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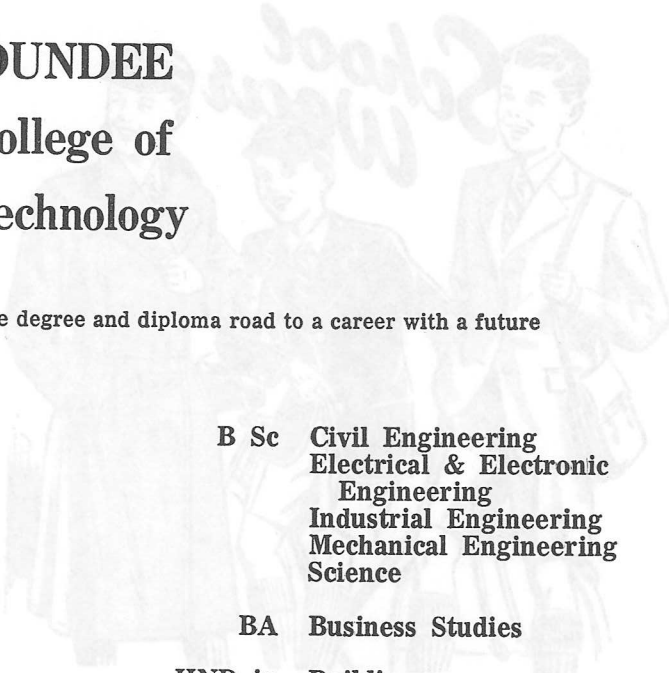
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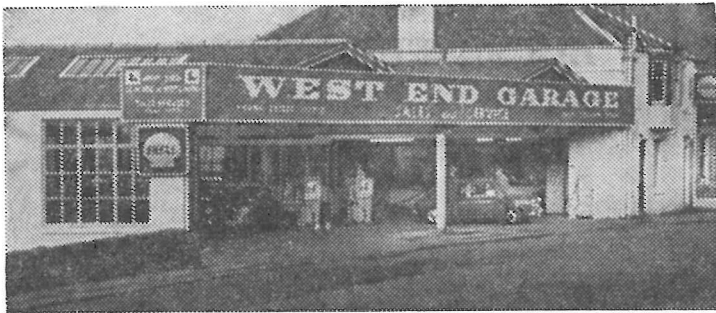
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editorial

Once again we are pleased to announce the arrival of the Morrisonian. Regretfully, necessity has demanded a price increase of 5p; however, this does no more than keep pace with our current 20 per cent inflation.

We take this opportunity to invite Old Boys to keep us more informed of their whereabouts and movements. We would like them to know how much interest is aroused by their University Notes.

Following Morrisonian tradition, we are indebted to the Lower School for their overwhelming response to our pleas for contributions, and to the Upper School, who again were rather thin on top.

Once again we must thank Mr Andrews for his arduous struggle against the odds and his painstaking efforts to tell us how good-natured, understanding and patient he is.

School Notes

School Officials this session are.

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Mr and Mrs Johnston-Jones are now settled in Crieff with their family, and we repeat the welcome we offered them in our last issue. Both the Rector and his wife are regular supporters of all school activities, whether at a wind-swept Dallerie, at St. Michael's Church, or in Academy Hall, and already they are very much an established part of our school community.

Staff changes comprise the bulk of school news. In March Mr E. R. M. Milne retired from the Maths Department after nearly three years at Morrison's. Mr Milne brought a wide and varied experience of teaching his subject to classes here, and many senior boys especially have cause to be grateful to him. In the staffroom his pungent common-sense on many matters of the day will be missed: he was a loyal and helpful colleague. He and Mrs Milne have been on holiday to Canada since leaving us, and we now wish them both good health and happiness in retirement.

Four new members of staff have joined us this session, three in September and one in May. Miss M. E. MacGregor, M.A., and Miss K. A. Reid, M.A., joined the Modern Languages Department at the beginning of session. Miss MacGregor is a native and graduate of Edinburgh. Her teaching experience covers a wide range: she has taught in St. Louis, U.S.A. and at Anniesland College, Glasgow; she has taught English as a foreign language in Paris, London and Rome, and possesses a diploma in that sphere of teaching. Miss Reid comes from Dumfries-shire, where she attended Lockerbie Academy before going on to Edinburgh University. She comes to us from Moray House College of Education. With the retirement of Mr Gibson at the end of September, Mr Reid has taken over as Principal Teacher of Technical Subjects: we congratulate him on this appointment. His place as assistant in the Physics Department has been filled by Mr K. J. MacKenzie, B.Sc. (Eng.). Having been at school in Arbroath, Mr MacKenzie graduated from Dundee College of Technology, and has spent some

years in industry, including time in Singers of Clydebank and an engineering company in Perth, before coming into teaching: this is his first post. Miss R. McKenzie, B.Sc., M.Sc., joined the Maths Department in May in succession to Mr Milne. Miss McKenzie was at Madras College, St. Andrews, before going to University there. She has taught at Harelaw Academy, Aberdeen, before spending the last three years as a statistician/computer programmer at the Rowet Research Institute. To all these new members we offer a sincere welcome.

Mr Sharp retires in July after more than twenty-eight years on the staff. Tribute to him appears elsewhere in this issue. His post as Principal Teacher of Art of both Schools is filled by Mr M. C. Boyle, at present assistant in the department. We offer our congratulations to Mr Boyle on his promotion.

Three bursary awards have been announced. D. M. Arnott has been awarded a Dr. James T. T. Ramsay Bursary at St. Andrews; A. Bil a Cowe and Clerihew Bursary in the Faculty of Fine Arts at Aberdeen; and D. M. Coull a David Russell Bursary in Arts at St. Andrews. Coull has also been awarded a MacDougall Bursary. Warm congratulations to these three boys on this fine achievement.

As this is being written, the new Games Hall is nearing completion. It stands to the north of the swimming baths and is connected to the present Gym Dressing Room by a covered walkway. A composite layout will enable "traditional" gymnastics to be taught, in addition to having facilities for cricket, golf, archery, three badminton courts, one volleyball court, and three basketball courts, two practice and one for matches. It will be opened on Friday, June 27th, by Mr Iain F. MacLaren, F.R.C.S.E., F.R.C.S., Honorary Secretary, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

Academy House moved up to new quarters next to Dalmhor in January. The old Academy House is now successor to Newstead and is called Knox House. The new accommodation in Ewanfield is very comfortable, and it is hoped that the work which remains to be done on the exterior will be completed soon. Mr McGregor is now House Tutor at Academy House: he and his family live in a flat below that occupied by the Housemaster, Mr White. Mr Hartley has left Glenearn, and his place as House Tutor is taken by Mr Gonnella.

There was been the usual quota of Open Days for parents of new boys and boys currently pupils. There have been parents' evenings for parents of boys in S2 and S4, and a successful Careers Night was held in the Girls' School.

The school year has had its usual activities. The Boarders' Social Club had a full calendar, with a variety of entertainments. These included films, dances, a ceilidh, two trips to Perth Theatre, and for the first time a Burns Supper in Ogilvie House. Thanks go to Ian MacNiven and Willie Bell, who have now been coming with Mr McGregor to entertain us for the past five years, with many enjoyable folk nights. Thanks also must go to all members of staff who came to supervise the Saturday night activities.

Three films were shown to various groups by the English Department during the second term: Olivier's "Hamlet", Brando's "Julius Caesar" and Peter Hall's "Lord of the Flies". The last mentioned was very popular, and it is hoped next year to broaden the range of films, still relating them to curricular requirements.

The Christmas Dance was held in December as usual, but this year it was followed, on the next evening, by a dance for Third Year. This innovation was a resounding success, enjoyed by pupils and staff alike, which was a considerable reflection of the happy spirit of S3. The Summer Dance will be held on July 1st.

A Lower School Carol Service was held in the Memorial Hall on the last morning of the Christmas Term. Each of the classes in the Lower School made its own distinctive musical contribution to this most attractive and enjoyable event, and the lessons were read by the boys and Mr White. A large number of parents and friends were present.

There has been no curling this year, as Perth Ice Rink times did not match those of our own Club. It is hoped that some arrangement can be made next year.

Heading for Outward Bound at the Moray Sea School this year are D. R. Laing, A. F. Minty and D. Pryde of S5, and J. M. Denholm of S4.

As the session draws to its close, the uncertainty about the future of the Academy will be resolved by the Governors' decision to become a fully independent school or to become part of the Tayside Region education authority system. This decision will be taken at the Governors' meeting in July. Whatever the outcome, the long period of uncertainty will at last be over: we hope, as must everyone with the best interests of the Academy at heart, that the tradition of this famous school will remain.

Those less immediately involved in that are the boys who have gained definite acceptance for university and college next session. They are:

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY: A. Bil, W. S. Dingwall.

DUNDEE: College of Technology: W. R. McAinsh, S. M. Malloch, J. G. Sands.

EDINBURGH: University: B. C. Davidson, J. T. Fyfe, S. W. Macintyre, R. J. R. Meikle, S. J. Raith, S. J. Shon, J. B. Walker.

Heriot-Watt University: G. L. Bayne, J. G. Chisholm.

Napier College: A. G. Wilson.

GLASGOW: University: I. J. Hirst.

Paisley College of Technology: R. J. Wilson.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY: D. M. Arnott, D. M. Coull, D. J. McGeachie, R. G. D. McLean, R. C. Newlands, D. J. Scott.

We wish these boys, and all who leave this session, good fortune in their careers.

MR. FRANCIS GIBSON

At the end of September last year Mr Francis Gibson retired from the post of Principal Teacher of Technical Subjects in the Boys' School after serving on the staff for twenty-one years. Born and educated in Banffshire, he attended Robert Gordon's Technical College in Aberdeen and spent some years in industry in Aberdeen and Glasgow before entering Aberdeen College of Education and taking up a career in teaching in 1938. During the Second World War he served with the R.A.F., spending some four years on Air Ministry experimental stations in the North Atlantic and Central Mediterranean areas with Coastal and Bomber Commands. Thereafter, he returned to teaching, holding the posts of Principal Teacher of Technical Subjects at Mortlach and Aberlour, and Head of the Further Education Centre at Mortlach. In 1953 he came to Morrison's and soon established himself as a successful and popular teacher. Taking over what was virtually a new department in the Boys' School, Mr Gibson built up a strong and flourishing branch of the curriculum, losing no opportunity of stressing the importance and interest of his subject and taking a delight in explaining its intricacies to his non-technically minded colleagues.

Our Technical Department is indisputably greatly indebted to Mr Gibson: he greatly extended the scope of technical subjects and achieved some notable successes. A happy relationship between teacher and pupils prevailed session after session, and each year a good quota of Morrisonians entered the Technical and Engineering Colleges. Many Old Boys in the busy world of technology and engineering sciences will remember Mr Gibson with gratitude and affection, not only as a sound teacher of wide practical experience but as a guide and counsellor.

Members of the staff found in Frank Gibson a loyal colleague and a congenial companion, who could enliven our breaks in the daily routine from his extraordinary fund of stories. No event or occasion was ever complete without one of Frank's reminiscences of "a wee man from up north" or of an R.A.F. or teaching colleague "to point a moral or adorn a tale." Even amidst the din and clatter of a Technical laboratory or at the end of a tiring day he remained cheerful and full of life.

Outside his scholastic activities, Frank Gibson enjoyed a game of golf, an hour or two in the garden or a day's fishing. We hope he will have the time to indulge in these and other interests for a long time to come, and that he and Mrs Gibson will have the health to enjoy many happy years of retirement.

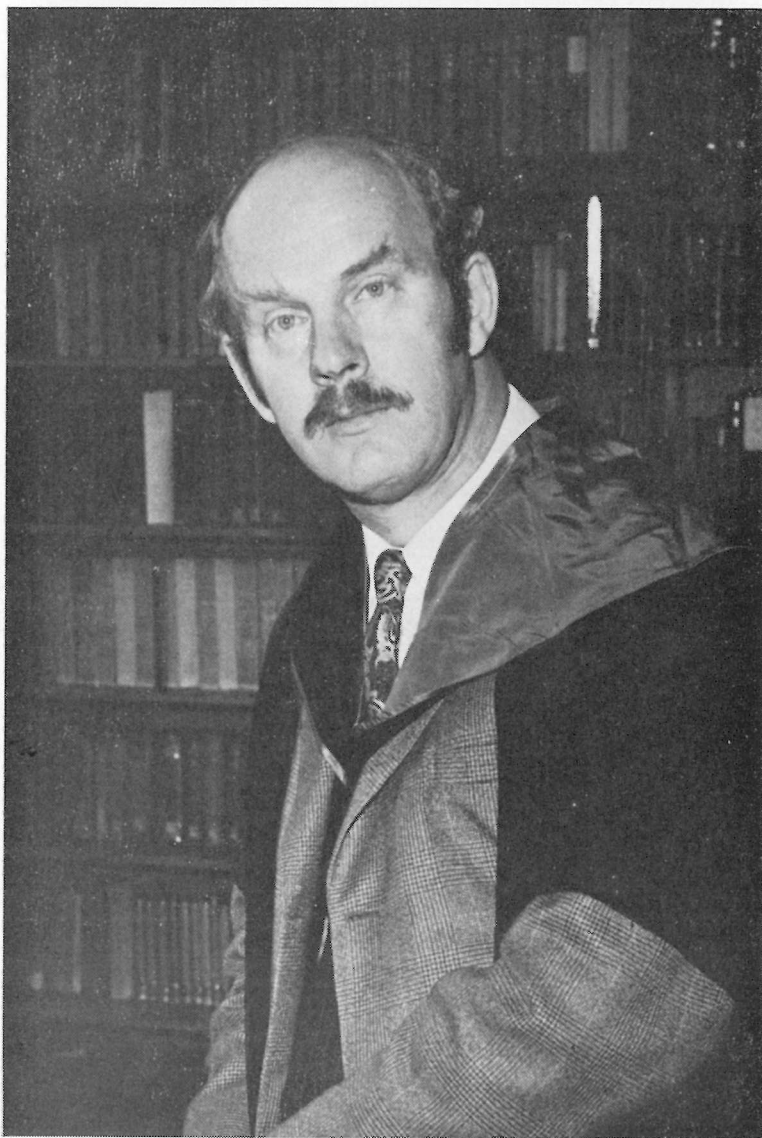
MR NORVAL SHARP

Mr Sharp joined the staff of Morrison's Academy Boys' and Girls' Schools in March 1947, which means that only he and Mr Williamson can look back as teachers to the time when all the school east of the Memorial Hall was boarding house, and when neither Boys' nor Girls' School had yet reached a roll of 300. His first Art Department for both schools was simply the annexe of the Memorial Hall, separated from it by two vast and inelegant curtains of plain sacking. When art work required water, it had to be fetched in pails or jugs from downstairs: and only Mr Sharp knows — if he can still remember — how and where he managed to store all art materials. Since then the Art Department has moved through various hole and corner vicissitudes in Dalruadh and the Janitor's house, through the top floor of the East Wing (where a corbel painted with the school arms still bears witness to its presence) to its present impressive rooms in the John Smith Building: and the number of pupils for whose artistic education Mr Sharp has carried the ultimate responsibility has increased from 300 to 1,000.

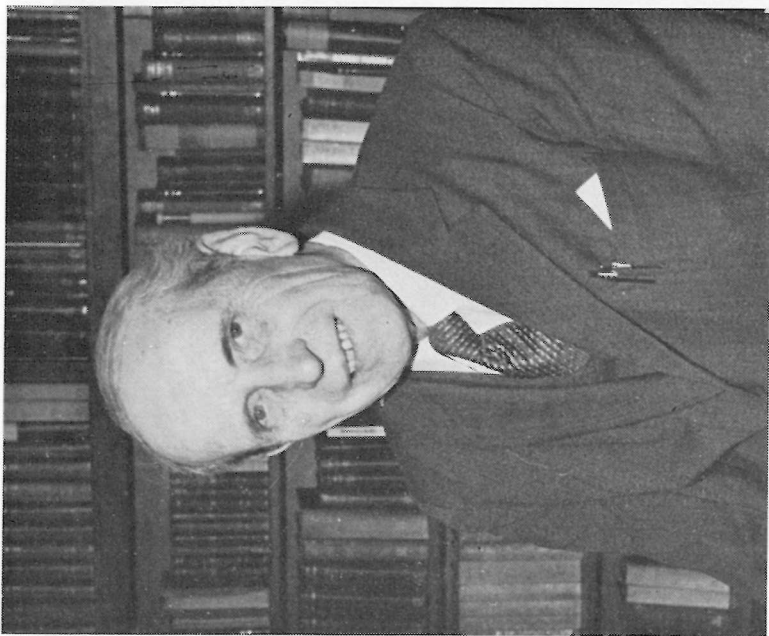
The responsibility of a Principal Teacher of Art has a twofold nature not always easily encompassed by one man. There are the pupils who themselves have the true creative fire and who see artistic activity of some kind as all, or at least a main part of, their life's work: these need a sympathetic, sensitive, but stringently professional teacher, who can combine inspiration, unquestionable mastery and uncompromisingly honest criticism: the considerable group of Morrisonians who are engaged in professional artistic work, in art teaching, in architecture, know how fortunate they were in their early years to find all these qualities in Mr Sharp, and the string of regular visitors to the John Smith top floor or to his home have amply told him this.

But the art teacher has to reach out also to the mass of ordinary pupils, not necessarily blessed with noticeable artistic talent, and often not disposed to see any particular value in aesthetic education: to win over these, artistic enthusiasm, operating merely within the art department, is not enough, and Mr Sharp's great strength for these pupils has lain in his own personal qualities, in his forthright, decisive manliness, in the toughness which shows when circumstances call for it, in the wide range of his other interests and abilities, in the active participation he has shown in all sides of school life.

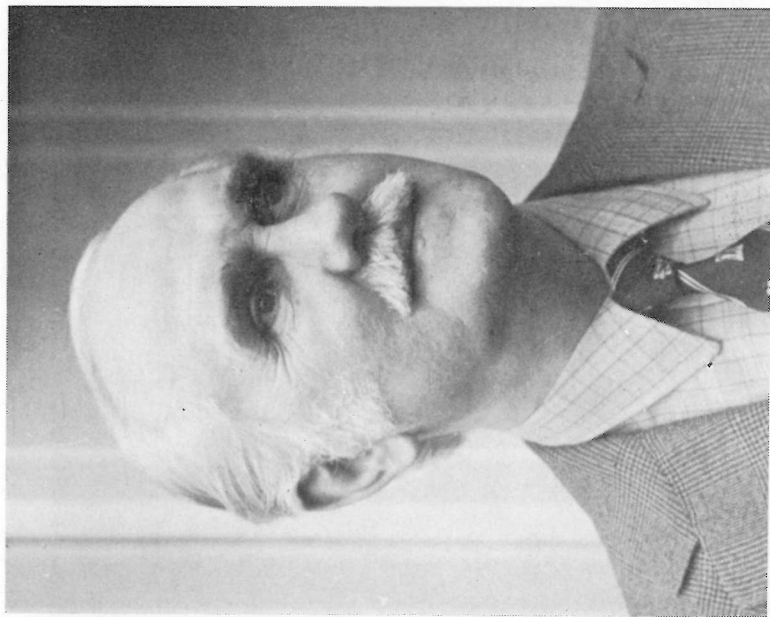
THE NEW RECTOR



Mr David R. Johnston-Jones, M.A.



Mr Frank Gibson
Principal Teacher of Technical Subjects, 1953-74



Mr Norval Sharp
Principal Teacher of Art, 1947-75

Not surprisingly, perhaps, the six years during which the ex-captain of the Royal Tank Regiment was O.C. of the C.C.F. were years during which the whole force became a highly efficient, self-respecting and respected body, and the Pipe Band, in which he took a deep personal interest, moved from obscurity into the position of one of the leading Scottish school bands. He and Mrs Sharp took over Academy House at a time when Colonel Baines' long and fatal illness in office had naturally put the House into a state of some uncertainty and unrest, and their firm, wise and kind guidance led it successfully through seven increasingly prosperous years. The very active part he played in Rugby and Cricket in his earlier years (when he and the late Jimmy Ryan often had the School 1st XI in some difficulties) has remained an enduring interest which all boys have appreciated. He and the Art Department have always been able and willing to provide the most varied range of settings and properties for Dramatic Society and other entertainments. Among the many points in which the School has benefited from his professional gifts, we are glad to think that there are at least two which will keep a part of him alive among us for very many years to come, namely the main gates, which were wrought from his designs, and the portraits of the Rectors, from Mr Strathairn to Mr Quick, which he himself painted for the Memorial Hall.

For what he has done and been among us, the Academy owes him a great debt: and his colleagues especially will miss the personal presence in the chair on the left of the old fireplace, where the growl of his laughter has punctuated and lightened the forcible comments of his good sense on so many topics for so many years. Presumably his first duty for a time will be to ensure that a working wife is left free to continue to keep the Modern Languages department over the way in good functioning order: but we hope that will still leave him time and increasing opportunity to enjoy and extend his mastery for many years both over brush and palette and over rod and line.

Obituary: MR J. H. C. McLELLAN

It was with a deep sense of shock and sorrow that masters and Old Boys learned of the sudden passing on Friday, 10th January, of Mr John H. C. McLellan, who had been a member of the staff from 1907 until his retirement in 1948. Although nearly 92 years of age, he had been in remarkably good health and had been seen only a day or two prior to his death, returning from one of his long walks. Mr McLellan loved walking, largely attributing to it his long and healthy life: as he said himself, he only travelled by car or other means of transport "in order to get from A to B."

A native of Brechin, where his father was headmaster of a school, he was a pupil there and then graduated from Aberdeen University in 1906. He taught for a short time in Edinburgh and Haddington before coming to Morrison's in 1907 to take over the qualifying class in the Lower School, of which he became head. Later he also taught Geography in the first three forms of the Upper School. Throughout his career he helped enthusiastically with the School Library, the O.T.C. and with rugby and cricket. For many years he was owner and housemaster of Glenearn, which became a second home to more than a generation of boarders. "Beakites" in all parts of the world have happy memories of Glenearn and of Mr and Mrs McLellan and have, on their regular return visits, paid sincere and heartfelt tributes to their former housemaster and housemistress.

During his long stay at Morrison's, Mr McLellan was regarded with great respect and affection by colleagues and pupils alike. He had a keen sense of humour and an extensive knowledge of the world: he believed in a strict adherence to discipline and above all he had a strong desire to be absolutely fair in his relations with his pupils. He could be strict, he was never unjust: one can hardly ask more of a schoolmaster. We who knew him throughout the years will miss most of all his rare appreciations of the merits, and the demerits, of those who passed through his hands, and his continuing interest in the progress and well-being of the Academy, to which he had given so much of his life.

Shortly after the beginning of the First World War, Mr McLellan joined up with the Northumberland Fusiliers and saw service in France. Following a time in hospital after being wounded, he returned to active service and was later commissioned. Returning to Crieff in 1919, he became a founder member of the Crieff Branch of the Royal British Legion, with which he maintained his connection until the end of his life.

To his wife and daughter and other members of his family we extend our most sincere sympathy.

SPEECH DAY, 1974

Thursday, July 11th, 1974, was a nostalgic day for Morrison's Academy as it was Mr Quick's last day as Rector of the Boys' School. Accordingly, Mr Quick presented the prizes to the Girls' School and Mrs Quick to the Boys'.

In his final address to the school, Mr Quick recollected that at his first Speech Day in 1948 an Academy boy had won an Open Bursary at St. Andrews, the university of the then Chairman of Governors. The wheel had now gone full cycle, as an Academy boy had won in 1974 one of the very last bursaries awarded by Edinburgh, the university of our present chairman. This was especially pleasing, as French and German were two of the three subjects offered by the winner, and this was the last year of the Principal Teacher of Modern Languages, Mr J. A. Flett. Mr Quick went on to pay tribute to Mr Flett, referring to him as one of the most distinguished teachers he had ever known. He also thanked Mrs Heavenor for her work in the Primary department over the last six years.

The Rector felt free to leave the routine matter of reporting the activities of the year to "The Morrisonian". He had enjoyed, as had Mrs Quick, presenting the prizes, not only because the procedure had reduced the number of speeches: he regarded it as a warm and kind gesture.

Mr Quick went on:

"We hope so much that as you leave school you feel that it has helped to develop some abilities and gifts that you have: we hope that you have had happy times in being members of a close-knit, happy and honest community: most of all, we hope that you have experienced the satisfaction of feeling that, through the exercise of some ability or talent of your own, you have been able to give something of use, of pride, of value, of service, to your school and your schoolfellows. If you have learnt to recognise the inward satisfaction of this, even if you have only just begun to notice it, do hold on to it and develop it, for it is the key to a fruitful life.

"You are generous young people and of course you want to do something good in your life, something to make the lives of your fellow men and women better: but most of you, I suppose, are going to find out that, like us, you are pretty ordinary folk: and you may find yourself starting to think, as adult life closes in, 'This fine talk of service to others is all very pretty — but what can an ordinary person like me do about it? It's going to take me all my time just to earn a living.'

“Now, this is a point where the fogs of everyday life start to cloud the vision: but, if you think about it truly, it is the truth that every honest calling, that is, every honest way of earning a living, rests on providing some sort of service needed by your fellows. Your eventual contentment with life and yourself will turn on your own self-judgement as to whether you have given the full service in your power — to use an old phrase, whether you have given twenty shillings’ worth for your pound.

“There is a hymn in our Scottish Hymnary which I tried to get into the Boys’ School repertory long ago: unfortunately it has a tricky, unfamiliar tune, an old and English carol melody: when after the third attempt, a kindly school prefect said, ‘I thought the staff sang pretty well this morning, sir,’ I accepted defeat gracefully — especially because I did not want too many people to notice how very little I could help the staff! It is, in fact, a very good poem by a true, if minor poet, of the early seventeenth century: and the verses I wanted to have sung dealt with just this matter. The poet’s name is George Herbert: the verses are these:—

“Teach me, my God and King,
In all things Thee to see,
And what I do in anything,
To do it as for Thee.

“A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine:
Who sweeps a room, as for Thy laws,
Makes that, and the action, fine.

“So, wherever you sweep, sweep as fine as you know how: you will make a fine room for your neighbours to share with you: and you yourself will be a fine person. And God be with you all.”

ACADEMIC PRIZES

P4: 1st, A. S. Dingley; 2nd, E. A. Ferguson.

F5: 1st, A. K. Scott; 2nd, J. B. Cartwright.

F6: 1st, W. D. Stewart; 2nd, A. G. Meikle.

F7: 1st, C. D. Penny; 2nd (equal), G. W. Frier and D. B. Meakin.

S1 Cross: 1st, J. G. Cunningham; 2nd, J. H. Holms.

S1 Star: 1st, D. L. Lord; 2nd, E. M. Stevenson.

S2 Cross: 1st, G. B. McInroy; 2nd, R. A. Christie.

S2 Star: 1st, S. J. Penny; 2nd, C. I. Millar.

S3: 1st, D. G. Frier; 2nd, D. A. Stuttard; 3rd, R. J. Welsh;
4th, K. L. Rundle; 5th (equal), S. M. Ragless and W. G. H. Scott.

S4: 1st, L. T. S. W. Muir; 2nd, C. R. Swan; 3rd, D. Warnock;
4th, D. R. Laing; 5th, W. McColl.

S5: 1st D. M. Arnott; 2nd, D. M. Coull; 3rd, S. W. Macintyre;
4th, D. J. McGeachie; 5th, A. Bil; 6th, N. M. Buchanan.
Taylor English Prize: D. M. Coull and S. W. Macintyre.
Reid Technical Prize: W. R. McAinsh.

S6:

Duncan English Prize: C. D. Moncrieff.

Strathairn History Prize: J. A. Smith.

Hynd Languages Prize: C. D. Moncrieff.

Smith Mathematical Prize: C. D. Moncrieff.

Kippen Chemistry Prize: I. G. Thom.

Individual Trophies —

Belch Cup for Golf: D. I. Telford.

Dye Cup for Tennis: I. R. Macaskill.

House Trophies —

Downie Tennis: The Grahams.

Smith Swimming: The Drummonds.

Marr Rugby: The Drummonds.

Marr Cricket: The Grahams.

Champion House Shields —

Lauder (Lower School): The Murrays.

Crieff (Upper School): The Drummonds.

Medallists —

MacRosty Medal: W. L. Milroy.

Dux Medal: C. D. Moncrieff.

Governors' Bursary —

C. D. Moncrieff.

Sports Clubs

RUGBY

Captain: G. A. Fotheringham



This year's team was one which deserved better rewards for its efforts, for it was a side with great potential. We failed on occasions by approaching a game in a casual manner, with carelessness in basic rugby moves, and not being able to capitalise on scoring chances.

The team showed few changes throughout the season. The pack was lacking in weight and experience, yet they coped well. Fotheringham, Laing and Stewart, in particular, worked hard for possession. The pack had a sound front five, but a back row which lacked weight, height, speed and anticipation. The strength of the team lay in the backs: the three-quarter line showed a lot of pace. Millar and Raith combined well at centre, often making good use of the ball and tackling well. On the wings, Rankin and Miller, who was our top try-scorer, had the speed to beat their men and create scoring chances. Davidson, who played at full-back, showed class in his touch-kicking and safe handling

of the ball. By the end of the season he had amassed a total of 75 points, 67 of these coming from kicks. Murray showed that he is a competent scrum-half.

As the season's record shows, the scores were close in many games. We started the season well with a draw with the Old Boys and a win against Dollar. Against Kelvinside, a new fixture, the team played badly and we deserved to lose. In the next match we played competently against Hutcheson's. Watson's played us out of the game with a good display of handling. After half-term our record was inconsistent. We had very good wins over Dunfermline and Royal High School. We lost to a very well co-ordinated Robert Gordon's team and Strathallan, who beat us with a goal in the last minute. We ended the term with draws with Dundee High and Glenalmond, games which we should have won, with all the scoring chances we created.

In the second term we started badly with three defeats. In the match against Heriot's we again lost through a try in the last minute. Stewart's-Melville then beat us with an impressive display of good handling and running. When we played Edinburgh Academy, we fielded a side which, due to injuries, had six reserves playing. But we came back into form with a convincing 46-0 win over Hillhead. Our good form continued against Boroughmuir, when we played one of the best matches of the season. Unfortunately in our last match, against Glasgow Academy, we played poorly after starting well, and we gave them the game.

The season was again an excellent one for the School side in representative rugby. G. A. Fotheringham played for the Scottish Schoolboys' team in international matches against France, Wales and England. Congratulations also to B. C. Davidson, G. A. Fotheringham, I. D. Y. Stewart, A. Millar and C. J. L. Miller, who all played for Midlands District.

I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Rugby Club, of thanking all masters who gave of their time either to coach sides or to travel with boys to away matches. In particular many thanks must go to Mr Macintyre for his invaluable guidance and endless patience. Finally, a word of appreciation to Mr Grieve and his ground staff for keeping the pitches in excellent condition throughout the season.

Full Colours were awarded to B. C. Davidson, G. A. Fotheringham, A. Millar, C. J. L. Miller, and I. D. Y. Stewart.

Half-colours were awarded to S. J. Raith and C. J. Murray.

G. A. F.

FIRST XV RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Result	Points	
			F	A
Sept. 21	MORRISONIAN CLUB	Drawn	6	6
Sept. 28	DOLLAR ACADEMY	Won	9	0
Oct. 5	KELVINSIDE ACADEMY	Lost	0	8
Oct. 12	HUTCHESON'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Won	7	3
Oct. 19	GEORGE WATSON'S COLLEGE	Lost	4	15
Nov. 2	DUNFERMLINE HIGH SCHOOL	Won	6	3
Nov. 9	ROBERT GORDON'S COLLEGE	Lost	0	11
Nov. 16	ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL	Won	11	3
Nov. 19	STRATHALLAN	Cancelled		
Nov. 23	PAISLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Lost	6	10
Nov. 30	DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL	Drawn	3	3
Dec. 7	GLENALMOND	Drawn	10	10
Dec. 14	PERTH ACADEMY	Cancelled		

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Jan. 11	GEORGE HERIOT'S SCHOOL	Lost	10	13
Jan. 18	STEWART'S-MELVILLE COLLEGE	Lost	3	11
Jan. 25	GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL	Cancelled		
Feb. 1	EDINBURGH ACADEMY	Lost	6	29
Feb. 8	HILLHEAD HIGH SCHOOL	Won	46	0
Feb. 22	BOROUGHMUIR SCHOOL	Won	18	4
Mar. 1	GLASGOW ACADEMY	Lost	0	7
Mar. 8	ABERDEEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Cancelled		

SECOND XV

Captain: S. W. McDougall.

The Second Fifteen, a young but experienced side, had a disappointing season. The team played well, but at times lacked determination and the opposition took advantage of the situation. The pack often played well against heavier and stronger opponents. The backs defended soundly, but were much less effective in attacking movements.

S. W. McDougall, R. J. Meikle and D. M. Arnott should be mentioned for their strong forward play, and I. M. Hunter for his determined effort at scrum-half.

THIRD XV

Captain: R. J. Wilson

The team's record does not reflect the ability shown in our play. Although the majority of opposing sides were physically larger, our most spirited play was against these sides, and also when we were behind on points.

The backs ran well on occasions, but often good possession was wasted with poor passing; the forwards held their own at the set piece but often lost possession in the rucks and mauls.

Those who deserve special mention in the backs are D. B. Lindsay for some fine runs, and W. G. H. Scott for his fine goal-kicking. Special mention must also go to D. C. Parker and A. F. Minty for their fine play in the pack. Credit is due to R. J. Wilson for his responsible captaincy.

COLTS XV

Captain: N. J. Brown

The side has continued to improve and there are several promising players. Their points record is distorted by a very heavy defeat at the hands of a powerful Stewart's-Melville team in their first match in September, although this was almost balanced by their large score against Boroughmuir in the last game.

N. J. Marshall is a player with great natural skill, which was recognised in his selection to play for the First Fifteen in their last match of the season: a pleasing augury. N. J. Brown and J. Meredith played vigorous, attacking rugby, also contributing to the success of the side in their rôles as captain and vice-captain respectively. M. G. A. Parker and M. J. M. Coombes were energetic forwards, with good spoiling and opportunist play; and there were some creditable newcomers.

Colts' Buttons were awarded to:

N. J. Brown, N. J. Marshall, J. Meredith and M. G. A. Parker.

FIFTH XV

Captain: A. S. Biggart

A shattering defeat by Stewart's-Melville in the first match did little to create confidence in a team with considerable potential but often lacking in incisiveness. However, as the season progressed, the pack especially began to show itself more strongly against often bigger and older opposition, and two substantial wins, against Lornshill and Hillhead in the last matches, made a satisfactory and encouraging conclusion.

SIXTH XV

Captain: C. N. Marshall

The season got off to a bad start with the Sixth XV losing their first three games by very large margins. As the season progressed, however, they began to play more as a team, with the pack especially playing well in the scrums and lineouts, often against bigger and heavier opposition.

The half-back combination of D. G. F. Beat and C. N. Marshall proved very successful, with Beat's service from the lineout and the base of the scrum excellent. The backs, however, lacked pace and penetration and were often tackled when speed and determination would have resulted in a score.

PRIMARY XV

Captain: R. H. M. Kerr

A discouraging record, but one which did not affect the enthusiasm of the side. Size, or rather the lack of it, was undoubtedly one of the main reasons for the disappointing results.

The small, light pack fought well and successfully in the loose, but were outweighed in the set scrums and outjumped in the lineouts. The backs saw little of the ball, which was a pity, as the half-backs and threes were prepared to run, given the chance, but mostly they had to seek for the ball.

If next season they are as ready to listen and enjoy the game as they did this year, then they cannot but meet with success.

Team Records for Season 1974-75

											Points
					P	W	D	L	F	A	
1st XV	...	...	...	...	17	6	3	8	145	136	
2nd XV	...	...	...	...	14	4	0	10	102	221	
3rd XV	...	...	...	...	12	3	2	7	105	181	
Colts XV	...	...	...	...	10	5	0	5	152	181	
5th XV	...	...	...	...	10	4	0	6	137	172	
6th XV	...	...	...	...	8	2	0	6	52	254	
Primary XV	...	...	...	...	5	0	0	5	0	112	

CRICKET — 1974 SEASON



The first fixture of the 1974 season was against George Watson's College in Edinburgh. A combination of poor fielding and inaccurate bowling allowed Watson's to score 144 for 3 wickets. Morrison's reply was 26 runs short of the required total, with W. L. Milroy scoring 71 runs in his first innings of the season.

Returning to Edinburgh the following week to play Stewart's/Melville, Morrison's batted first and made 172 runs. Milroy made an excellent 111, and G. A. Fotheringham 27. The remaining batsmen, however, could add only 32 runs to the total. Morrison's made a fine start in the field, with 3 Stewart's/Melville wickets falling quickly, but they were unable to sustain the pressure and the game ended in a draw.

The next three games, against Robert Gordon's, Crieff C.C. and Paisley Grammar, were all lost. Notable performances in these games were a stunning 82 runs in 50 minutes by R. A. R. MacLean against Crieff, and excellent fielding by R. A. H. Naismith, taking 4 catches against Paisley.

The last game in the first half of the term, against Glasgow High School at Dallerie, resulted in a draw, our visitors making 128 for 4, and Morrison's 65 for 5, which included a fine score of 48 by MacLean.

After the mid-term break, the first two games, against Royal High School and Comrie C.C., were drawn. These games were followed by three defeats, at the hands of George Heriot's, Glenalmond and Dollar. In the second of these games, Glenalmond faced some anxious moments when, after dismissing Morrison's for 39 runs, they found themselves 19 for 5. They quickly regained their composure, however, and ran up the required runs without further loss.

The school's only win of the season came when they defeated Perth Academy in Academy Park. Morrison's scored 124 runs (Strathearn 38, Oates 39), and Perth were all out for 96. There was a fine display of bowling by MacLean, taking 8 for 23.

The school's last game of the season ended in defeat at the hands of the Morrisonian Club, the Old Boys finding no trouble in overtaking the School's score of 168, and running out good winners on a very hot day by 5 wickets.

Although it was a poor season for the team as a whole, there were some fine individual performances from Milroy with the bat, and MacLean, who bowled consistently throughout the term; and it was therefore no surprise when Milroy was awarded the batting prize, with

an average of 25.2, and MacLean the bowling prize, with an average of 12.2.

Our thanks are due to Mr McGregor for coaching the 1st and 2nd XIs throughout the season, and to all other members of the staff who gave of their time to coach and umpire the other XIs. Their help is greatly appreciated, as is the work of Mr Grieve and his staff in preparing and maintaining the wickets.

Full Colours were awarded to W. L. Milroy and R. A. R. MacLean.

Half-Colours were awarded to R.A.H. Naismith and D. I. Telford.

Team Captains

1st XI — W. L. Milroy

2nd XI — G. A. MacLarty

Colts XI — G. S. Percy

Junior 'A' XI — N. J. Marshall

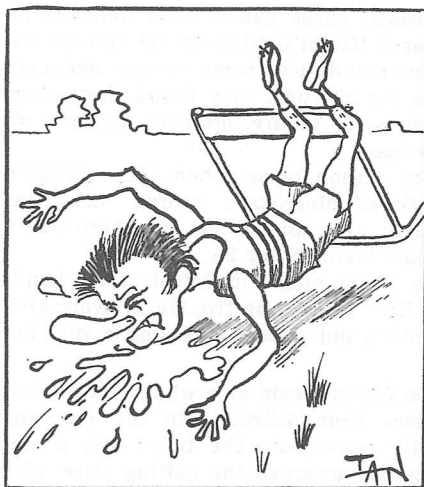
Junior 'B' XI — A. S. Biggart

Primary XI — C. N. Marshall

Team Records, 1974

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Tied
1st XI	13	1	4	8	0
2nd XI	7	3	0	4	0
Colts XI	5	3	0	1	1
Junior 'A' XI	6	4	0	2	0
Junior 'B' XI	6	5	0	1	0
Primary XI	3	1	0	2	0

ATHLETICS, 1974 SEASON



In 1974 the Athletics team, captained for the second successive year by I. T. Rankin, had a disappointing season, losing both matches, with the third against George Watson's College cancelled due to rain. In spite of this poor team success, many outstanding performances were recorded.

The first contest against Dollar Academy provided some excellent senior athletics, with best performances in the Shot Putt: D. M. Lyle (12.8m.); the 100m.: N. A. C. McWilliam (11.5s.) and the Javelin: W. L. Milroy (49.06m.). Unfortunately

despite the seniors' win of 75 points to 57 points over their counterparts both the intermediate and junior sections were beaten by 8 points and 25 points respectively. In this match McWilliam performed creditably, gaining three first positions in the 100m., 200m. and Long Jump, while in the junior section N. J. Brown gained two first places in the High Jump and Long Jump. The final result: Morrison's Academy — 168½ points, Dollar Academy — 183½ points.

The second match, against George Heriot's School, proved to be a closely fought contest by both teams, with the Edinburgh school running out ultimate victors by 179 points to 173 points. The seniors had a field day, winning their section convincingly by 80 points to 52 points. Outstanding performances were recorded by N. A. C. McWilliam in the 100m. (11.1s.) and 200m. (23.0s.) and by W. L. Milroy in the Shot Putt (13.30m.). The intermediates lost their section by 10 points and despite two excellent results by N. J. Marshall in the 75m. Hurdles (11.9s.) and Javelin (36.82m.), the juniors lost their competition by 24 points. McWilliam excelled again, winning 'his' three events.

Thirteen members of the Athletics Team entered for the Scottish Schools Championships at Pitreavie, aiming to continue the School's run of successes in these 'Finals'. For the second consecutive year N. A. C. McWilliam won the Gold Medal in the Group 'A' (17-19 years) Triple Jump, obtaining a badge standard in this event and fourth place in the Long Jump. I. T. Rankin added to his collection of 'spoils' by winning the Silver Medal in the Group 'A' Discus, achieving a badge standard in both this event and in the Shot Putt. The Relay team of I. T. Rankin, I. D. Y. Stewart, C. J. L. Miller and N. A. C. McWilliam came fourth in a closely contested Final. In Group 'B' (15-17 years) I. R. Macaskill and A. E. Rankin both collected badge standards in the Shot Putt.

A large crowd spectated on a very warm Sports Day and witnessed fine performances by every age-group. N. A. C. McWilliam became School Champion for the second time, with a total of 34 points, winning the Long Jump, Triple Jump, 100m., 200m., and 400m. Runner-up, one point behind the Senior Champion, was I. T. Rankin, winning two events. In the Senior section W. L. Milroy gained a School Record, beating his own previous record, in the Shot Putt (13.19m.) and both he and R. W. Stewart won two events each. Prior to Sports Day N. A. C. McWilliam had broken the 200m. record during heats with a run of 23.2s. and despite jumping beyond L. G. Dick's record in the Long Jump it was not given due to a following wind in excess of 2m/s. The Intermediate Championship went to T. Blair, who gained six 'firsts', breaking two Intermediate Records in the 100m. Hurdles (14.7s.) and

Javelin (40.96m.). Runner-up was M. T. Grugiel, 26 points behind Blair's total of 51 points. Junior Champion was N. J. Brown with four wins and runner-up was N. J. Marshall. The Primary Championship went to K. R. Erskine and runners-up, with a triple tie, were S. A. MacNicol, K. C. McLean and I. F. Lindsay. There was also a tie for the House Championship between the Grahams and the Murrays, both with 188 points.

Athletics Colours were awarded to I. T. Rankin (re-award), N. A. C. McWilliam (re-award), W. L. Milroy (re-award) and T. Blair.

A great deal of thanks and praise goes to Mr Grieve and all his ground staff at Dallerie, for their relentlessly hard work throughout the season. Thanks also go to every member on the staff who helped School Athletics in the term.

S. J. R.

Cross-Country Section

For the first season for many years, the section's numbers increased. There was an encouraging turnout at the weekly Thursday training sessions, which was maintained throughout the season, and it is to the credit of those involved that the rigorous pace was sustained. It was disappointing, however, that all the energy was in a sense wasted, due to the lack of competitive events.

A match was arranged against Strathallan and Rannoch on 4th March, which, hopefully, will become an annual event. Unfortunately team consistency was lacking at the vital moment, and despite an outstanding, record-breaking run by the team captain, both the Juniors and the Youths suffered defeat.

The Scottish Schools Cross-Country Championships took place a mere four days later at Drumpellier Park, Coatbridge. In the team events, the Juniors (17-19 years) were 8th and the Youths (15-17 years) were 24th. Individually the best result was J. G. Chisholm's 4th position in the Junior event, with a time of 21 minutes 28 seconds for the four-mile course. This was an excellent performance and the best achievement by an individual at Morrison's since the section was inaugurated.

Thanks must be given to Mr McLauchlan and Mr Wilson, who very kindly gave up their time to accompany the team to Strathallan and Coatbridge, and who constantly offered help and encouragement throughout the season.

Team members were:

Juniors: J. G. Chisholm (Captain), S. M. Malloch, W. S. Dingwall,
G. L. Bayne, M. Stretch, G. G. Mitchell, S. W. Macintyre.

Youths: G. E. Mearns, C. J. Miquel, T. Dalziel, G. A. McLellan, L. G.
Robertson, D. H. Stephen.

J. G. C.

SWIMMING



In September we again entered a team for the Perthshire Schools' Gala. This was a fine year for the team, in which we gained six firsts: G. D. Brown, G. Telford, C. N. Marshall, K. D. W. Ashworth, and the Under-14 and Under-16 relay teams. We also won five seconds and three thirds.

The Time Trials for the Scottish Schools' Championship were again a disappointment as none of our swimmers managed to reach the finals.

At the end of the Christmas Term the Inter-House Gala was held, in which the Grahams held off a very strong challenge from the Drummonds to win. Mention must be made of the Campbells, who reached the exalted height of third place after years at the bottom. The final result was:

1st, Grahams — 131 points; 2nd, Drummonds — 119 points;
3rd, Campbells — 96 points; 4th, Murrays — 63 points.

The Primary swimmers showed great promise in the Perth Primary Schools' Swimming Gala, taking nine individual firsts. Among them was S. I. Watson, who had a record time in the under-11 breast stroke. All the relay teams won.

J. A. S.

TENNIS



In the 1974 Midlands Tennis Tournament the school's team was unfortunately beaten in the first round by Strathallan. The team was:

First couple:

D. I. Telford
J. A. Smith (Captain)

Second couple:

C. J. Miquel
D. R. Scobie

Third couple:

G. S. Bell
I. T. Grant

In the school competition, the Dye Cup, there was again a very large entry. With last year's winner, D. I. Telford, unable to compete, there were two new finalists this year: I. R. Macaskill and B. C. Davidson, who had defeated C. J. Fraser and J. A. Smith respectively in the semi-finals. The eventual winner of the tournament was I. R. Macaskill, who beat B. C. Davidson in straight sets.

B. C. D.

GOLF

The Belch Cup was won by D. I. Telford with a total of 237 strokes for the three medal rounds, and the runner-up was I. R. Macaskill with 259. The same boys shared the honours in the Senior Match-Play Competition with Telford the winner and Macaskill the runner-up. The Junior Match-Play event was won by M. G. A. Parker and R. F. Marshall was the other finalist.

The Old Boys' Match resulted in a win for the Old Boys by 4 matches to nil.

At County level, we finished in fifth place in the Stroke-Play event, but our best effort was to reach the final of the Match-Play Tournament for the first time. In the final we lost to a very strong Perth Academy team.

Over the year, the number of boys taking part in competitions is much the same as in recent seasons and the tendency is still for match-play to be much more popular than stroke-play events.



C.C.F. NOTES

Strength during the session was 3 Officers, 1 S.S.I. (Mr Robertson) and 96 cadets.

Senior Cadets 1974-75:

C.S.M.: J. Garven.
C.Q.M.S.: A. F. Minty
Pipe-Major: W. S. Dingwall.
Drum-Major: I. A. Fotheringham.

The Inspection in 1974 was by Brigadier A. O. L. Lithgow, M.C., A.D.C., Brigadier Highlands, who had already visited the Contingent on taking up his command. Once again the Contingent was given a very good report. This year's Inspection will be on 13th June by Colonel I. D. Cameron, Colonel Recruiting, H.Q. Scotland.

PRIZES AWARDED IN 1974

CULTYBRAGGAN CUP (Best Recruit): Cdt. R. M. Stuart.
FINCH CUP (Best Platoon): The Murrays.
INDIA SWORD (Best Junior N.C.O.): Cpl. W. S. Dingwall.
KENYA CUP (Best Senior N.C.O.): C.S.M. A. C. Campbell.
MUNGALL VASE (Senior Shooting): C.S.M. N. C. W. Dunkley.
ROBERTSON DOBIE CUP (Piping): Pipe-Major G. F. Milne.
ROBERTSON DOBIE CUP (Junior Shooting): Cdt. G. D. Brown.

In the Highland Competition in 1974 the Contingent was fourth. We are now busy preparing for this year's competition, for which we have entered two teams. This is the first time two teams have been accepted, and we are the only unit to enter a second team. The cadets have been training enthusiastically for many weeks, and we have still more interested cadets than there are places in the teams.

Last summer seven cadets spent a week with 4 R.T.R. at Catterick. During the session we had visits from Royal Artillery and Royal Signals teams. Captain Agnew, who lectured to us the previous session, is now somewhere on Everest, as readers of "The Scotsman" will know. 36 C.T.T. under R.S.M. Danells continues to devote much time to the Contingent, and the team were guests at the Contingent dinner in March.

Camp in 1974 was at Cultybraggan, the first time for many years. These central camps have changed greatly with the presence of teams from the Regular Army, and camp at Cultybraggan, despite its nearness, was very rewarding. This year we go back to Warcop, Cumbria, and the programme includes such items as canoeing, caving and climbing.

Adventurous training this year was not so successful, with atrocious weather and other difficulties. Torrinn apparently had more snow the day before our arrival than any other part of Skye.

PIPE BAND

The situation of the Band is not so encouraging. Last year we were not placed in either competition and this year we shall not have enough pipers by 13th June to enter the Scottish Schools C.C.F. Competition. There are simply not enough boys coming forward prepared to work week after week, month after month, to provide the pool from which to draw a band. Former pupils and especially former Band members who are concerned about the future of the Band are asked to contact the O.C., Major Meakin, as soon as possible.

School Societies

DRAMA CLUB



It was with some satisfaction that "The Noble Spaniard" was successfully staged last summer, as it broke the train of substitutes and alternatives which had overtaken the Club in the last few years. It was not without its own ups and downs in this respect, but at performance those who saw it enjoyed the play and appreciated the high standard displayed by the players.

The cast was led by a perfectly charming and captivating Linda Melough, who was wooed and won by a gallant, debonair Stuart Macintyre. Elaine Stark and David Arnott played the two 'elderly' comic parts with great skill in action and timing. Yvonne Percy and Nigel Dunkley made a handsome couple, while Frances Will gave a delightfully dry performance, contrasting nicely with the effervescent panache of Ranald Naismith. The cast was rounded AS off with a pleasant performance from Margaret Stirling. The play was helped by the enthusiasm of those off the stage as well as those on it.

With success in our nostrils, we were all set for an industrious year, but the best-laid schemes of mice and men . . .

The Christmas Term was one of activity, despite many interruptions. A most enjoyable Christmas show was mounted by Miss McCallum and Mr Hartley. This sparked off another evening in March, when the Junior Choir joined the Primary Drama Club to give another evening of great merit. (A separate account of these appears immediately after this report). In this term, too, Mrs Milligan's group gave us a performance of improvised pantomime.

The Seniors, after our usual activities of the first term, launched into an ambitious play, "A Man for all Seasons", but unfortunately 'our' Man was not for all seasons and again discretion seemed the better part of valour, so that the summer production will be an alternative yet again. Our hopes of entering the Perth Drama Festival were also dashed, but never daunted, we shall try again in the future.

M. C. B.

DRAMA — ONE

In December two groups combined to present an evening of two short plays: the Junior Drama Club presented "The Coming of the Kings" by Ted Hughes, and Mr Hartley's group of seniors presented an adaptation for the stage of the first part of John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress".

This was the Junior Drama Club's first major production in Academy Hall, and really their first exposure to a larger public than parents and friends. Miss Mollie McCallum, the founder and guiding spirit of the group, produced a play by a poet whose work is familiar to boys in S5, and characteristically its message was a long step away from the sweet commercialism of the Christmas card. The set was austere and effective, its basis being a series of rostra used in the General Purpose Rooms of both Primary Schools: these were placed before the main stage, with the proscenium curtains closed, and the young voices were thus better projected.

The effect of the whole evening was one of delighted surprise. Dr. Johnson once characteristically observed that "a woman preaching is like a dog's walking on its hinder legs. It is not done well; but you are surprised to find it done at all." Of the junior group it must be said that one certainly expected the play to be done: but one was surprised indeed that it was done so well. Undoubtedly this was a reflection of the talent and enthusiasm of Miss McCallum. Perhaps the actors were less aware of the meaning of their play than older children would have been; but their charm and natural ability won through. David Bosomworth's stolid, uncomprehending innkeeper bent nicely to the flow of nagging invective from his stage wife, played with alarming realism by Karen Halley. Russell Tuton, Kenneth McLean and Colin Band made neatly, perhaps unconsciously, satirical comment on the twentieth-century characters who invaded this scene. Above all, few would forget the voice and stage presence of Stuart MacNicol, whose Minstrel spoke the best lines in the play with a strange, melancholy detachment quite signally suited to the part. "What a King of Men is Greedy!" he avowed and this uneasy message of the Christmas play was later transcended as the snow fell, "Every snowflake is an angel", the world was "deep with angels", and the magic of the Nativity was with us once again.

After the interval we moved to the main stage for Mr Hartley's adaptation and production of the first part of "Pilgrim's Progress". We thought that we could not be surprised again, for surely here the vehicle for the play was doomed to dampen these youthful, earlier voices: Bunyan, after all, was hardly an entertaining writer. Not a bit of it. The production, perhaps necessarily handicapped by its static positioning, gave us a moving dimension to the allegory. What could have been dull was not so: after all, who could watch Ranald Naismith playing Mr Worldly Wiseman so convincingly and assuredly, without a chuckle or two? One cannot help feeling that Mr Hartley must have had a chuckle or two when casting Hypocrisy, Simple, Sloth and Presumption, for what schoolmaster worth his salt could not find dozens of boys for the parts of Sloth and Simple? But Tom Dalziel, Barrie Walker and Graham Ellis acted beautifully, without a trace of type-casting.

The parts of John Bunyan and Christian were enormously difficult. They are not actor's rôles. David Arnott managed a convincing blend of intelligent speaking with an aptly stolid appearance. Douglas McGeachie, like the Minstrel earlier, stole the show. His sensitive voice and good stage appearance made Christian no holy willie, but a real character wearily and anxiously in search of his salvation. Not many boys could have carried this and he deserves warm commendation. The whole production was a creditable piece of teamwork to which all the actors and invisible spirits contributed, and our thanks go to them all.

A. S. A.

DRAMA — TWO

The audience at Academy Hall on March 24th this year were fortunate to have enjoyed such a first-class evening of music and drama. Fortunate, and instructive too, because at so many schools the words "Junior Choir" conjure up dying echoes of "Nymphs and Shepherds", topped off with a hodge-podge of unseasonable carols; and "Junior Drama" evokes visions of poor unfortunates battling their way through "Titus Andronicus", school socks and tackety boots all too obvious beneath the togas.

The younger boys and girls of Morrison's Academy, however, showed just how much material they could encompass, just how much effect they could create, given a sensitive choice of matter to work on, and the right sort of leadership and direction.

The first part of the evening was given over to the Junior Choir and the Recorder Group, both directed by Miss Elizabeth Luke, Head of the Music Department in the Girls' School. Although the music chosen spanned five centuries, from "Sumer is i-cumen in" in the thirteenth to Thomas Arne in the eighteenth, the programme was always coherent, being strongly centred on the various ways of handling Shakespeare's songs. Some were familiar, such as the traditional version of "When that I was and a little tiny boy" or Arne's setting of "Under the Greenwood Tree"; but others were not so well known, and the choir very confidently brought this unfamiliar material to the audience's awareness, and the Recorder Group gave us music by Purcell and Giles Farnaby. Throughout this first part of the evening the choir was characterised by a sureness of phrasing, despite some initial hesitancy in the opening, unaccompanied round, and a lightness of touch that was a pleasure to hear.

After a brief interval, the Junior Drama Club, ably directed by Miss Mollie McCallum, presented "The Three Rioters", a verse play written by Mr Alan S. Andrews, Head of the English Department in the Boys' School. This marvellous story of the three wastrels who bring themselves to grief was old even when Chaucer used it for The Pardoner's Tale, but it was adroitly turned by Mr Andrews into lively and expressive modern English. This strong story line and the conversational to-ing and fro-ing were perfectly matched in the effective simplicity of the characters' costumes and the stage setting. As with the choir, this group showed just how much they could achieve, given the right play and intelligent direction. Our three rioters, Graham Clark, Neil Auchterlonie and Douglas Ferguson, hammed it up like old professionals as they responded to the very appreciative audience. Stuart MacNicol in the pivotal parts of the Poet and the Old Man, although his voice still lacks carrying power, delivered himself with an ease and expressive skill beyond his years, while in the smaller parts David Bosomworth, cheeks convincingly flushed, swayed with amiable befuddlement over his pot of ale.

Our thanks go firstly to all the boys and girls in the Junior Choir, the Recorder Group and the Junior Drama Club, and then to those we have not space to name who, whether backstage, front-of-house, or just quietly behind the scenes, worked together to produce such an enjoyable evening.

G. M. H.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Last year's notes concluded with the hope that we would not have to rely on the same few speakers: the response has been encouraging, especially from the Boys' School. Unfortunately the girls have been reluctant speakers.

Our first debate was on that "hardy perennial" — pacifism. The House, with a small majority, accepted that "pacifism is for those who cannot stand up to the rigours of life," as argued by David Telford and John Strathearn.

In an attempt to help the girls prepare for the "Daily Express" Debating Competition, the next debate was held under the rules of this contest. This entailed speaking for exactly five minutes, and during the first four minutes of the speech points of information could be offered by the opposition. The girls proposed "That Britain is no longer a democracy." Kenn Blair, David Telford and Douglas McGeachie opposed this and after some intelligent speeches and lively arguments from the floor of the House the motion was unanimously rejected.

Yet another political debate followed, in which Douglas McGeachie, Douglas MacKenzie and David Arnott defeated the motion "That extremism is the only moral and efficient way to run a country," by an overwhelming majority.

Our last debate was against Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, who brought a coach-load of supporters for the debate and the "social" which followed. Our two speakers, Douglas MacKenzie and Douglas McGeachie, defeated the motion which the visitors proposed, "That there is no justification for terrorism or acts of violence." After a hesitant start, this was a lively and friendly debate, our first, so far as we know, with another school on an informal basis: we hope it may be repeated.

After a break of two years we again held a speech-making competition, kindly judged by the Crieff Toastmasters. The subjects chosen ranged from "Goldfish" to "Cosmic Vision and Retinal Specifics". The contest was won by Stuart Macintyre, who spoke on marriage; runner-up was Naomi Whitelaw, who delivered a speech on prefects. Douglas MacKenzie was third, speaking about tradition. We are very grateful to the Toastmasters for showing this interest and for presenting such generous prizes.

We are indebted to W. P. Anderson of S6 for making a very handsome gavel for use at debates.

This has been a successful and active year for the Society and sincere thanks must go to the English Departments of both Schools, who chaired the debates. This year's hard-working committee was: Douglas MacKenzie (Secretary), Kenn Blair, David Telford and John Strathearn.

D. M.

SCRIPTURE UNION

This year Christians have met regularly in the school in Room 17 at 3.30 on Fridays in order to praise and worship God and learn more about Him through song, prayer, Bible Study and discussion. Anyone is welcome to the meeting, and so if you do not already attend, we hope you will come next session and share in our many activities, as well as for a cup of coffee!

In the Christmas Term we often went across to the Girls' School for joint meetings, where one week one of the local ministers came in to speak about some aspect of the church, which was followed up the next week by group discussion. This worked quite well, the only disadvantage being that we did not always know what was happening each Friday and so it was felt that during the Easter Term the groups should meet separately.

This we did, and Mr Thomson led us in a Bible Study of the book of Joshua, showing the parallel between the Jews entering and living in the Promised Land and our Christian lives to-day. Other activities included discussions, films and filmstrips, and a hat night. The term concluded with a fantastic joint Easter Service.

Despite the S.C.E. Exams, the group continued to meet, as did the Junior Group for Forms 1 and 2, which met on Wednesdays. This was often taken by some of the senior boys and included singing, films, quizzes and Bible Studies. Captain Stephen Anderson, an evangelist of the Church of Scotland, spoke in the school on Love — the mark of the Christian, after a week's mission in the Girls' School. He also spoke at a rally in the evening in the Girls' School, where the music was provided by Caedmon — an Edinburgh Students' Christian Group.

Numbers have fluctuated at both meetings, but were usually in the 12-15 bracket. Unfortunately we lost some of our members to C.C.F. activities which were on at the same time. We were also rather thin on 3rd year — so how about it next year?

Thanks must go to Barrie Walker and Kenn Blair for providing us with music and for often taking the Junior Group. A most sincere thank you must also go to Mr Thomson, whose help and guidance throughout the year have been invaluable.

We hope that many of you who are returning next session will come and join us in our Christian Fellowship and discover the dynamic saving power of Jesus Christ.

D. M. A.

SKI CLUB



This year saw one of the best season's ski-ing in Scotland for many years. Excellent conditions prevailed from late January until mid-April and several very successful outings, which were greatly appreciated by all who went, were arranged by the Physical Education Departments. The conditions in fact were so good that many "unlikely" characters were attracted to the slopes of Glenshee. Varying degrees of success resulted but thanks must go to certain members of the Sixth Form for their interesting, if painful, demonstrations. On one memorable occasion a notable beginner, having lost a ski, proceeded to find two others.

In the Perthshire Schools' Championships in March, the boys' team, consisting of J. G. Chisholm, B. C. Davidson, S. W. Macintyre and W. R. P. Taylor, surprised everyone, including themselves, by coming third in this competition. A combination of skilfully unorthodox ski-ing and vain determination contributed greatly to this result.

Finally, the Ski Club would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Boyle for all his efforts in the past, and hope that he has not completely retired from the sport!

S. W. M.

SAILING CLUB

Last season the school boats were very much under-used and there was a distinct lack of interest, especially amongst the boys. However, this season looks much brighter, with adequate numbers and the boats in good condition. It is hoped that we can run the Club much more efficiently and economically without outside "assistance."

R. K. F.

THE CLIMBING CLUB



By May 11th 1975, in its first three years, the Climbing Club had climbed forty separate Munros, some of them as often as six times. Statistics are too often meaningless in the reality of sweat and peat bogs, but after the rapid rise of new "tops" in the first year of the Club, our pace has slowed considerably. Basically the problem is twofold: firstly, it is costly to travel far afield; secondly, we often have to squeeze a climb into too narrow a time limit and thus our radius is severely diminished. We hope, however, to widen our horizons soon: there is an abundance of territory unexplored by us north of Tyndrum and further in Glen-coe and Glen Etive.

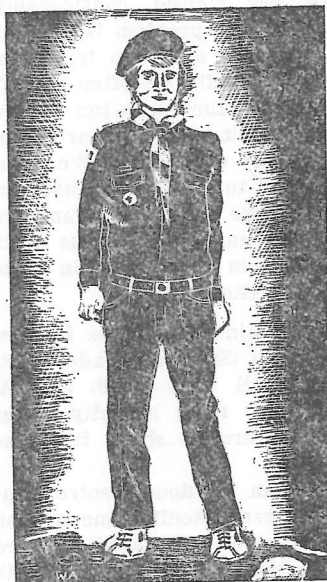
Glen Lochay has provided a delightfully stimulating area for new tops. Ben Challum (3354) and Meall a' Churain (3007) were added last June and July: we have since climbed Meall Glas (3139) and its subsidiary top Beinn Cheathaich (3074), and most recently Creag Mhor (3387). Only Beinn Heagsarnich, a featureless shape from the south side anyway, remains "unbagged".

Easter found us again based at Fearnan Outdoor Centre. Our excursions met a strong contrast with last year's Mediterranean heat. Snow had fallen heavily some two weeks before, followed by hard frost, and the frozen snow encountered on the first day on the north approach to Meall nan Tarmachan, which forced us off that hill for safety, limited some of our more ambitious plans. Nonetheless, ice-axes at the ready, we managed to climb five others: Meall Ghaordie in Glen Lochay; Meall a' Choire Leith in the Lawers range, which offered a glorious view of its near neighbours and as far as Ben Nevis; and then back to Meall Garbh and Carn Mairg, being the reverse of last year's walk. It was not the only reverse. Having reached the summit of Meall Garbh in cold, clear visibility, we were faced with an icy walk over two miles by compass on the wide ridge to Carn Mairg — the mist having combined with driving snow to remind us of the dangers of the Scottish hills in winter. Blind navigation is less of a thrill during the event than once successfully accomplished: it was quite a day. The last day we spent in glorious sunshine on Creag Mhor, the only Munro we had not climbed in this group. The stunning grandeur of the Scottish hills under snow was awesome, and it was a fine end to a good week.

The Club keeps attracting new faces — hardly a week goes by without a new member joining us. Sadly, some of the older ones seem now to have lost interest, but being oversubscribed, we must not complain. I should like to thank the “regulars” for their lively interest; and in particular Mr Wilson, Mr McGregor and Mr White, without whom the activities of the Club would simply not be possible.

A. S. A.

27th PERTSHIRE SCOUT GROUP



The Scout Section has been temporarily suspended throughout the Session, but we hope that next year there may be a member of the Staff appointed who has had some Scouting experience and may be willing to resuscitate this important Section, so that the boys who have spent three years in the Cubs may continue to maintain their interest in Scouting.

The Cub Scouts continue to flourish and we have had a total of 44 divided into six “Sixes” under the respective charge of Andrew Mitchell, Colin Millar, Colin Band, Robert Scott-Miller, Alec Gordon and Stuart Watson. Once again we are grateful for the assistance of our team of “Mums” without whom there could not be any regular instruction given to the different age groups. To date we have achieved two Gold Arrows, three Silver, and eighteen Bronze, which is a good record. We are particularly proud that only six of our forty-four boys have not yet passed Stage 1 of the Swimming Badge — the credit of course belongs to the P.E. Staff, but the figures are quite outstanding in comparison with other Cub Packs in the County.

At Christmas time we paid our usual visit to the Pantomime and all had a most enjoyable afternoon. The highlight of the year was the visit organised by the Navy, to the Frigate H.M.S. “Dido” at Dundee Harbour. The boys spent a most enjoyable and instructive afternoon as guests of the Ship’s Company.

44 Cub Scouts are just too big a number to organize efficiently, and so next year this will be reduced and priority given to those on the “waiting list”.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG SCIENTISTS

B.A.Y.S. is a junior version of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Its main objective is to encourage an appreciation of science in the world around us.

Recently a new branch was opened in Perth, and throughout the winter months, Morrison's has been well represented at most meetings, thanks to the enthusiasm of the school representative, Lindsay Muir. The highest attendance was at Balgay Observatory in Dundee, when thirty pupils attended. The highlight of this fascinating evening was a chance to examine Saturn and its rings through the main telescope, a magnificent piece of nineteenth-century optical engineering. Other meetings in a stimulating syllabus have included "Plate Tectonics" — a theory of continental drift, and an illustrated talk on the Apollo space programme by a press officer from N.A.S.A., the American Space Agency.

For next year, it is hoped that the school might participate in some of the national and international projects run by the B.A. and the B.A.Y.S. Assuming that attendance is maintained at this year's high level, it may even be possible to resurrect the school's own Scientific Society, or at least a project group.

K. J. M.

CAROL SERVICE, 1974

We are indebted to Mr D. H. MacLennan, Principal Teacher of French at George Heriot's School, and a former member of our staff, for the following criticism:

To be at St. Michael's Church on a cold Sunday in December was to escape from the commercialisation and materialism of Christmas and to savour once again in this beautiful setting the simplicity and joy of the Christmas season. The Christmas Music service, now a welcome annual event, began with "Once in royal David's city" and continued with a varied selection of hymns and carols. The congregation played its part in the service by joining enthusiastically in the singing of the hymns and listening intently to the carols and the readings.

The Choir, strengthened by the presence of some members of staff, enhanced their enthusiastic singing by their fresh and handsome appearance. The basses and tenors made their mark with some pleasant singing in "Here we come a-wassailing" and the Choir's tone was heard to good effect in "Up, good Christian folk and listen". Of course no performance is perfect and there were mistakes and moments of uncertainty and doubt. Occasionally leaving the congregation to sing without the support of the organ clearly upset the large number who wanted to join in and also seemed to unnerve the Choir. "See! in yonder manger low" ended rather flat and "Good King Wenceslas" was decidedly dull until the last verse. The Choir appeared reluctant

to follow the conductor's beat. More important, the service seemed underrehearsed, and the occasional lack of musical drive and tension revealed a lack of practice and experience.

There were, however, many good things. "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" was well sung. "Quittez, Pasteurs" was very successful too, not least for the ambitious use of the French text. "Of the Father's love begotten" never fails to excite, and it was sung with much spirit and clarity. Shira Miller sang John Farmer's "In the field with their flocks abiding" very beautifully, overcoming some nervousness to sing of the age-old Christmas story. It is always invidious to pick out any individual, but Kenneth Murray's singing of "Taladh Chriosta" was undoubtedly the highlight of the evening. The clarity and expressiveness of the melody gave all who were there a rare moment of musical excitement, and the thrill of Kenneth's singing lingers on.

Lynne Stimpson and Andrew Fotheringham read the two lessons confidently and clearly, and Dr. Heavenor read the great words of St. John and led the congregation in prayer. He spoke too of the work and organisation without which no such service would be possible, and it is good to end on this note by thanking Mr Andrews, whose playing both in the Voluntaries and throughout the service was of his usual high standard, and Miss Luke, who trained and conducted the Choir, for all their enthusiasm and work and patience. Congratulations to them and to all who took part in this most successful and enjoyable service.

Contributions

THE RIVER

The river, sparkling, trickling, dashing,
Smoothly flowing down the hillside,
Fresh, cool, wet and splashing,
Dashing, darting between the rocks,
Eerily lapping against the bank,
All smooth and calm,
Swirling, jumping into the sea,
Slowly and rhythmically lapping,
Lost, for ever.

EUAN A. FERGUSON, Primary 5

The following poem was written in response to hearing Gustav Holst's "The Planets" Suite.

URANUS THE MAGICIAN

Sitting in the Court,
Face wrinkled with Age,
Upon a golden throne
He thinks,
"A Planet for a Kingdom,
Named after myself.
The Father of Kronos and the Titans.
The Husband of Gaia.
Commander of
Prospero and Oberon.
Untrammelled by reality,
I can work miracles.
I am the God of
Bewildering Untruth."

W. DAVID STEWART, Primary 7

THE UNSEEN FORCE

In the dark we heard a noise,
Soft at first and then it grew;
On ground, in air we heard it coming,
Bangs and then a quiet humming.
Silence! Silence. It was gone.
I knew that there was something wrong,
For distant cries of evil dealings
Filled the air with distant feelings.
Soon the bangings came too near,
Soon came panic,
Soon came fear,
Then we felt it in our midst,
Cold and slimy,
We felt it rise, then down it came,
Down, down among us . . .
Then it struck — it struck with fiery breath,
Its sole intention — DEATH!

GRAHAM M. CLARK, Primary 7

ACROSTIC

The bow tightens,
Hares scamper in the wood
Expecting danger.
A deer raises its head, sniffing.
Rearing on its legs, it feels a deadly pain
Caught in its skin.
Hearing its hunter, the hunted squeals mercy
Ending in a shriek as another
Red deer falls, dead.

NEIL A. AUCHTERLONIE, Primary 7

IN THE SUMMER SUN

The old dog lay in the summer sun,
Too lazy to rise and run.
He flapped an ear
At a passing fly,
He winked a half-opened
Sleepy eye.
He scratched himself
On an itchy spot,
While he dozed on the porch
Where the sun was hot.
He whimpered a bit
From a strange habit,
While he lazily dreamed
Of chasing a rabbit.
But the old dog happily lay in the sun,
Much too lazy to rise and run.

J. RUSSELL TUTON, Primary 7

Pencils of blue smoke snake ever upwards
Into the blue haze,
As perspiration distorts your vision of boats in the distance,
Calls for "Daddy", cries of glee echo as they play.
And far away . . .
You recall the wide expanse of freedom as time
Calls the tune to your responsibilities.
Sleeping, once again you flounder,
Searching for another exit from the pit.

WILLIAM D. ALLAN, 5A

THE MASTER OF THE SEA

The mast broke in the middle,
Amidships was like hell,
The giant waves came crashing down —
Twenty more lives to sell.

The Bosun screamed with terror,
As the ship, it broke in twain.
The Master of the Sea, it seemed,
Had claimed his prize again.

The story got to Portsmouth,
Where, sitting in his seat,
The brave Sir Laurence Hobblesworth
Was waiting for the Fleet.

He was in a violent temper,
He could stand it not once more,
For this was the thirteenth cargo
That had never reached the shore.

He gathered round a trusty crew,
Who all believed in him.
“Come lads, let’s go and see what’s wrong!”
He shouted to his men.

Aye, each man knew his life was doomed,
That frightening night they sailed,
And right they were, for even now,
To return . . . they’ve failed.

Some folk say that they’re in France,
Others say Brittany,
But we know that they are enchained
By the Master of the Sea!

ADAM M. HOWDEN, One Cross

STRANGERS

'They' came in fire-wreathed chariots from on high,
Scything a clear-cut arc across the dark evening sky.
With a high-pitched whine, fading to a diminutive moan,
'They' came from the stars: the Earth was not alone.

We strained our eyes, our heads uplifted.
"What's that?" we thought as our gazes shifted,
Following that comet's tail right over the horizon,
That majestic ribbon that we had fixed our eyes on.

'They' sped due west towards the open sea.
'Their' trail diffused to a haziness, so much that we
Were soon left staring at an open piece of sky,
The section of our atmosphere through which 'they' had passed by.

Miles from land the craft gained height.
It accelerated, its heat-proof hull glowing white.
A small white speck with an iridescent glow.
Thus 'they' took 'their' leave of us Earthmen below.

With this curt farewell to the Earth and its nations,
'They' left 'their' identity to our imaginations.
Why did 'they' visit us?
Where were 'they' from?
The strangers had come; and gone.

ERIC M. STEVENSON, Two Star

THE RIVER

Lazy Sundays, as old men stroll at snail's pace
Along the river,
Caught in the slipstream of life, some live, some die, as
Currents ebb and tides flow and man changes.
Nothing remains of what was . . .
And what is, is only temporary.

WILLIAM D. ALLAN, 5A

NEVER, NEVER, NEVER:

Never, never, never
Leave me;
Never, never, never
Go away;
Always, always, always
Stay beside me —
Help me live another day

DAVID M. ARNOTT, 6S

SUNSET

Over the bronze-blue sea the
crimson-bleeding Sun
falls
dripping Life in
thickening tears into
havens of fragrant delights,
making the streams run red.
Golden-dimming yellow
fades the darkening
Sky,
fleeing blue of earthday,
westward to the distant
Angels.

Monstrous shapes
clouds gather
cutting off the Sun.
Rocks lie, dead, in the
calming ocean,
black shadows the fluorescing
red reflection, couching
Dragons,
Muses of the hellish kingdom,
their flames rending the Sky
to mingle with the fiery heavens.

Shrieking whirlwind throws
crowing shadows,
holes of infinite
black, in torment at the
watcher,
lonely on the shore.

And a silent scream pierces the world,
tearing its roots asunder,
a noiseless, blasting trumpet,
harbinger of the final sunflash
which sprays blood in dead droplets,
dying into endless night.

And this is the end,
the end of Time,
and never again can the spheres
feel the caressing fingers of
rosy dawn, nor
wake with the
roaring aubade of the
ceaseless ocean currents.

DAVID M. COULL, 6L

BEST CONTRIBUTION :

The prize donated by an anonymous Old Boy for the best contribution to the magazine has been awarded to David Stewart, aged eleven, of Primary 7, for his poem "URANUS THE MAGICIAN". The criteria applied to this decision include the ages of the contributors and the assurance that it is unaided work. In a year of considerable success for P7, we are delighted that David has won this prize: his class submitted a large number of excellent entries, too numerous for all to be included in this issue. — **Editor.**

Old Boys' Section

Obituary: JOHN A. B. CAMERON

It was with a deep sense of loss that friends of John Cameron learned of his death in London on 30th November, 1974. John and his brother David were boarders at Ogilvie House from 1956 until 1966. John played a very active part in the life of the school on both the academic and sports side. A useful member of the First XV, he was also a valuable member of the school Athletics Team, gaining his colours for Athletics in 1966. John was a young man with a tremendous zest for life who, subsequent to his school career and an Honours degree in Business Administration at Strathclyde University, entered the financial world. In the best tradition of the 'lad o' pairts' he very soon made a considerable impact in the world of merchant banking and quickly rose to be a fund manager with Robert Fleming and Co. Ltd., the London based merchant bankers.

In January 1973, however, John became aware that he was seriously ill and for two years courageously battled against the insidious advance of the disease. It was a measure of his character that throughout the last two years there was never any expression of bitterness, but he pursued as active a life as possible until the end. All who knew him will be deeply grieved at his passing and we would extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Debbie, his parents and brother David.

Obituary: JOHN MITCHELL AITKEN SMITH, C.B.E., T.D.

There must be few Morrisonians who were so widely known and so greatly respected by fellow-members of the Club.

Born in November 1902 in Calcutta, John went to Morrison's in 1907 and left in 1919 when he was Dux of the School. He was Captain of the Rugby Team and a regular member of the 1st XI at cricket. John never lost his enthusiasm or his love for his old school.

John qualified as a C.A. and spent five years in the profession before joining Ford Motor Company in 1930 as assistant to the

Company Secretary. Apart from the war years he spent the rest of his industrial working life with Fords and retired as Assistant Managing Director in 1962. After his retirement, became a part-time member of the National Coal Board, was a member of the Decimalisation Committee, the Monopolies Commission and the New Towns Commission. He was also Chairman of the National Computing Centre and Scottish Council London Executive Committee. All this activity taken on during his "retirement" beautifully illustrates the energy and enthusiasm of the man.

Through all these years his heart was never very far away from Morrison's. He told many stories of meetings with people connected with the school in various corners of the world. A founder member of the London Morrisonian Club he quite happily entertained the whole club in his own home. John was unstinting in his help for fellow Morrisonians and was always willing to counsel any who sought his advice. John will be sadly missed by his many friends.

To his wife, Titi, and his son and daughter we extend our sincerest sympathies.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following Office-Bearers were elected:

President: **Dr. W. G. Semple**

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Hon. Treasurer: **A. W. Deakin**

Hon. Auditor: **G. D. Caldwell**

Hon. Secretary: **M. D. Sheppard**

Assist. Hon. Secretary: **B. K. E. Edridge**

Committee: **W. P. Balfour, D. D. H. Coltart, D. K. Clark, M. McFadyen, P. B. McLean, R. H. E. Vick.**

Representative on Board of Governors: **T. Dunsire.**

Representative on Boarding Houses Association: **T. N. Biggart.**

Past Presidents on ex-officio list: **G. D. Greenshields, T. McNeil, H. G. Dodd, J. B. Omand, T. Dunsire, T. N. Biggart, C. C. Stewart, K. M. Grant, N. R. Waddell.**

Please note that the new Secretary's address is:
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Vice-Chairman: **D. Miller**

Hon. Treasurer: **B. A. P. Shaw**

Hon. Secretary: **D. D. Stewart**

Hon. Auditors: **J. Diver, K. McKenzie.**

**Committee: E. S. G. Vernon, J. Paterson, M. Penny, D. McCall,
A. D. Cameron.**

The address of the Hon. Secretary is:
Nursery Road, Walton on the Hill, Surrey.

The Club still meets at the Round House, 1 Garrick Street, Covent Garden, London W.C.2. at 6.30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. All Morrisonians are welcome.

The annual family picnic is to be held on Saturday 6 September 1975 at Eylesden Prep School, Bearsted, nr. Maidstone, at 12 noon.

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President: Gordon Philips

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**Hon. Secretary: James Fairbairn, P.O. Box 20897,
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Tel. 5-266011.**

Committee: Nigel McNie, Robin Radcliffe, Dick Gibb.

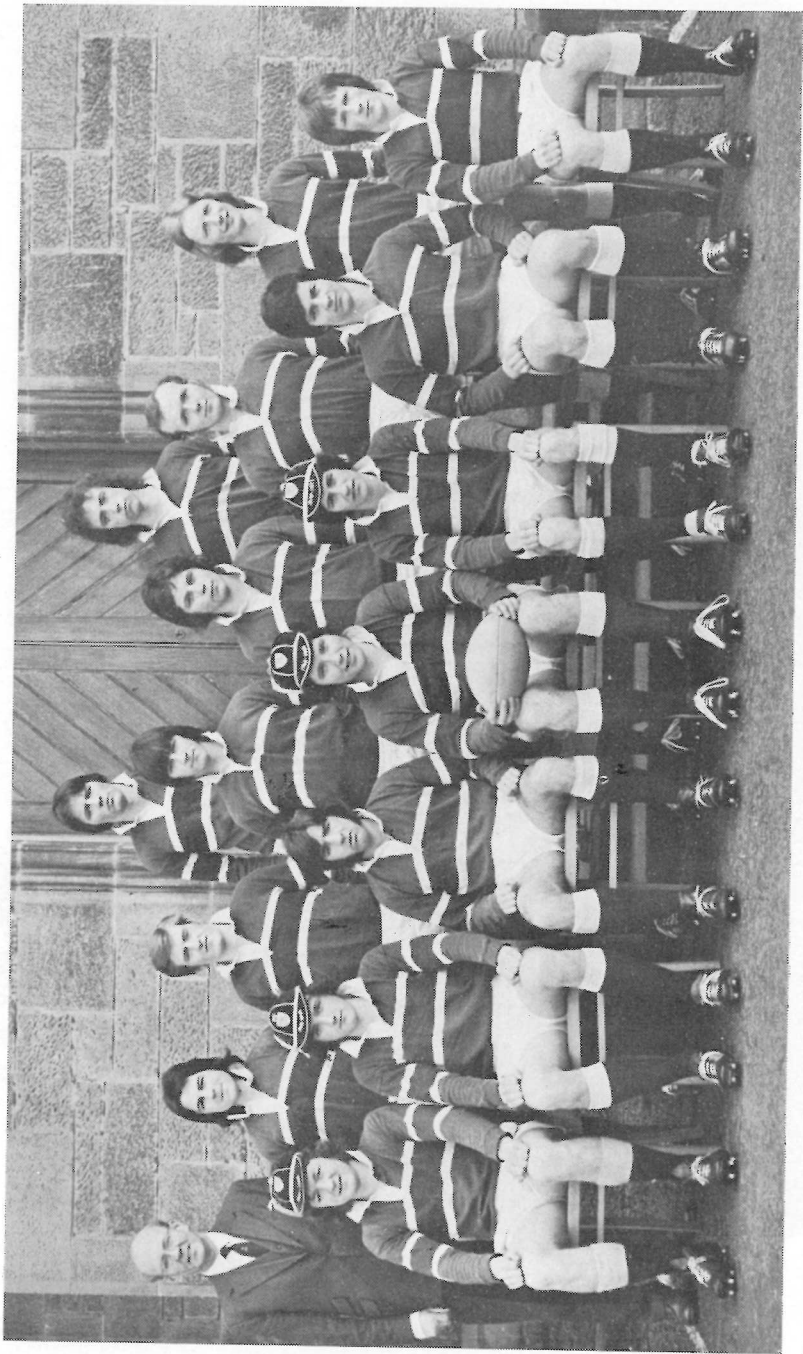
This is a new "vital" branch of the Club, alive and well in Hong Kong with the help of home-produced and exported liquor. Passers-through include Graeme Bicket, Brian Jamieson, Douglas Mackie and Duncan Wilson.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The following changes of address have been notified:

- R. J. LAING, 108 Wykeham Road, Hastings, Sussex.
- J. E. D. SANDERSON, 26 Albany Street, Edinburgh, EH1.
- J. ROBERTSON, 40 Cromwell Road, Great Glen, Leicester 4EB.
- J. M. WILSON, 30 Newtonlea Avenue, Newton Mearns, Glasgow G77.
- D. M. HALL, 206 Lent Rise Road, Burnham, Bucks.
- J. R. HALL, 206 Lent Rise Road, Burnham, Bucks.
- A. M. CURLE, 25 West Road, Elgin.
- N. A. MacEWAN, 10 Southside Place, Inverness.
- F. B. COLVIN, 35a Howe Street, Edinburgh EH3.
- D. R. MACKENZIE, 13 Sutherland Place, Dundee.
- I. M. ARNOTT, 11 Rylands Road, Dunblane.
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- G. S. MURCHIE, 35 Manor Road, Newton Longville, Milton Keynes, Bucks.
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- Rev. Canon C. M. DIXON, 24 Somersset Street, Graaf-Reinet, S. Africa.

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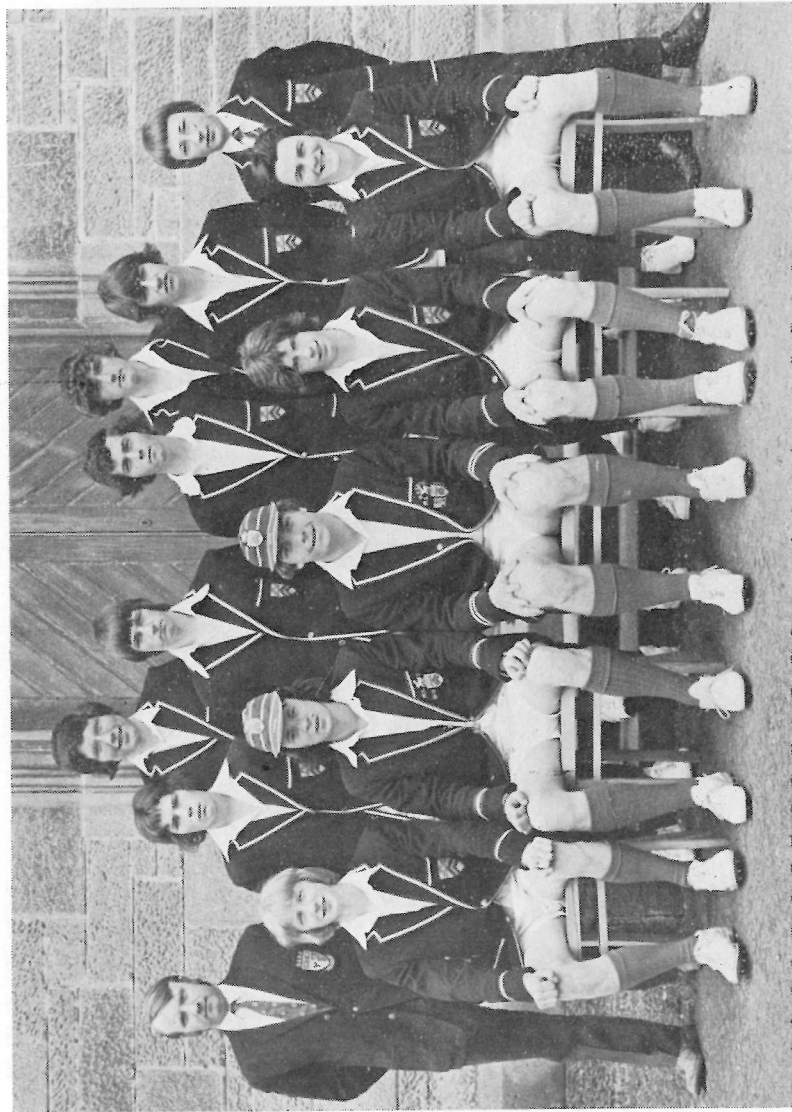


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R. A. H. Naismith.

Front Row: I. D. Y. Stewart, A. Millar, S. J. Raith, G. A. Fotheringham (Captain), B. C. Davidson, C. J. L. Miller,
C. T. Mc.....

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Middle Row: Mr J. C. S. McGregor, J. A. Strathearn, D. R. Laing, D. R. Carruthers, B. C. Davidson,
D. M. Allan (Scorer).

Front Row: R. A. H. Naismith, R. A. R. MacLean, W. L. Milroy (Captain), D. Oates, W. D. Allan.

DEATHS

It is with regret that we intimate the following deaths:

- J. R. BARR, 4A Ettrick Road, Edinburgh EH10.
R. G. WOOD, 43 Adamslie Drive, Kirkintilloch.
N. W. GIBSON, 42 Fairies Road, Perth.
J. B. PEAT, 57 Hillside Road, Northwood, Middlesex.
W. W. DEAKIN.
J. A. B. CAMERON, Tali Ayer, Nairn.
J. M. A. SMITH.
D. M. MORRISON, Monument Cottage, Monzievairst.
T. M. SMITH, Carsehead, Madderty.

GENERAL NOTES

HAMISH TAYLOR has taken up the post of Depute Director of Policy Planning with Strathclyde Regional Council.

GARY CHALMERS, who may or may not be literate, has been able to get a job with the magazine "The Retail Jeweller".

DAVID STEWART (the London Secretary) has been appointed General Manager with Industrial Linen Services Ltd. of Croydon.

DONALD LOGAN (1947-50), who is General Manager of Anvil Testing Corporation, 16 Shiba Nishikubo Akefune-Cho, Tokyo, would like to get in touch with any Morrisonians who may be in Japan.

GORDON MARTIN is now the assistant principal teacher of guidance/leisure at Stranraer Academy.

Rev. Canon C. HARWOOD DIXON is now teaching mathematics at Union High School, Graaff Reinet, South Africa.

GEORGE SHAPLAND (a "polis") has recently been noticed looking for stolen cars in the Renfrewshire area.

DAVID WAUGH is probably best known these days for the ice cream his company makes in Clydebank.

J. ALLISTER and HENRY MACDONALD are members of that well-known (?) pop group, the Darien Spinit.

IAIN MACLACHLAN (Academy House 1951-7), after graduating from Glasgow University with First Class Honours in Geology, and working for B.P. and Burmah Oil, is now working in London and the North Sea, where he is presently employed by Ranger Oil of Canada. He is married to a Scots girl, has three children and lives in Sussex.

MICHAEL MACLACHLAN, Iain's brother (Academy House, 1953-61), after graduating from St. Andrews with Honours in Physics and doing research in industry, became interested in Electron Microscopes. He was accepted as a Graduate Research Student by Corpus Christi and the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge. He received a Ph.D. for his research and thesis in the field of Electron Microscopy. He held a fellowship at the Cavendish from 1973 until 1974. Now he has accepted a Fellowship from the Royal Society to Toulouse.

MISSING

Circulars have been returned marked "Gone away" from the following at their last known address:

J. SUTHERLAND, 11 Collinson House, Effra Road, London, S.W.2.

J. A. S. CAMPBELL, 2 Marine House, Bents Road, Montrose.

I. K. MURDOCH, Altnager, Lerags, Ardentallen, Oban.

B. MURDOCH, Altnager, Lerags, Ardentallen, Oban.

T. SMITH, Greystones, Woodburn Avenue, Airdrie.

J. M. HANNAVY, 82 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge, Wigan, Lancs.

Dr P. D. K. JOCKEL, 71 Westfield Road, Parkgate, Rotherham, Yorks.

C. A. STRANG, 14 Barassie Street, Troon, Ayrshire.

News from the Universities

St. Andrews

FIRST YEAR

This year's contribution from the ancient seat of supposed learning commences, surprisingly, with the first year. On his tod, we have GORDON MILNE. He has managed to combine a hectic social life with sterling work making money for charities. He has even lifted his pipes in the name of the cause.

SECOND YEAR

DAVID ROSSITER and GAVIN SHARP are sharing both a flat and hairy experiences, mostly connected with the demon drink! Gavin is working hard for an Ordinary Degree and David is going into Honours History next year.

MARTIN ANDERSON has had a busy year, achieving fame as Sir Isaak (Heid-rapple) Newton in "Die Physiker". He goes into Joint Honours French and German next year (do not pass go, do not collect \$200). In his own words, "Less drinking, more work, no smoking — a reformed character." (No Way!).

IAIN ALLAN, a solitary scientist, has spent all year messing about with computers and Applied Maths. He hopes to do Honours in the latter. He combines all this with good works for the Christian Union, and is sharing digs with —

BRIAN ROBERTSON, who has been known to work hard, despite rumours to the contrary (hard work, these Notes!). Still very interested in things military and has also appeared on stage as "n" number of people in "Ubi Roi" by Alfred Jarry.



Most of the other Old Boys have fled abroad to escape the referendum. ALASTAIR LAIDLAW, SANDY HAY and ANGUS INGLIS have all left for sunnier climes. They all take Modern Languages to soothe the nerves.

Of the remainder, we wish all the best to JOHNNY DALGLISH and SANDY LECKIE, who are sitting their Finals just now. Johnny, doing French and German, hopes to join the Civil Service. Sandy is doing Maths and karate.

IAN BRUCE is an historian of some repute, I am led to believe. Not much else to be said, as he hasn't been on television this year.

ROD WHITE is socialising with the International Socialists in the Beer Bar. Keep the Red Gown flying high.

That concludes this year's propaganda from the town and gown mob. Hope to see lots of new faces next year.

B. D. R.

Edinburgh

FIRST YEAR

MARK COOMBES seems to enjoy University life, especially the squash facilities. LAURENCE CROLLA, apart from leading a full social life, studies Commerce. Also in the Commerce course is NIGEL McWILLIAM, who maintains his interest in Athletics and is an active member of the University team. ROBERT ALLARDYCE and IAN WILSON are studying Biological Sciences; STEPHEN TURNER is also in first year.

SECOND YEAR

BILLY CROSS is doing medicine and is a practical Hibs supporter. IAN SCOTT is another medic, and he has recently shaved off his beard and had his hair cut, in keeping with the traditions of his faculty. JIMMY STRANG has changed his course from Maths to Geology. He has become an indoor football fanatic, but works hard when required to. PETER STIRLING studies Maths and Physics, and "appears" to be working hard. Peter plays for the 2nd XV (sorry — Freudian slip!) — XI at football and, according to the University captain, his wee bony elbows are a great asset. STUART NAISMITH does Law — what more can be said?

THIRD YEAR

THOMAS J. MACASKILL has decided to take the Honours course in Law and has worked hard throughout the year. He was Amusements Convener for the Law Society and captained the Lawsoc rugby team through a successful season; but IS missing his mum. CRAIG ADAM and ALASDAIR FOSTER are studying Physics. Alasdair hopes to graduate in June and wants to work in the "film world". He is still seen entangled in the amorous arms of his beloved fiancée.

NIGEL LAING studies Medicine and seems to have grown a bit, which hasn't diminished his insatiable appetite for work. RODERICK MacGREGOR is still determined to become a vet, which takes up a lot of his time, though he has been seen on the golf course. WILLIAM DUFF is doing Maths. Willie shaved off his moustache and grew it in again — all in the space of three years. Well done, Willie.

JAMES HAGGART and SANDY BAYNE are studying Agriculture. James is taking the Honours course. He is seen at many parties and plays football for the Agrics — in that order. ALISTAIR McNAB will graduate this year with a B. Com. degree. He is a member of the Canoe Club. He is joining the R.A.F. ground staff next year. STEWART DONALDSON finds Honours History easy. He is still a leading light in the Labour Club, but assures me he is now a middle-of-the-road socialist, being in favour of the E.E.C. However, he denies that he is on the way to becoming the "raging Tory" that Mr Williamson said he would turn out to be. RODERICK DAVIDSON hopes to graduate in Law this year. He played rugby for the Universities 1st XV and managed to be selected for the Scottish Universities Rugby XV, which remained unbeaten throughout the year. He also plays cricket for Comrie.

FOURTH YEAR

NEIL ANDERSON graduates this year with an Honours degree in Sociology. He was thinking of going to Australia for a while. DAVID ASHWORTH is still at the Royal Dick Vet College, for whom he plays rugby. JACK WATTERS is in fourth-year Medicine. He took a year out from the medical course last year to study Physiology and graduated B.Sc. with Second Class Honours last November.

FIFTH YEAR

NORMAN BEGG has just started the Final Phase of his medical course and is enjoying it very much. He has successfully completed Part I of his final M.B., Ch.B. and sits Part II in May 1976. He has been very successful with a group for whom he plays the guitar.

Heriot-Watt University

J. ANDREW S. CAMPBELL is in third year Honours Engineering. Can be seen at most social events playing his bagpipes. CHRISTOPHER A. GILMOUR, like a Latin translation, is "unseen". GORDON L. COCKBURN graduated B.Sc. with Third Class Honours in Chemical Engineering in July 1974.

College of Commerce

TOMMY MUIR finishes his Accountancy course in June, when he hopes to return to his native Fife.

East of Scotland Agricultural College

MURRAY LYLE is doing his practical work just now. He played rugby for the Agrics and Crieff. DUNCAN WILSON is also doing his practical work, near Forfar. MIKE RYDER is in his final year. He made a successful transition from full-back in the Agrics rugby team to goalkeeper in their football team, inspiring it to promotion. He is Vice-Captain of Comrie Cricket Club.

P.S. The author takes no responsibility for inaccuracies and misspellings.

R.I.D., T.J.M., S.N. and J.W.

Glasgow

NEIL BUCHANAN is a first-year medic and is passing his exams with ease. His many distinctions include playing in the University Pipe Band and being a regular in the union beer barrel.

MARCUS LEE, after leaving Morrison's a few years ago, spent a brief spell at George Heriot's School and then worked for a year before coming to university. He is now in first year and is doing architecture.

ROBERT STEWART is in first year and works fairly hard, gaining exemptions in economics, economic history and maths. He represented the University for athletics and was sixth in the 400 metres in the Scottish University Championships.

IAIN BRYSON is in second year and certainly appears to enjoy University life. Perhaps this is due to the fact that he is rarely seen other than in mixed company. He frequents the refectory and actually manages to drink what the refectory people call or misname coffee — a feat which should not go unrecorded.

In the best traditions of one of the friendliest cities of the world, we could do little else than wish all Morrisonians coming to Glasgow next year a very warm welcome.

R.W.S.

Strathclyde

DUNCAN LAIDLAW graduated B.Sc. with First Class Honours in Mining Engineering in 1974.

Polytechnic of North Bank, London

K. CAMPBELL HOLDEN graduated B.A. with Second Class Honours in Land Management in June 1974.

Paisley College of Technology

DONALD HUME graduated B.Sc. with First Class Honours in Mechanical Engineering in May 1975.

(WE HAVE HAD NO NEWS FROM ABERDEEN OR DUNDEE THIS YEAR. — ED.).

MORRISON'S ACADEMY PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Association was formed in 1973 to promote a close liaison between the School and Parents on matters of common interest affecting pupils generally. Membership is open to all parents of pupils at M.A.C., the subscription at present being 50p per family.

We have recently been pre-occupied with parents' anxieties concerning the future status of the School following the Government's announcement of the end of grant-aid, and have had frequent and continuing contacts with the Board of Governors and the Tayside Regional Education Committee on this subject. We have also had two meetings with our M.P., Mr Nicholas Fairbairn.

We held an enjoyable social evening at the end of the Christmas term, and this term were privileged to have a talk from Mr Johnston-Jones, which was also followed by a successful social evening. We plan to develop a more varied programme, and would welcome suggestions from members.

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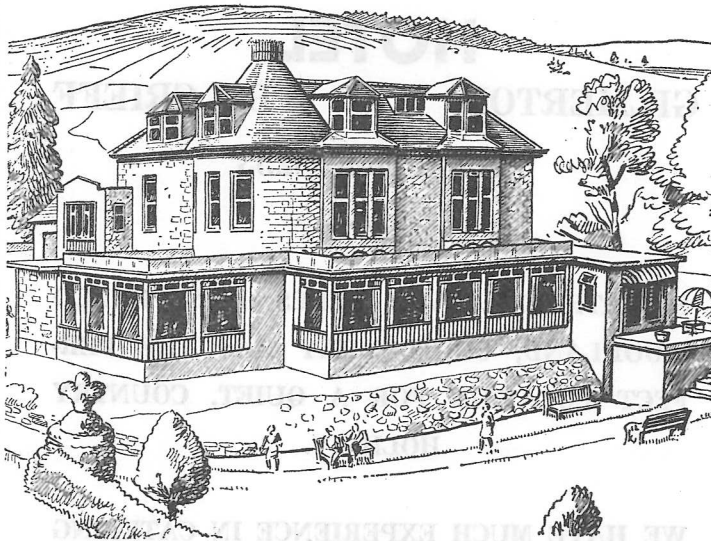
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