (R), 14 Millbank, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. Came 1974³; I; XI '79-'81; Basketball '80-'81; Shooting; Drama; L/Cpl. (Pipe Band).

Fitzpatrick, Gail S. (T), *'Cairnmhor,' Erskine Road, Whitecraigs, Glasgow, G46 6TH.* Came 1979³; LVI; Tennis '80-'81; Badminton; Drama.

- Forbes, G. J. (F), 19 Carruth Road, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, PA11 3HQ. Came 1976³; III; Head of House; XV; VII; Athletics '78-'81 (Colours '79); Shooting '80-'81 (Marksman '79); Economics Prize '81; Piper (Pipe Band).
- Gandhi, S. K. (F), 28 Carnegie Place, Perth, PH1 5EB. Came 1976³; III; 5th XV; Badminton; Summer Hockey 3rd XI; Drama; Cdt. (R.A.F.).
- Gilmour, Carla G. R. (T), Underwood House, Symington, By Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, KA1 5NG. Came 1979³; LVI; House Prefect; Ski-ing '79 & '80; Cross-Country '79 & '80; Squash; Drama.
- Goodbourn, B. M. (S), Hill Top Farm, Old Great North Road, Old Micklefield, Nr. Leeds, LS25 4AQ. Came 1974³; I; House Prefect; 3rd XV; Sgt. (R.A.F.).
- Goodbourn, M. G. (S), Hill Top Farm, Old Great North Road, Old Micklefield, Nr. Leeds, LS25 4AQ. Came 1974³; I; House Prefect; 3rd XV; Sailing '80 & '81 (Colours); 2nd Orchestra; P.O. (R.N.).
- Grant, R. G. (F), 'Lyndale,' 29 Hamilton Avenue, Glasgow, G41 4JE. Came 1976³; III; House Prefect; 2nd XV; Summer Hockey XI; Basketball '80-'81; Cpl. (Army).
- Gray, M. H. (L), Croft-Mohr Cottage, Halketburn Road, Skelmorlie, Ayrshire, Came 1974³; I; Head of House; XV; Athletics '78-'81 (Capt. '81); Basketball '80-'81 (Capt '81); Choir; Strathallian Photographer; Flt.Sgt. (R.A.F.).
- Hamilton, I. D. (F), 19 Sandhead Road, Strathaven, Lanarkshire. Came 1976³; III; 3rd XV; Summer Hockey 2nd XI; L.S. (R.N.).
- Harbert, A. S. (S), The Auld Toll Hotel, Newtonloan Toll, Gorebridge, Midlothian. Came 1976³; III; House Prefect; 3rd XV; Athletics '78-'81; L.S. (R.N.).
- Johnston, Adrian P. (R), Pathhead House, Cockburnspath, Berwickshire. Came 1979³; LVI; House Prefect; Summer Hockey XI; Flying Scholarship; Cpl. (R.A.F.).
- Johnston, Alistair P. (R), Pathhead House, Cockburnspath, Berwickshire. Came 1979³; LVI; House Prefect; Captain of Shooting; Cpl. (R.A.F.).
- Kite, Rona (T), 39 St. Mary's Drive, Kinnoull Hill, Perth. Came 1980³; UVI; Music Scholarship; Choir; Orchestra; Badminton.
- Lee, Christine L. H. (T), 31 Lorong Merlimau, Off Jalan Telok Pulai, Kelang, Selangor, West Malaysia. Came 1980¹; LVI; Orchestra.
- McCausland, I. H. M. (S), 9 Pond Hill Road, Shorncliff, Folkestone, Kent. Came 1974³; I; House Prefect; 5th XV; 3rd XI; Cdt. (R.A.F.).
- McClung, T. F. (F), 9 Wester Coates Gardens, Edinburgh, EH12 5LT. Came 1977³; IV; House Prefect; XV; XI; Cpl. (Army).
- McDougall, N. L. (L), 15 Muirhall Terrace, Perth, PH2 7ES. Came 1974³; I; House Prefect; 3rd XV; Cpl. (R.A.F.).
- Mackenzie, G. F. G. (N), 361 Arbroath Road, Dundee, DD4 7SQ. Came 1977¹; III; Head of School; XV '79-'80; Hockey XI '79-'81 (Capt. '81); Captain Summer Hockey; Scottish Schoolboys Hockey XI '81; Athletics; Squash '77-'81 (Captain); Sgt. (Army).
- MacLaurin, Barbie A. (T), Heathpark, Bankhead Road, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire. Came 1979³; LVI; Tennis Captain; Ski-ing '80 & '81; English Prize; Drama.
- McPherson, N. W. (N), Cromarty Mains Farm, Cromarty, Ross-shire, IV11 8XS. Came 1974³; I; School Prefect; XV; Hockey XI '79-'81; Summer Hockey XI '79-'81; Choir; Cpl. (Army).
- Mason, Irene D. (T), 5 Braeside Park, Balloch, Inverness, IV1 2HL. Came 1980³; UVI; Badminton; Choirs; Orchestra.
- Mennie, N. R. (S), 60 Sherwood Road, Seaford, East Sussex, BN25 3ED. Came 1974³; I; 3rd XI; 3rd XI Hockey; 4th XV; Cdt. (R.A.F.).
- Montgomery, B. D. (R), Wyndene, Stagshaw Road, Corbridge, Northumberland, NE45 5PB. Came 1975³; II; House Prefect; XV '79-'81; Hockey XI '80-'81; Summer Hockey '80-'81; L/Cpl. (Army).
- Morton, S. W. (F), Craigden, Abernethy, Perthshire. Came 1976³; III; House Prefect; XV '79-'81; Athletics '78-'81; Ski-ing '79-'80; Cross-Country; Cdt. (Army).
- Naylor, K. Lindsay (T), Barnsdene, Turfbeg Drive, Forfar, Angus. Came 1979³; LVI; Badminton; Basketball; Scholar; Physics and Chemistry Prizes; 6th at Aberdeen Bursary Competition; Drama.
- Pickett, I. W. (N), 9 Mansefield Road, Flat 24, 12th Floor, The Peak, Hong Kong. Came 1979³; LVI; Swimming; Basketball; 5th XV; Cdt. (R.A.F.).
- Raeside, S. D. (N), The Chesters, Dunino, St. Andrews, Fife. Came 1976³; III; House Prefect; XV (Colours); Athletics '78-'81 (Colours); Basketball; L/Cpl. (Army).
- Reid, P. K. (L), 23 Ethiebeaton Terrace, Monifieth, Angus. Came 1974³; I; House Prefect; XV; Cross-Country '80-'81 (Captain); Summer Hockey '80-'81; Choir; Sgt. (R.A.F.).
- Rourke, D. J. (N), 5 Bonnybank Road, Dundee. Came 1976³; III; House Prefect; XV '79-'81; Hockey XI '78-'81; Summer Hockey XI '77-'81; Golf; Swimming; Soccer; Cdt. (Army).
- Rutherford, Sally J. (T), 5 Westbarn Road, Barnhill, Dundee, DD5 2SS. Came 1979³; LVI; House Prefect; Tennis; Squash; Scholar; Drama.
- Selwood, M. D. (F), 75 James Street, Helensburgh, G84 8XH. Came 1980³; UVI; Cross-Country; Choir; Orchestra.
- Smith, D. I. (L), Holton Farm, Milnathort, Kinross-shire, KY13 7SD. Came 1974³; I; Athletics; 2nd XV; 4th Hockey; Riley Scholar; Cdt. (R.A.F.).
- Smith, M. C. S. (F), Hillside, Carwood, Biggar, Lanarkshire. Came 1976³; III; House Prefect; 4th XV; William Tattersall Art Prize; Choir; Cpl. (R.A.F.).

- Stewart, P. J. (R), *Letham Farm, Ladybank, Fife*. Came 1976³; III; House Prefect; 2nd XV; 3rd XI Hockey; L/Cpl. (Army).
- Taylor, D. N. (S), *Milton-of-Cromdale, Grantown-on-Spey*. Came 1976³; III; Librarian; Athletics '78-'81; Cross-Country '80 & '81; 5th XV (Capt.); P.O. (R.N.).
- Thomson, Allan A. (S), *Chiusa Martini 20a, Aquacalda, Lucca, Italy*. Came 1976³; III; 6th XV; Cpl. i/c Motorcycles (Army).
- Thomson, Angus, A. (L), *21 Renny Crescent, Montrose*. Came 1976³; III; XV; Cdt. (Army).
- Turnbull, J. C. (N), *Meadowend Farm, Clackmannan, FK10 4DR*. Came 1976²; III; School Prefect; XV; 2nd XI Summer Hockey; Cpl. (Army).
- Walker, D. B. (R), *Flat 4, 22 North Street, Ashford, Kent*. Came 1976³; III; School Prefect; XV '79-'81 (Colours); Athletics '79-'80; Tennis '78-'79; Summer Hockey '81 (Colours); Sgt. (R.M.).
- Waller, D. S. (N), *Hopewood House, Edzell, Angus, DD9 7UB*. Came 1974³; I; Cross-Country '80 & '81; Athletics; L/Cpl. (Army).
- Watt, S. R. (R), *5 Manley Terrace, Station Road, Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 4DW*. Came 1976²; III; Head of House; XV '79-'81 (Colours); XI '79-'81 (Captain and Colours); 3rd XI Hockey '80-'81; Campbell Award; Coxswain (R.N.).
- Wilson, E. Caroline (T), *Southwaite Park, Southwaite, Nr. Carlisle, Cumbria, CA4 0LN*. Came 1979³; LVI; Drama.
- Wishart, K. Gail (T), *Glebe House, Torphichen, West Lothian, EH48 4LY*. Came 1979³; LVI; Cross-Country (Captain); Ski-ing; Badminton; Hockey; Basketball; Choir; Drama.
- LVI
- Baird, W. (R), *Kirkness Farm, Ballingry, Lochgelly, Fife*. Came 1974³; I; House Prefect; Shooting '77-'81 (Captain and Colours); 3rd XI Hockey (Captain); Summer Hockey XI; 4th XV; Cpl. (R.M.).
- McKenzie-Smith, A. J. (N), *Lindores Abbey, Newburgh, Fife*. Came 1975³; I; 3rd XI; 5th XV; Choir; 2nd Orchestra; Drama; Cdt. (Army).
- Wilshaw, P. J. (R), *Innermessan Croft, Stranraer, Wigtownshire, DG9 8QP*. Came 1977³; III; 2nd XV; Athletics '80-'81; Cdt. (Army).
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- Aitkin, W. F. (L), *Dunira, Buccleugh Road, Hawick, Roxburghshire*. Came 1976³; I; Cross-Country; Cdt. (Army).
- Anderson, A. S. (F), *7 Crawford Drive, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire*. Came 1977²; I; 3rd XI; Cdt. (R.A.F.).
- Arbuckle, M. P. (L), *Derachie Farm, Tannadice, By Forfar*. Came 1979¹; III; Captain S. Colts Hockey; S. Colts XV; S. Colts XI; Cdt. (R.M.).
- Baxter, R. T. (S), *Kildrochet House, Nr. Stranraer, Wigtownshire*. Came 1977³; III; 5th XV; Cdt. (Army).
- Guthrie, C. H. (N), *52 Moor Court, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne*. Came 1979¹; III; 6th XV; Tennis; A.B. (R.N.).
- Hamilton, W. M. (L), *Earlside Farm, Hawick, Roxburghshire*. Came 1976³; I; Tennis; S. Colts XV and Hockey XI; Cdt. (Army).
- Ijeomah, E. K. (L), *P.O. Box 30029, Lusaka, Zambia*. Came 1980³; V; XV; Athletics; Cdt. (Army).
- McCarroll, S. C. (F), *P.O. Box N4342, Nassau, Bahamas*. Came 1978³; III; 2nd XI Hockey; Summer Hockey XI; Cdt. (Army).
- MacLeod, T. C. (S), *50 Castletlaw Crescent, Abernethy, Perthshire*. Came 1979¹; III; L.S. (R.N.).
- Phillip, F. J. (R), *Gilchorn Farm, By Arbroath, Angus*. Came 1976³; I; Sailing; L.S. (R.N.).
- Robson, D. A. (R), *The Cottage, Whalton, Morpeth, Northumberland*. Came 1975³; I; XV; XI '80-'81; Fishing '79-'80; L/Cpl. (Army).
- Sinclair, G. F. (F), *Glendevon Farm, Perth*. Came 1975³; I; Cdt. (Army).
- Smith, R. M. (N), *Thornwood, Galston, Ayrshire, KA4 8LP*. Came 1977³; II; S. Colts 'B' XV; Cdt. (R.M.).
- Thompson, J. A. (R), *10 Auchentrae Crescent, Seafield, Ayr, KA7 4BB*. Came 1978¹; III; S. Colts XV '80-'81; Cdt. (Army).
- Tyser, W. P. (L), *The Old Rectory, Cholderton, Salisbury, Wilts*. Came 1978²; III; 3rd XI Hockey; 3rd XI; Summer Hockey XI; S. Colts XV; Cdt. (R.M.).
- White, J. G. F. (N), *'Whiteburn,' 45 Craigie Drive, Dundee*. Came 1978³; III; Ski-ing '79-'81 (Capt.); Cross-Country '80-'81; S. Colts XV; Cdt. (Army).
- Young, W. S. E. (F), *The Old Manse, Camusvrachan, Glenlyon, Nr. Abergfeldy, Perthshire*. Came 1975³; I; Scholar; Choir; Orchestra; A.B. (R.N.).
- IV
- McMurray, D. A. G. (R), *Fergushill Farm, Kilmaurs, Ayrshire, KA3 2PK*. J. Colts Hockey XI; Cdt. (Army).
- III
- Forbes, A. E. (F), *19 Carruth Road, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire*. Came 1980¹; III; J. Colts 'B' XV.
- Maclean, P. (S), *Woodburn House, 17 Carrick Road, Ayr, KA7 2RA*. Came 1978³; I; Choir; Drama.
- Morrison, K. (N), *5 Almond Court Estate, Braehead Park, Barnton, Edinburgh*. Came 1978³; I.
- Stewart-Liddon, J. J. (N), *Raasay House, Raasay, Isle of Skye, Ross-shire, IV40*. Came 1980²; II.
- II
- Garner, J. G. (Ri), *The Dairymaid's Cottage, Parkfield Farm, By Perth*. Came 1979³; I.
- Guthrie, N. (Ri), *28 Roseberry Street, Aberdeen*. Came 1979³; I.
- I
- Macfarlane, G. S. (Ri), *Oakbank, Ardrishaig, Argyll*. Came 1980³; I.
- McNamara, D. S. (Ri), *School House, Barnard Castle School, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham*. Came 1980³; I.

Strathallian Club

THE PRESIDENT—W. ALISTER McMILLAN



In September 1948 W. Alister McMillan arrived at Strathallan and immediately made his mark. Playing in the under-15½ XV against Stirling High School on 2nd October he contributed 30 points to a notable victory. The feature of his career, both at Strathallan and subsequently, was that he hardly ever played for a club or team without, at some time, captaining it. While at Strathallan he captained the 1st XV for two seasons, from 1950-1952. In the latter season he was also captain of cricket and during that, his final year, he was School captain. His all-round achievement was reflected in the award of the Houston Medal. During his years at Strathallan he captained the Scottish Air Training Corps XV and in 1951, playing against the English A.T.C., he contributed to a Scottish victory with 'a fine try' (The Strathallian, Vol 5, No. 6, page 14).

Our President's career at Strathallan was not just a catalogue of success on the sports field. Examination successes secured for him his entrance to Glasgow University where, in 1955, he took his degree, Bachelor of Law. Having qualified professionally he joined his father's firm of solicitors, Messrs McMillan & Howie, in Ayr, whence he came and whither he has returned. He is now senior partner of that busy practice, covering all branches of law, and in recognition of his contribution to, and of his high standing in, his profession, he has been elected Dean of the Ayr Faculty of Solicitors.

While at university his sporting career progressed. He not only played for his university but he gained 3 Blues playing for the Scottish Universities' XV from 1952-1955. Thereafter he joined West of Scotland R.F.C. and captained that Club in the season 1957-1958. He then took an interest in his home club and was captain there for two seasons, from 1961-1963. Alister's rugby-playing days may have come to an end but he remains an active interest in the game as Fixture Secretary. He would now describe himself as an indifferent golfer at Prestwick and, for the sake of variety, he sails.

Alister's interest in Strathallan extends beyond the Club, especially now that his daughter, Linda-Jane, has arrived at the School. He and his wife, Elizabeth Anne (Lizanne) have two more daughters, Gaile and Roslyn. We can therefore reasonably look forward to the continuing interest and involvement of our President whose career has done so much to enhance the reputation of both School and Club.

STRATHALLIAN ANGLING CLUB

The 1981 season, our twenty-third, was plagued by poor fishing conditions, either too bright or too breezy, and the returns for the various outings were low, but nonetheless an average catch of 12.8 ounces was achieved, and the Club Championship remained in the balance until the very last fish was weighed in at the Lake, September outing.

Eight members visited Kenmore in the first weekend in April to fish the upper beats of the River Tay and Loch Tay, and two trout were taken. An enjoyable outing was marred only by the complete absence of salmon.

On Easter weekend the first trout outing was held at Loch Awe in a day of two halves, flat calm in the morning and winds rising steadily throughout the afternoon. The largest catch in the Club's history went to David Biggart and John Baxter in successfully rescuing two tourists clinging to an upturned boat in the middle of the loch. On a lesser scale Stuart Biggart had the best basket of fish to win the Archie Glen Trophy.

In response to the members' request at the A.G.M. a midweek fixture was held at Dunwan Reservoir, by Eaglesham. Seven members were able to attend together with Eric Watt as secretary of Ballageich Angling Club. Six fish were taken, all in the afternoon, with David Biggart taking half of these to win the outing.

The match against the Phoenix Angling Club at the Lake of Menteith in May was the best attended outing of the year with 19 members appearing, three of whom turned their coats and fished for the Phoenix under their dual memberships. The Club scored a resounding victory, with 11 fish against 10, but weights of 15lb 10ozs against 12lb 6ozs. Congratulations are due to Lindsay Young with the best basket of 4 fish, 4lbs 8ozs. Lindsay was fishing for the Phoenix and won the Phoenix Club outing, the Strathallian Club outing and also secured the Fingland Trophy for the best basket on the Lake by a Strathallian member throughout the season.

The evening outing to Loch Leven is best forgotten by all but Robin Nairn who took the only fish, and thereby won his first Club competition.

In July at the Lake we entertained Bob Cowie and thirteen boys from the School, in a day disjointed by School exams. Under several systems of equalising the numbers, the result was unanimous with the Club defeating the School. Club captain for the year, Billy Buchanan, had the best basket, and later presented a reel to David Mactaggart who had the best fish amongst the boys, by $\frac{1}{2}$ oz from Alastair Biggart.

It was shirt sleeve orders at Loch Fitty where Dr Ian Henderson landed the only fish amongst the members.

At the beginning of the final outing on the Lake, it was possible for any one of eleven Club members to secure the Club Championship. On a day when many fish were showing but few taking Charlie Magee won the day with a basket of three fish, to bring him level on points with David Biggart. Following three recounts of the weights of fish involved Charlie became Club Champion for the first time with David being runner-up for the fourth time.

In outside competitions the Club had its ups and downs. The season started with the announcement that the Club were runners-up in the Port Sonachan Hotel competition based on a rod to weight ratio for outings from the hotel in the previous season.

David Biggart represented the Club in the 'National' Championship, and failed to trouble the scorer, as did Stuart Biggart for the Stock Exchange Club, and David Vost for Civil Service Glasgow.

Stuart Biggart, David Young and Robin Turner represented the Club on the Lake in the Scottish Club Championship and while fish were taken the Club failed to qualify for the next round.

In the Inter-Schools Competition, again at the Lake, a team of Billy Buchanan, David Biggart, David Vost and Jack Turner were saved from total disgrace by the Secretary's one fish. This placed the Club sixth overall.

Finally Stuart Biggart and Lindsay Young represented the Club at the Inter-Club Competition run by the Glasgow and District Angling Club Association. The Club has been runner-up for two years and this year improved on that, by taking 8 fish, to the runner-up's 3. Stuart also won the Trophy for the best basket, 6 fish, 5lb 4ozs.

This year the Club had 34 members of which 26 attended at least one outing. The total catch for the year (all trout) was 62 fish weighing 49lb 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.

J.S.T./R.Y.

STRATHALLIAN GOLF CLUB

Spring Meeting 1981

Five members managed to turn up for the outing at Gullane No. 2 on 2nd May. It was very windy throughout the day—sunny in the morning but overcast and cold in the afternoon.

In the morning the Bogie Trophy for the best net score was won by Hamish MacFarlane with 65 (79-14)—following a slight handicap dispute with John Hamilton! Lunch (or the liquid part of it) at Bisset's Hotel was survived best, not surprisingly, by Allan Cook, who won the Johnston Trophy with 28 Stableford points in the afternoon.

I wish to thank the other four competitors, especially the three from the West, for making the effort to come. Without them we would literally not have had an outing!

Grafton Morrish 1981

The finals of this tournament clash with the Queen Elizabeth, so, despite the fact that we have never yet qualified for the finals, we refrained from entering, judging it not to be in the spirit of the tournament to enter when we would not be able to take our place in the said finals.

Match v. Glenalmond

A match against the O.G.'s was tentatively arranged for June 6th—but I felt our team of three people was insufficient to face the might of, possibly, the Glenalmond Halford Hewitt Team!—and the match was cancelled.

Anyone interested in joining the Golf Club, and maybe even playing, should send name, address and £1 to A. S. McInroy, 5 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 5EP.

Queen Elizabeth Schools Trophy 26th-28th September 1981

The team this year had the same six members as last year, but with differing partnerships. They were:

1. Jamie Moffat and Kenneth Grant
2. Richard Williamson and Andrew McInroy
3. Ian Jones and Peter Hill

Four of our team have an aggregate handicap of plus one, so we are one of the strongest teams at Barnton, and we are gradually building up experience to match these handicaps. This year we played much more like we are capable of playing, and had our best result for eleven years.

After a bye in round one we dispatched Old Oundelians 2/1 in round two. As some may have noticed in the press, this game was not without incident. Couple I were penalised firstly 2 holes, then 4 holes for having 15 clubs in one bag! The culprit will remain anonymous, but enquiries are being made concerning his Mathematics 'O' level result! Had the penalty remained at 4 holes we were in serious danger of being out of the tournament. However Ian Jones' legal training proved invaluable when we disputed the committee's decision; they changed their minds, and we were rightly given a 3/2 victory.

In the third round we met Kelvinside Accies, who with Allan and Andrew Brodie, Scott Cochran and others, looked favourites. Although we have been known to beat them in the past, they are talented and very experienced, and defeated us in '70, '73 and '76. This year we were far too strong for them and won 3/0.

Our fourth round opponents were Glasgow H.S.F.P., who have won the Q.E. five times. We won this round 2/1 thanks to our third couple, who won an exciting game at the 20th. After halving the 19th in 4, Peter Hill pitched to 3 feet from some 80 yards at the 20th. Although the opponents missed the green, they got down in 2. However, Ian Jones, whose knuckles were visibly white as he stood over the putt for the match, was man enough for the occasion and holed with ease.

And so to Monday morning. As far as I am able to ascertain, we have only reached Monday twice since 1953. Firstly in 1955 when our team reached the final, only to lose to Watsonians, and secondly in 1970 when we lost in the semi-finals to Kelvinside.

All three games were very close against our semi-final opponents, who were Ayr Academics, but we succumbed 3/0. Ayr did not record this result with ease, as couple one went to the 20th, couple two to the 19th, and their third couple only won 2/1. With some luck we could have won this match, and it might easily have been ourselves beating Breadalbane in the final, and not Ayr!

The team all agreed that we had had a most enjoyable weekend, and that we can improve without doubt. We have only now begun to play well as a foursomes team and we believe that we are quite capable of winning the Queen Elizabeth Trophy. I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Hill, who once again, followed us all every round—and also Mandy whose presence is most welcome in future years!

CURLING

The winter of 1980/81 had both its high spells and low spells for the Curling Section, and it is only in retrospect that it appears we had a middling successful season, as the statistics show:

PLAYED—22 WON—10 LOST—10 DRAWN—2
SHOTS for—148 and AGAINST—140

The Scottish Wanderers' League, which involved the Section and seven other F.P. Clubs, was dominated for the second season by Glenalmond and the Section slipped from third last season to fifth this season, behind Glenalmond, Watsonians, Sedbergh and Glasgow Accies.

More successfully a number of friendly matches were played and enjoyed by all those taking part. Various Stockbrokers, Bankers and others were beaten with only the Clydesdale Bank refusing to knuckle under as they contrived to beat us both at the beginning and at the end of the season. It is intended to repeat a number of these friendlies in the next season as this is the first year that the Section has competed outside of the Scottish Wanderers' League.

Two Sessions were used at the beginning of the season for practice and the coaching of some of the new members and these were greatly appreciated by all concerned.

The East versus West match was not contested due to unavailability of ice coinciding with the date of the Annual Dinner.

The Section's activities were based on Crossmyloof Ice Rink, Glasgow, and during the season 21 members curled for the Section and of these 7 were under the age of 25. The Section will always welcome new members regardless of age and experience!

The season starts at the end of September and lasts to April, but additions to our strength are welcome at any time. The Secretary is: Jack Turner at 12 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow.

KEEP IN TOUCH

As the Club strives to maintain its records as fully as possible the Secretary would be grateful if you would complete the enclosed pro forma and return it in the FREEPOST envelope provided. If any member knows of another who may be out of touch with the Club, please encourage him to contact the Secretary with his whereabouts or a permanent contact address.

A full address list of members is available for those who are interested in contacting former contemporaries who may live beside them.

NEWS OF OLD STRATHALLIANS

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| ANDERSON, D. M. | 1952/56 | Is now Managing Director of Anderson Man, commodity and metal brokers and is a member of the Board of Directors of the London Commodity Exchange, Chairman of the C.F.T.C. Liaison sub-committee, Vice-Chairman of the London Potato Futures Market, member of the Board of Directors of the International Petroleum Exchange. |
| ASHTON, T. C. | 1963/68 | Is at present serving as Adjutant, 50 Missile Regiment R.A. in Menden, W.Germany and will be posted to Staff College at Camberley in October. |
| BAILLIE, C. A. J. | 1976/80 | Is reading Industrial Design in Lausanne. |
| BAXTER, A. D. | 1970/75 | Having qualified in Law is based in Edinburgh and is reported to be looking for someone to practise on. |

BENNET, A. J.	1967/73	Is working for Schlumberger, offshore but based in Denmark.	FIELDING, N. J. B.	1964/71	Is now resident in Cairo, undertaking international tax and investment work.
BROADWOOD, R. A.	1965/70	Is Financial Controller of Ceilcote U.K. Ltd.	FLEMING, A. J.	1959/64	Is Assistant Director, Imperial Chemical Insurance, looking after property insurance for ICI worldwide but based in London. He now has three children.
BRUNTON, W. A. T.	1962/65	B.Sc., M.B.Ch.B., M.R.C.Path. is now married; has an infant daughter and is Consultant Microbiologist and Director of Public Health Laboratory in Truro.	FLEMING, J. N.	1952/58	Having achieved the remarkable golfing treble of Royal Artillery, Army and Wiltshire County Championships in May has been posted to the Artillery School Combat Training Centre in New Brunswick.
BUDGE, A. D. J.	1955/58	Is still working with C.S.B.P. Farmers and has started planting his own forests.	FRASER, T. R. L.	1944/46	Was awarded the Silver Medal of the International Federation of Agricultural Journalists in May.
CALDWELL, G. S.	1956/59	Has returned from Zambia and has recently joined Harris Queensway Group as Group Chief Accountant. He reports that his brother Chalmers is busily anaesthetising Canadians in London, Ontario.	GELZER, P. A. S.	1974/76	Is in his Senior Year reading History at Yale.
CARMICHAEL, C. C. D.	1969/74	Is reported running the Salen Hotel on Mull and as having formed a very successful Mull R.F.C. from scratch.	GORDON, G. G. H.	1955/60	Is reported continuing to amuse the inhabitants of Sydney with his Scottish humour.
CASSILLIS, CHARLES, EARL OF	1968/73	Married Dawn Keen in 1979 and has two daughters. He is busily supplying Scottish farmers with fertilisers, feeds and seeds.	GRAY, I. S.	1954/61	Is reported to have returned to Sydney from Hong Kong.
CRAN, M. W. H.	1963/70	Is serving on H.Q. Staff, British Forces, Belize.	HAY, A. J.	1970/75	Is reported playing hockey for his employers, Lloyds Bank in London.
DALGLEISH, L. D.	1969/73	Is reported Ayrshire's leading plant hire operator.	HAY, D. T.	1972/77	Has completed his Accountancy and Finance degree at Heriot-Watt, has represented Scottish Universities at hockey and has also gained four Scottish caps.
DUNCAN, R. J.	1973/80	Spent much of the summer racing in Australia and New Zealand with other members of the British Mens Alpine Ski Team.	HAY, J. A.	1968/73	Has completed a two-year law apprenticeship with Shepherd & Wederburn in Edinburgh and has been playing hockey for Grange in company with James Macdonald, Donny Hay, John Dods, Alastair MacArthur and Douglas Barnes-Graham.
DUNCAN, S. R. C.	1966/73	When not winning golf trophies in the Madrid area is a management trainee with the Bank of London and South America.			
FAIRLIE, P. J. M.	1972/75	Is accumulating Scottish Squash Caps and keeping an eye on Glenturret Distillery.			

HEADRICK, N. M.	1970/74	Having graduated LL.B. is now on an extended working holiday in Australia and New Zealand.	McKEE, D. J.	1969/74	Has left the Army and is due to start a one-year M.Sc. course in Information Science at City University, London.
HEARD, K. J.	1969/75	Is reported working in an Adventure Playground in the Wester Hailes Centre.	McKEE, J.	1947/51	R.D., B.A., LL.B., Q.C., has been appointed County Court Judge and President of Industrial Tribunals for Northern Ireland.
HERBERT, J. D.	1963/71	Is practising as a solicitor in Central London, specialising in criminal law.	McLAREN, A. H.	1971/78	Was promoted Sub-Lieutenant R.N. in November 1980 and starts Harrier training this year.
KIRKLAND, R. L.	1970/75	Was promoted Captain in June 1980 and is currently serving in H.Q. Northern Ireland.	MACPHERSON, G. L.	1933/39	Retired as Chief Cashier of the Royal Bank of Scotland, Commercial St., Dundee, on March 23rd.
LABAND, A. E. K.	1963/69	Is working with Price Waterhouse in Hong Kong.	MAGEE, C. C. S.	1970/75	Having graduated B.A. in Business Organisation concluded an era by selling his bike and is currently working for Argus and Ayr in Edinburgh in company with Doug. Heard (1969/74).
LAVEROCK, E. R.	1962/68	Is branch manager of the Abbey National Building Society in Kirkwall.	MELVILLE, W. B.	1958/66	Has accepted the appointment of Divisional Printing Engineer with Metal Box, South Africa.
LINN, J. W.	1956/61	Has been appointed Investments Controller, Permanent Trustee Company, Sydney.	MITCHELL, G. W.	1972/77	Graduated with 1st Class Honours in Engineering Science (Chemical) at the University of Edinburgh in 1980 and is currently in his second year of Ph.D. studies at Cambridge.
McARTHUR, A. C.	1970/75	Is reported to have returned from Australia and intends moving into estate management in the Highlands.	NICOL, D. R.	1967/73	Is working in Hong Kong for Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co.
McBRIDE, I. A.	1929/34	Is Chairman, Guardian Life of the Caribbean Ltd., and would welcome any Strathallians passing through Trinidad.	NOBLE, K. T.	1976/77	Has joined the Royal Navy.
McBRIDE, D. J.	1963/71	Is resident in Florida.	OVENS, T. I. R.	1956/59	Is Scottish Regional Manager for Tancorose Engineering; was married in 1968 and has two sons.
McCALLUM, S.	1975/80	Starts S.R.N. and R.M.N. courses at Glasgow Royal Infirmary in February next year.	PETERS, R. S.	1957/62	Is a director of Murray Technology Investments P.L.C. as he is of Corintech and of Murray Johnstone Ltd.
MACDONALD, M. J.	1970/74	Graduated in Veterinary Medicine and Surgery from Edinburgh in 1979 and is at present practising on Georgia, U.S.A.			
McINTOSH, J. E.	1968/74	Is now a director of Kelvin Timber in Glasgow.			
McINTOSH, W. D.	1968/74	Has recently been appointed District Surveyor with Rentokil and Captain West of Scotland 2nd XV.			

POSTLETHWAITE, H. R.	1973/78	Is in the third year of an Electrical and Electronic Engineering Science degree course at Aberdeen and has represented the University at Archery.	TAYLOR, J. D.	1961/68	After five years in Hong Kong has now taken up an overseas appointment with Mobil Oil.
POWRIE, R. D. G.	1969/76	Has been serving with the Royal Artillery in Germany.	TAYLOR, M. C.	1969/73	Was promoted Corporal in 1980 after serving in Hong Kong and Germany where he represented R.E. & B.A.O.R. XV. He is at present in Belize on a short engagement and will be returning to Germany.
PRINGLE, J. L.	1964/69	Is resident Business Manager with Morrison Knudsen in Houston, Texas.	THOM, C. M.	1963/68	Qualified as an osteopath in 1980; is practising in the London and Windsor area; married his wife Alicia in 1976 and now has a daughter (5) and a son (2).
ROY, W. C.	1958/64	Is reported married and living in Bourne End, trading in coffee in the City of London.	THOM, R. D.	1963/68	Left Saudi Arabia in July 1980 after four years with Aramco and has taken up a post as Finance and Accounts Manager for Dodwell Shipping in Tokyo.
SHAW, J. C.	1943/49	Was elected Junior Vice-President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland in April.	TRUSDALE, T. N. W.	1960/66	Is reported still practising and enjoying life in Canada.
SMITH, E. J. E.	1950/53	Has been awarded the O.B.E. and is Military Representative of Rolls Royce.	VIVIAN, S. N.	1970/76	Has been Bank Officer with Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking temporarily in Bombay then in Hong Kong.
SMITH, G. R. S.	1964/71	Is currently enjoying work in Hong Kong managing operations of a retail food chain.	WEARMOUTH, A. L.	1965/69	Is reported to be U.K. Business Manager for Morrison Knudsen Shand based in Catterick, Yorks.
SMITH, R. A.	1972/78	Represented the Oxford and Cambridge combined athletics team in the U.S.A., competing against Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell and West Point.	WILLOX, K. C.	1972/76	Has been promoted Flying Officer.
SMITH, R. M.	1955/62	Is serving in the rank of Major at the Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill.	WILSON, R. F.	1970/76	Commutes on business and pleasure between Blackford and Canada via the Forgan-denny area.
STEEDMAN, C. M.	1973/80	Has completed the first year of his Law degree course at Aberdeen.	WRIGHT, A. L.	1960/64	Launched his own company, Wright Insurance Services, in July 1979.
STEEDMAN, H. W. R.	1969/76	Has taken up an appointment with Shawnigan Engineering in Montreal.			
STEELE, G. R.	1970/74	Graduated LL.B. from Aberdeen in 1978 and qualified as a solicitor in 1980. He has been admitted to the Faculty of Advocates.			

Engagements

HERBERT, J. D.	1963/71	To Miss Pamela Grieve.
McARTHUR, A. C.	1970/75	To Miss J. Moore of Evanton.
McINTOSH, W. D.	1968/74	To Miss Donna Jean Henderson.

Marriages

BAILLIE, C. A. J.	1976/80	To Mlle. Caroline Curchod on 5th May 1981, in Lausanne.
BROADWOOD, R. A.	1965/70	On 21st July 1978.
FIELDING, N. J. B.	1964/71	To Miss Shahira Wissa on 31st August 1978.
HAY, C. R.	1969/72	To Miss Ann Marshall in August 1979.
McINTOSH, J. E.	1968/74	To Miss Linda Watson on 17th April 1981, in Glasgow.
PARKER, N. J. C.	1975/77	To Miss J. E. McCaig on 6th June 1981, in Great Crosby, Liverpool.
PEDDIE, K. A. D.	1971/77	To Miss Pauline Butchart in August 1981 in Carnoustie.
STEVENSON, N. S.	1968/73	To Miss Kate Funnell on 23rd August 1980.
YOUNG, D. L.	1970/75	To Miss Patricia J. Scott on 2nd September 1981, in Glasgow.

Births

BOGIE, D. M.	1962/69	To Mr & Mrs Bogie, a daughter, Sarah Catherine on 30th July 1977; a son, David Chalmers on 11th May 1979.
CALDWELL, G. S.	1956/59	To Mr & Mrs Caldwell a daughter, Rosanna, sister for Gavin.
DAWSON, J. C.	1939/42	To Mr & Mrs Dawson a daughter, Fiona May on 7th March 1981.
DINNEN, G. S.	1964/69	To Mr & Mrs Dinnen a son, Robert Alexander on 1st December 1980, in Hong Kong.
FAWCETT, J. F.	1962/69	To Mr & Mrs Fawcett a daughter, Elizabeth Sarah on 28th August 1980.
LAVEROCK, E. R.	1962/68	To Mr & Mrs Laverock a daughter, Susan Margaret on 20th December 1980.
LEE, J. R.	1966/71	To Mr & Mrs Lee a daughter, Victoria Jane on 20th June 1980.
PRINGLE, J. L.	1964/69	To Mr & Mrs Pringle a daughter, Catriona Margaret, in September 1979.
SCOTT, J.	1950/57	To Mr & Mrs Scott a daughter, Victoria Elspeth on 19th January 1981.
TINDAL, K. C.	1959/65	To Mr & Mrs Tindal a son, Graham Lewis on 14th March 1981.

Death

BOGIE, D. J., T.D., B.Com., Ph.D., C.A.	On 22nd August 1981.
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