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editorial

As everyone knows, this is traditionally the "cliché spot" of the magazine: full of "witticisms," etc., so this year we'll try to miss them out! (Sorry, previous editors.) We would just like to say that we are very pleased to present this year's edition of "The Morrisonian."

As usual, we would like to thank everyone, especially those in Forms 2 and 4, who took the trouble to write a poem or some other literary work. Many of these were very creditable; unfortunately, we didn't have space to print them all.

We would also like to thank Mr Boyle for designing a refreshing new cover for us, and Mr Andrews for all his hard work, without which we could never manage.

SCHOOL NOTES

School Officials this session are:-

School Captain: C. J. MURRAY.

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HOUSE CAPTAINS:

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As our readers will know, the Governors decided at their meeting on 15th July, 1975, that the School would remain independent after the phasing out of the grant.

Several Staff changes fall to be recorded. At Christmas 1975, Mr G. M. Hartley, assistant English master since September 1972, left to take up a position in Rathkeale College, Masterton, New Zealand. There he will be an assistant master initially and will assume responsibility for the English Department next session. During his time here Mr Hartley proved himself a sensitive and very competent teacher whose pupils have cause to be grateful to him — not least for the vast quantity of Literature which he duplicated in his own elegant hand and which he has generously left behind. He combined a friendly manner with firm control and was always conscious of his pupils' needs. His contribution to the Dramatic Club and to cricket and hockey were valuable and welcome features of extra-curricular School life. As a teacher and colleague he is much missed and our good wishes go with him to the Antipodes.

At the end of this session Mrs A. S. Miller, who has taught Primary 4 since 1974, retires from teaching. Mrs Miller is a valued friend of the School, whose association here is as a pupil, teacher and parent, and her sterling service in good groundwork for her charges will be much missed, as will her charm and helpfulness as a colleague. We wish her well in retirement, and we hope to see her often as a visitor.

Also leaving on 1st July is Miss K. A. Reid, assistant teacher of French and German since September 1974. Miss Reid quickly established herself in Morrison's, and her valued work in the classroom has been supplemented by her involvement in drama and hockey. She has entered fully and willingly into any School duty or activity and has been House

Tutor at Glenearn for two terms this Session. All will feel the loss of Miss Reid's lively and charming personality and we wish her well in her new appointment at Wallace Hall Academy, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire.

This session we have welcomed Mr H. T. Miller, M.A., to the English Department, and Mr D. T. McElhinney, D.A., to the Art Department. Mr Miller was born in Reading, Berkshire, where he spent his early years. He left school at fifteen and took an apprenticeship in a local factory as a Woodcutting Machinist. After completing National Service, he went to Newbattle College in Midlothian, from where he gained entry qualifications for Edinburgh University. He graduated with the degree of M.A., after which he stayed on to do a post-graduate course in Education. He has taught in various schools and colleges in and around Edinburgh, and has spent the last eight years in Dumfries, six of them at Dumfries Academy. Mr Miller has spent the Easter and Summer Terms as House Tutor in Dalmhor in succession to Mr J. A. Clark, who leaves after four and a half years of devoted service to Dalmhor juniors. Mr Clark remains as a "day boy," we are happy to record.

Mr Douglas McElhinney and his younger brother Graham were both educated at Morrison's and were boarders in Academy House. Mr McElhinney went to Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, where he gained his Diploma and where he was highly commended in a post-graduate year. Thereafter he was awarded a Dutch Government Post-Graduate Scholarship to study Dutch Painting and to work at the Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten in Amsterdam. He has exhibited in Amsterdam, Dundee and many other centres, including the R.S.A.

We hope that both these new members of Staff and their families will be happy at Morrison's.

Reference to the retirement of Mr John Williamson appears elsewhere in this issue. Mr Williamson's successor as Principal Teacher of History is Mr Murdo Murray, M.A., who will take up his appointment in September 1976. A graduate of Glasgow University, Mr Murray has taught at a variety of schools, including Glasgow High School, and he is at present teaching at Woodside Secondary School, Glasgow. He is married, with one daughter.

Mr Murray will be launching the teaching of Modern Studies at Morrison's. This will be an alternative to French in S3 and S4, leading to Ordinary Grade presentation.

Mrs Miller's successor in September will be Mrs M. D. Hindell, M.A. Mrs Hindell has taught at several schools, including Jordanhill College School, and has also lectured at Hamilton College of Education. She is a former hockey internationalist, having toured abroad with the Scottish XI; she is at present teaching in Strathblane. We look forward to welcoming both these new members of Staff next session.

Last to record in Staff movements is the appointment of Mrs Anne Brown as House Tutor in Glenearn, in succession to Miss Reid. Mrs Brown is already well-known to us as Rector's Secretary: we hope she will be happy in Glenearn, where she is already settled.

The new Games Hall was opened in June 1975, as promised in last year's magazine: it has proved a very valuable acquisition to the School.

We have congratulations to offer to several pupils. Bruce McInroy, of S4, a boarder in Glenearn, has been awarded a Scholarship to the Sixth Form at Uppingham: this represents a considerable achievement, as the standards expected are high. Kenneth Murray, of S3, whose singing exploits have been recorded in these pages before, won the James C. McPhee memorial medal for learners' solo singing at the Mod in East Kilbride last October. He also won, for the second time, the Donald Macleod memorial trophy for the highest marks in Gaelic. Tom Blair, of S6, wearing a different guise from his Morrison's athletics strip, won the junior decathlon title at the Scottish Junior Championships at Coatbridge at the beginning of May, 1976.

The Boarders' Social continues to flourish. Highlights this year have included two visits to Perth Theatre — to see "Cloud 9" and "Absurd Person Singular" — a disco held with day pupils and a Games Night. The boarders are very grateful to members of staff who supervise at these evenings.

School Dances were held at the end of the Christmas Term: as before, the Third-year Dance was a livelier — and less cramped! — affair than their seniors'.

Mr Gray of Glasgow University lectured to Staff and parents on 14th November about modern China. As reported in the C.C.F. Notes, Major Blashford-Snell spoke to the whole senior school in January about the Zaire River expedition,

The Lower School Carol Service was held once again at the end of the Christmas Term in the Memorial Hall; it proved to be the usual rousing and melodic end to the long term, and stood instead of the main Senior Carol Service, which was not held this year because Miss E. W. Luke, Music Mistress in the Girls' School, left to take up an appointment in the Borders Region in October, and her successor did not arrive until January 1976: thus it was felt advisable to cancel the Service. We hope that it will be resumed next session.

We take this opportunity of wishing all boys leaving School at the end of this Session every good fortune in their future careers.

PROFESSOR A. J. BEATTIE

It was with feelings of deep regret and some shock that the Governors heard at their meeting on 4th December, 1975, that Professor Beattie wished to be relieved of the office of Chairman of the Board of Governors, which he had filled with distinction since 19th October, 1962. His predecessor, Sir Malcolm Knox, had, when he retired from the Board of Governors on that day, been a Governor for twenty-five years and Chairman for some years, so that the Governors and all concerned with Morrison's Academy have been most fortunate in benefiting from these long periods in office. We must be deeply grateful.

While the Governors readily understood that Professor Beattie, due to a period of indifferent health, was finding the strain too much, they were gratefully relieved that they would continue to enjoy the privilege and pleasure of sharing responsibility with him, for Professor Beattie feels able to remain one of the representatives of the University of Edinburgh on the Governing Body.

For more than twenty-three years, and particularly during his period as Chairman, he has devoted himself to all aspects of Morrison's Academy, be it the problems of teachers or pupils and, in recent years, surmounting all other matters for concern, the future and what it holds for Morrison's Academy. The Governors know that he will continue to make his special skills and knowledge available to them and particularly to his successor, Mr David P. McLaren.

Professor Beattie must have been seen around Crieff on very many occasions which did not require the presence of other Governors, making himself accessible and informed, and offering guidance where appropriate. We hope that he will now look upon Crieff as somewhere where he can find interest and recreation without the burden of the responsibility that goes with the Chair.

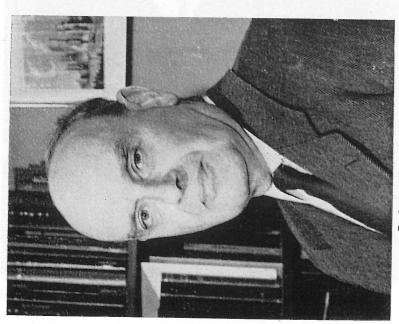
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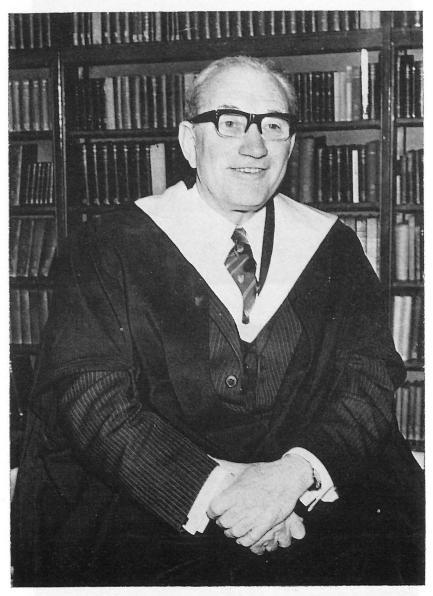
Mr David P. McLaren, who was elected Chairman of the Board of Governors on 4th December, 1975, is a well-known figure in the district of Crieff. A member of a well-respected local farming family, he was a pupil at Morrison's from 1924 to 1931. When he left school, he joined the staff of the Bank of Scotland. In 1940 he joined the R.A.F., in which he served until 1945, spending three and a half years of that time in Malta.

After the War Mr McLaren joined the family farming partnership, which is still his main interest. He is a Governor of the West of Scotland Agricultural College and has served on several Agricultural Committees. His other interests include the Rotary Club and the Crieff Highland Gathering, and he is an Elder of Muthill Parish Church. Mr McLaren is married, and both his son and daughter were educated at Morrison's. He joined the Governing Body in 1972. We wish him well in his new responsibility.





Professor A. J. Beattie



Mr John Williamson, M.A.

MR. JOHN WILLIAMSON, M.A.

Principal Teacher of History, 1946-76; Deputy Rector, 1960-76.

"See Mr Williamson" — "Ask Johnnie" — "John Willie says..." — these and their variants can be rated almost as the corridor-cries of Morrison's. Indeed it calls for considerable imaginative effort to conceive that next term they cannot be used, that we can really be without our fount of knowledge of yesterday, our mentor, conscience and guide in to-day's affairs, our sage and wily adviser for tomorrow.

It takes long years for a John Williamson to grow and ripen to fill the place in the School which he now does: looking back to 1946, when he came to Morrison's to teach history, one is surprised and grateful that he wasn't put off in the first year or two. Truly enough, after the long, wearisome war years, it was for all a time of relief and hope; but it was also a time of shortages, deprivations and austerity. Mr Williamson started to teach history at the northern end of the floored-over and partitioned swimming baths, warmed only by an inefficient little stove, whose heat disappeared into the girders below a cavernous roof - and his first winter was, if not the coldest, then one of the two coldest, of all his years in Crieff. And Mr and Mrs Williamson went direct to open a new boardinghouse at Dalmhor, to meet thirty equally new and green youngsters, with as yet barely adequate bedding, inadequate furnishings and quite inadequate plumbing. In those days, too, domestics were uncertain; and infectious illnesses which put whole houses into quarantine were a feature of our so-called spring terms; so perforce he became a dab hand at making porridge for his whole house - porridge which, they said, came from the same ladle as his reliable history notes - comprehensive, nutritious, and fitting you for the tests of the day.

Whatever these early trials and tribulations, what was at once striking and significant for the future was the calm strength, the unflurried resourcefulness, with which Mr and Mrs Williamson faced and subdued them: the new boarding house grew through twelve years into a flourishing community with its own strong personality: the study of history prospered, expanded and moved up to the standard of a major subject at Sixth Form and Bursary level: and all the time John Williamson himself was moving more and more into the central activity of the School, doing not so much the showy things as the conscientious, careful, sometimes tedious work on the seed-beds from which the showy blossoms would spring.

It was as the historian on the Staff that he agreed to write the School's history for the Centenary Book in 1960: it involved him in painstaking research into many obscure and dusty corners in an intricate story: it resulted in a model brief history, full of the details which give life, yet showing a clear outline and a fine proportion in the parts. Between the writing of the history and the appearance of the Book in the Centenary

Year, Mr Williamson became the Deputy Rector, and moved both into the best place in which to live the first sixteen years of the second century, and into a post which peculiarly suited his pragmatic wisdom and his strong sense of a continuing and developing community.

To his Rector he gave the benefit of his deep sense of the Academy's past, his awareness of the moods and emotions rippling the surface of the present, his shrewd feeling for what was or was not acceptable at any moment of time: to his colleagues he has been the calm point at the centre, where storms blew themselves out, asperities were smoothed and a sense of equilibrium could be regained: for his pupils he has been one who, while knowing exactly when and where with firm hand to open the book of the law, has been also a tolerant and sage adviser in all times of personal worry. The secret of his influence and our affection is possibly that, while always ready to listen patiently and counsel kindly, he never thrusts himself upon us: and having given hearing, sympathy and advice, he then quietly and tactfully leaves us to make our own use of it.

We are all grateful to him for so much that he has given to us and to the School: and with sincere affection we wish him and Mrs Williamson long and happy years of retirement after hard and faithful endeavour.

SPEECH DAY, 1975

Speech Day was held in St Michael's Church on Tuesday, 8th July, 1975 — on this occasion in the morning. The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Professor A. J. Beattie, presided, and the prizes were presented by Mr James Anderson, C.A., Chairman of the Directors of Dundee High School. In a stimulating address, Mr Anderson spoke enthusiastically of the value of participation in school activities, and reflected on the great pleasure and benefit he had derived from hill-walking and climbing, which he warmly commended to the pupils.

In his first Report as Rector, Mr D. R. Johnston-Jones spoke with gratitude of the help and support he had received from all connected with the school: the Governing Board, the Staff and the boys. After referring to the various changes in Staff, the Rector emphasised the importance of academic work in the School and commented on the numerous sporting and other non-academic pursuits during the session. He looked forward with confidence to an exciting future for the School.

Academic Prizes:

P4: 1st, A. S. Meakin; 2nd, W. M. Scott.

P5: 1st, E. A. Ferguson; 2nd, A. S. Dingley.

P6: 1st, A. M. Scott; 2nd, J. L. Ellis.

P7: 1st, W. D. Stewart; 2nd, A. H. Mitchell.

S1 Cross: 1st, G. W. Frier; 2nd, A. J. E. Gray.

S1 Star: 1st, C. D. Penny; 2nd, D. B. Meakin.

S2 Cross: 1st, J. G. Cunningham; 2nd, F.I.M. Band.

S2 Star: 1st, D. L. Lord; 2nd, E. M. Stevenson.

S3: 1st, G. B. McInroy; 2nd, J. Meredith; 3rd, C. I. Millar; 4th, S. J. Penny; 5th, K. R. Lyon; 6th, M. H. Butters.

S4: 1st, D. A. Stuttard; 2nd, D. G. Frier; 3rd, W. G. H. Scott and R. J. Welsh (equal); 5th, S. M. Ragless; 6th, K. L. Rundle.

S5: 1st, D. R. Laing; 2nd, L. T. S. W. Muir; 3rd, C. R. Swan; 4th, D. Warnock; 5th, W. McColl; 6th, D. MacKenzie.
Howard Baker Art Prize: D. L. White.
Taylor English Prize: D. MacKenzie.
Reid Technical Prize: G. E. Mearns.

S6: Duncan English Prize: D. M. Coull (shared).

Baker English Prize: S. W. Macintyre.

Howard Baker Economics Prize: S. M. Malloch.

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Hynd Language Prize: S. W. Macintyre.

Moffat Biology Prize: R. J. Meikle.

John Smith Mathematical Prize: R. G. D. McLean.

Kippen Science Prize: D. M. Arnott.

John Smith Geography Prize: A. Bil.

Individual Trophies:

Belch Cup for Golf: M. G. A. Parker.

Dye Cup for Tennis: D. I. Telford.

Valentine Shield: G. A. Fotheringham.

House Trophies:

Downie Tennis: The Grahams.

Smith Swimming: The Grahams.

Marr Rugby: The Grahams.

Marr Cricket: The Grahams.

Champion House Shields:

Lauder (Lower School): The Murrays. Crieff (Upper School): The Campbells.

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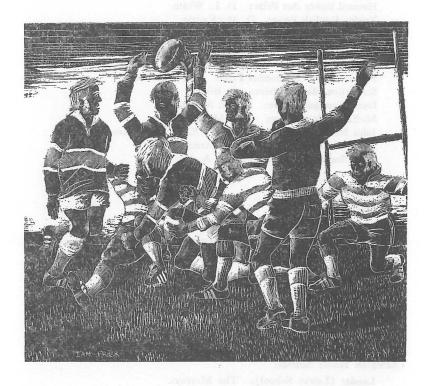
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Captain: C. J. MURRAY



This year's team was young and inexperienced, with only five boys returning from the previous season. This lack of experience was obvious until well on into the Christmas Term when, after six defeats, we won our first game. Many players of similar standard made selection difficult and our search for the best combination resulted in a different fifteen playing each week. This long period of instability did nothing to help the general morale of the team, and only in November did some form of regularity appear. From then on the team remained very much the same, except for a few changes due to injuries.

The pack was relatively small and light compared with the schools we played against, but they did very well to control most of the ruck play. The effort exerted in the rucks seemed to drain all their strength, causing them to have to rest between scrums by casually ambling about the field. W. D. Allan hooked well throughout the season, and his partnership with D. R. Laing at prop resulted in some strong front-row play. I. A. Fotheringham and M. G. A. Parker were frequently to be seen cleaning up in the rucks most effectively.

The pack did make an effort in the set piece, but their weak point was in their mobility — or lack of it.

The backs were more inexperienced than the pack, with only two players having played at First XV level for any period of time previously. Trying to find a suitable working harmony remained a fairly constant problem, with players changing positions frequently.

At half-back, N. J. Marshall and C. J. Murray combined very well, and Marshall at stand-off proved to be a competent and useful player. Strong running by D. B. Lindsay and A. E. Rankin resulted in some fine tries. T. Blair at full-back kicked most of the penalties and conversions and was consequently top scorer with a total of 68 points. Marshall and Blair saved us often with their long kicking.

The backs were often too slow to get up on their opposite number, and when they did get there, they tended to miss the tackle. Tackling was one of the weakest points in the whole team, and we lost a few games through this weakness. The backs did provide some entertaining rugby when they played well; they ran forcefully and backed up convincingly.

Somehow the team always played to the same level as that of the opposition. We played well against good teams like Glenalmond and Edinburgh Academy, and badly against poor sides.

We take this opportunity to thank all members of staff who gave of their free time to coach teams, travel to away games or just support. Special thanks must go to Mr Macintyre for all his encouragement and his remarkable calmness throughout the season. Mr Grieve and his staff, too, deserve thanks for keeping Dallerie in such fine condition.

Full Colours were awarded to: C. J. Murray.

Half-Colours were awarded to: I. A. Fotheringham, W. D. Allan, T. Blair, D. R. Laing, N. J. Marshall and A. E. Rankin.

FIRST XV RESULTS

			Points	
Date	Opponents	Result	F	A
Sept. 13	MORRISONIAN CLUB	Lost	4	22
Sept. 20	KELVINSIDE ACADEMY	Lost	3	23
Sept. 27	DOLLAR ACADEMY	Lost	3	17
Oct. 4	MERCHISTON CASTLE SCHOOL	Lost	3	7
Oct. 11	HUTCHESON'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Lost	0	17
Oct. 16	GEORGE WATSON'S COLLEGE	Lost	6	21
Nov. 1	DUNFERMLINE HIGH SCHOOL	Won	22	0
Nov. 8	ROBERT GORDON'S COLLEGE	Drawn	4	4
Nov. 15	ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL	Lost	0	4
Nov. 18	STRATHALLAN SCHOOL	Won	7	3
Nov. 22	PAISLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Won	54	0
Nov. 25	GLENALMOND	Lost	0	3
Nov. 29	DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL	Cancelled		
Dec. 13	PERTH ACADEMY	Cancelled		
1976				
Jan. 17	GEORGE HERIOT'S SCHOOL	Lost	0	10
Jan. 24	STEWART'S-MELVILLE COLLEGES	Cancelled		
Jan. 31	GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL	Cancelled		
Feb. 7	EDINBURGH ACADEMY	Lost	15	25
Feb. 10	HILLHEAD HIGH SCHOOL	Won	18	6
Feb. 28	BOROUGHMUIR SCHOOL	Won	22	0
Mar. 6	GLASGOW ACADEMY	Lost	3	6
Mar. 13	ABERDEEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Lost	6	9

SECOND XV

After an uncertain start the team settled well and played good, determined rugby for the rest of the season: they were unlucky not to win more games. The pack developed steadily, providing good ball for the backs. Although often matched against heavier opponents, they held their own in the set piece and were excellent in loose play. Mention must be made of A. M. Stuart for his fine hooking, and W. S. Thom, who played consistently well at No. 8.

The half-backs combined well but many of the opportunities they created were squandered through poor handling. J. Meredith, the wing three-quarter, was top try-scorer with ten tries, whilst C. J. Fraser proved secure at full-back. With promotions to the First XV, the captaincy was shared, and credit is due to D. C. Parker, A. F. Minty and D. I. Telford for their leadership throughout the season.

THIRD XV

Captain: G. G. Mitchell

G. G. Mitchell's side were enthusiastic and determined, and produced, on occasion, some excellent rugby. In a hardworking team the play of I. J. Morris at scrum-half was competent and aggressive. H. R. Beyer and Mitchell were two vigorous and inspiring forwards. Especially noteworthy was the capable play of I. D. McInroy and D. J. F. McIntyre, two players in their first season of school rugby.

COLTS XV

Captain: I. McKenzie

The Colts have enjoyed a very good season. Despite the disappointment of six consecutive games being cancelled, from mid-November to the end of February, spirit was high, and a regular extra practice on Tuesday afternoons greatly developed skills.

The backs gained in confidence and ability during the season, but the main strength of the side lay in teamwork, particularly in the pack. The forwards frequently dominated the set piece and were very effective in the loose. The games against Dollar, which we won 16.10, and Dunfermline, which we won 50:3, were the best of the season. We should have won the match against Glenalmond, when the score was 0.4, but we had the satisfaction of high praise from the master in charge of our opponents, a kenspeckle and welcome figure at Dallerie. We played badly at Rannoch to lose 7.10, but we had sweet revenge at the end of the season, beating them at Dallerie 19.6. Scores were nearly all close; the highest score against us was 10.19 in our first defeat, against Strathallan, a side whose size belied their age.

D. J. C. Scott, G. S. Drummond, A. I. Mathieson and H. Johnston were outstanding forwards, whose vigorous and determined play produced many scores. I. McKenzie, the stand-off, is a very fine player whose strong leadership and considerate attitude to his side contributed much to the success of the season.

Colts' Badges were awarded to:

A. S. Biggart, D. I. S. Browne, G. S. Drummond, H. Johnston, I. McKenzie, A. I. Mathieson and D. J. C. Scott.

FIFTH XV

Captain: C. N. Marshall

The Fifth XV had a fine start to the season, with a 42.4 victory over Stewart's-Melville; the pack played well and the half-back combination of D. G. F. Beat and C. N. Marshall provided ample scoring opportunities for their centre and wing three-quarters. Their joy was short-lived, however, as the following Saturday they went down by 46.0. Size was an over-riding factor in this game. Dollar were bigger in every department and very soon after the start, props C. D. Lowson and I. R. Robertson changed with the two bigger second-row men, D. A. Glen and G. A. Hepburn, as they could not cope with the very large Dollar props. The School finished with only thirteen men on the field, only eleven of whom were 100% fit.

Many a team would have been crushed by such a defeat, but the following Saturday they beat Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, 9.7 with a very spirited and determined display of rugby.

Four out of the following five games were lost, with one being drawn. Then came a run of five cancelled games, and it says a lot for any team who have had such a long lay-off to come back and win two of their remaining games, with only one defeat.

It always seems unfair to single out boys from a team who in general played fairly well throughout a season; but C. N. Marshall, D. G. F. Beat, G. A. Hepburn D. A. Glen and A. I. D. Todd can feel proud of their season's achievements.

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Captain: R. H. M. Kerr

With very few players in the new intake, the team had to rely on the previous Primary XV for the bulk of its members.

Unfortunately, in spite of the strong running of S. F. Holder, size was against us and particularly the backs lacked strength in defence and attack. Towards the end of a patchy season, a more determined approach was evident, and we can only improve our record next year.

PRIMARY XV

Captain: J. B. Cartwright

Apart from two games against Glasgow Academy, when our opponents appeared to be more mature than one would expect, the Primary XV gave a good account of themselves throughout the season. Three games in par-

ticular deserve special mention: two, against the Edinburgh schools, Watson's and Heriot's, were lost 16.4 and 8.4 respectively; and the third, against our old rivals, Dollar Academy, was won 6.4. These three games were played in the best of spirit, with the result being in some doubt right up to no-side.

The team started off the season with some confusion and uncertainty, but as time went on, a more decisive element became a feature of their play. Lack of size and weight proved too much of a handicap on occasion, but to the team's credit, each match was contested to the end.

Team Records for Season 1975-76

					D	L	F	A
	al			5	1	12	170	177
2nd XV	Lamille		16	8	0	8	269	176
3rd XV		2	13	7	0	6	104	153
Colts XV	2JA		10	7		3	218	62
5th XV			11	4	1	6	117	175
6th XV	D		9	2	0	7	80	264
Primary XV			7	2	0	5	30	126

CRICKET - 1975 SEASON



The season started with a home fixture against George Watson's. Morrison's batted first and scored 129 for 7 declared, with D. I. Telford hitting 40 and G. A. Fotheringham 33 not out. The initial advantage, however, was not pressed home and Watson's managed a draw at 41 for 7. This was followed by a poor display against Melville-Stewart's, and the combination of mediocre fielding and batting led to a defeat by 5 wickets.

The first victory of the season came in the first away match, against Robert Gordon's College. Gordon's were dismissed for 84 (Telford 5 for 29), and Morrison's passed that total with the loss of only 5 wickets, Telford being top scorer with 38. This was followed by a bad display against Strathallan. Strathallan scored 119 for 5 declared, and then put Morrison's in to bat, Faced

by good fast bowling, we collapsed and only some determined tail-end batting staved off defeat The next match, against Crieff, was lost, but it was a much improved display on the Strathallan game, although our opponents' experience told in the final result.

The first two matches after half-term, against Glasgow High School and Paisley Grammar, were both drawn. Morrison's had been in a strong position to win both, but hesitant batting turned possible victories into draws. The only noteworthy performance of these two games was W. D. Allan's 4 for 11 against Paisley. One of the best performances of the season came in the 68-run victory in the match against Kelvinside Academy. Impressive bowling saw Kelvinside dismissed for 22, Telford taking 4 for 10 and Allan 3 for 9. This was followed by a draw at Comrie, the School unable to force a victory and finishing at 69 for 7.

The next two games, against George Heriot's and Perth Academy, were lost. Strong batting from Heriot's won them the game, despite an innings of 62 from Telford. The low point of the season was reached in the defeat by Perth Academy. Good bowling from A. Millar and S. A. Kidd almost snatched victory, but it was not enough to compensate for bad batting, which saw the School dismissed for 52, and the match was lost by 2 wickets.

The last two games of the season were both won, as the team came into good form. Dollar Academy were easily defeated after being dismissed for 41. This was thanks to good bowling by Allan, with 4 for 10 and Millar, with 4 for 8. The final game of the season, against the Morrisonian Club, saw the School producing their best form. The Old Boys batted first, to

score 212 for 8, with Millar taking 5 for 75. The School then started badly, to lose 3 quick wickets, but a fine innings of 81 from B. C. Davidson, and good support from Telford with 46 and S. J. Raith with 38 not out, gave victory by 2 wickets.

It was a good season for the team as a whole, although we were perhaps unlucky not to do better than a fifty-fifty record suggests. Although the form was erratic, the season was characterised by a fine team spirit, with a lot of enthusiasm from all involved. There were inadequacies, however; in the main these were lacklustre fielding and a general lack of batting confidence when confronted by good bowling. The team was well captained by G. A. Fotheringham, with D. I. Telford being awarded the cricket prize for scoring 321 runs and taking 34 wickets.

Thanks are due to Mr McGregor for coaching the team and to all other members of staff who coached and umpired the other Elevens. 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 G. A. Fotheringham and D. I. Telford.

Half-Colours were awarded to W. D. Allan, G. D. Brown, B C. Davidson and A. Millar.

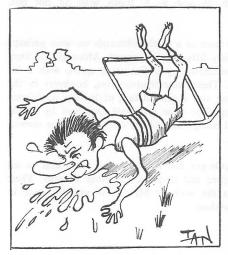
Team Captains, 1975

1st XI — G. A. Fotheringham	Junior "A" XI — A. S. Biggart
2nd XI — G. A. MacLarty	Junior "B" XI — D. G. F. Beat
Colts XI — N. J. Marshall	Primary XI — G. G. Smith.

Team Records, 1975

	P	W	D	L
1st XI	13	4	5	4
2nd XI	9	4	0	5
Colts XI	6	4	0	2
Junior "A" XI	6	3	0	3
Junior "B" XI	6	4	0	2
Primary XI	6	4	0	2

ATHLETICS - 1975 SEASON



The opening match of the season against Dollar was lost by only 6 points (179-173), but many creditable performances were achieved. In the Senior section, which was won by 78-54, J. G. Chisholm achieved Best Performances in the 1500m (4 min, 19.3 sec.) and the 800m (2 min. 5.2 sec.), while T. Blair achieved a Best Performance in the Javelin (49.86m). The Intermediates lost by 65.45, although N. J. Marshall won three events. The Juniors also lost, by 60-50, emphasising the weakness in the lower ranks of the team. This

weakness is due to lack of size in the section, and not to lack of technique.

The next event on the calendar was the Scottish Schools Championships at Scotstoun, which a party of 14 boys entered. Again the excellent reputation of the School was upheld. Three Silver and two Bronze medals were won, with J. G. Chisholm (500m), T. Blair (Javelin) and N. J. Marshall (Javelin) all winning Silvers, Chisholm and Blair also attaining Badge Standards in their respective age groups.

N. J. Marshall won a Bronze in the 80m Hurdles, as did T. Blair in the Discus, both also attaining Badge Standards. S. J. Raith (Triple Jump) and I. R. Macaskill (Shot) were both fourth in their events, with Macaskill gaining a Badge Standard in his. A disappointment was that a strong Junior relay team (17-19 years) had to withdraw because of an unfortunate accident in training, when A. E. Rankin broke his wrist, thus ruining his own outstanding chance in his specialist event, the Shot Putt.

Two boys then took part in the Scottish Junior and Youth Championships at Meadowbank, with T. Blair gaining a Bronze medal and Badge Standard in the Youths' Javelin (15-17 years). J. G. Chisholm had an outstanding run in the Junior 1500m (17-19 years), gaining a time of 4 min. 2.1 sec., which was unfortunately not good enough to gain a medal position, but he was awarded a Badge Standard.

We were lucky to have another fine summer's day for Sports Day, and a good crowd turned out to watch some fine athletics. They witnessed T. Blair becoming School Champion, with J. G. Chisholm runner-up with

21 points, 10 points behind the Champion's total of 31. J. G. Chisholm had achieved a new School Record in the 1500m prior to Sports Day with a time of 4 min. 4.8 sec., breaking the old record by over 18 seconds. He also had a fine race in the 800m and was credited with 2 min. 2 sec. The Intermediate Championship went to N. J. Marshall who, with a total of 29 points, won by one point from E. S. Gillies. Both athletes gained three "firsts," and Gillies was credited with a notable 55.5 sec. in the 400m. Junior Champion was G. A. McKenzie with 28 points, followed by C. S. J. Alexander, runner-up with 21 points; both boys achieving three "firsts." The Primary Championship went to I. D. Brown, with a tie for runner-up between M. A. Bartlett and S. A. MacNicol. The House Championship went to the Murrays with 225 points, followed by the Drummonds (165), the Grahams (122) and the Campbells (73).

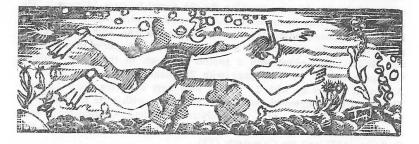
The final contest of the season was at Goldenacre against a strong George Heriot's team, with the School losing by 170-149. Notable performances came from J. G. Chisholm with a Best Performance in the 1500m (4 min. 17.2 sec.), and equalling his Best Performance of 2 min. 3.2 sec. in the 800m. The Intermediates won only two events, but G. A. McKenzie was outstanding with four "firsts" in the Junior Section. Overall, this was a disappointing finish to an otherwise worthwhile season.

Much thanks should go to S. J. Raith for his unceasing encouragement and enthusiasm for the younger athletes in the team, and for his captaincy throughout the season.

A great deal of credit is due to Mr Macintyre for his organisation of Athletics Matches and Sports Day; to all masters who gave up their time to officiate; and to Mr Grieve and his ground staff for the excellent condition of Dallerie throughout the season.

Athletics Colours were awarded to S. J. Raith, J. G. Chisholm, C. J. L. Miller, N. J. Marshall, T. Blair (re-award) and A. E. Rankin (re-award). Half-Colours were awarded to E. S. Gillies.

SWIMMING



At the end of October we again entered a team for the Perth and Kinross Schools' Gala. Unfortunately we were not as successful as the previous year, with E. C. D. Duncan claiming the only individual first in the Under-14 back crawl. We also won four seconds and three thirds. The relay teams were more successful, with the Under-14 and Under-19 gaining firsts and the Under-16 second.

The Primary School swimmers again brought great credit to the School by taking nine individual firsts in the Perth Primary Schools' Gala. The Under-12 and Under-13 relay teams also took first place.

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. It was again a very close contest, with the final event deciding the result: this event had to be swum twice because a coat fell into the water, obstructing a swimmer. The final result was:

1st, Drummonds — 120 points;

2nd equal, Grahams and Murrays - 111 points;

4th, Campbells - 71 points.

There has been a re-introduction of Royal Life Saving proficiency tests this year, with more than thirty boys taking part. The results of these tests will be known later in the summer.

BADMINTON

The opening of our new Games Hall, with its three badminton courts, gave us ideal facilities for the introduction of badminton to school activities.

We now have three groups:

- 1. Old Crocks (or Staff, as they prefer to be known), who meet on Monday evenings.
 - 2. Senior Boys (S3-S6), who meet on Friday afternoons and evenings.
 - 3. Junior Boys (S1 and S2), who meet on Tuesday afternoons.

During the first few weeks of the session there were anything up to 150 boys playing in any week but as the season progressed, these numbers reduced to a fairly steady 60 boys, around 20 per session, which was much more manageable.

During the year Singles and Inter-House Tournaments were run, with the following results:

Senior Champion: D. J. F. McIntyre Runner-up: T. Blair

Junior Champion: G. S. Knowles Runner-up: D. G. F. Beat

Senior Inter-House Tournament

1st — Campbells

2nd — Drummonds

3rd — Grahams

4th — Murrays

Junior Inter-House Tournament

1st — Grahams

2nd — Murrays

3rd — Campbells

4th — Drummonds

I would like to thank, for their help throughout the season, Mr MacDonald, Mr Macintyre and all those House Captains and senior boys who assisted, particularly in the Junior Inter-House Tournament.

K. J. M.

TENNIS



In 1975 the School again sent a team to participate in the Midlands Tennis Tournament. They played extremely well, beating Glenalmond and Harris Academy to reach the semi-final stage, but were narrowly beaten by a well-balanced Dundee team.

The team was:

First Couple:

D. I. Telford

C. J. Miquel

Second Couple:

S. J. Raith

C. J. Fraser

Third Couple:

B. C. Davidson

A. Millar

As in previous years, there was a large entry in the school competition for the Dye Cup. The finalists were D. I. Telford and C. J. Miquel, who had beaten B. C. Davidson and C. A. J. Kinniburgh respectively in the semi-finals. After a good three-set match, D. I. Telford emerged the winner.

Full Colours were awarded to C. J. Miquel and D. I. Telford.

GOLF



The Belch Cup was won by M. G. A. Parker with a three-round total of 228, 5 ahead of the runner-up, D. I. Telford. Parker also won the Senior Match-Play, defeating R. A. Christie in the final. The Junior Match-Play event was won by G. A. Hepburn, who beat A. E. Matthews in the final.

The School Golf Team had another reasonably successful season. Although only fifth in the Perthshire Schools' Stroke-Play event, we reached the final of the Schools' Match-Play for the second consecutive year. We were unfortunately beaten easily in the final by the British Schools' Champions, Perth Academy. The Old Boys' Match resulted in a win for the School by $2\frac{1}{2}$ matches to $1\frac{1}{2}$. The highlight of the match was a hole-in-one at the 2nd by A. G. Ruxton.

The School Team for 1975 was:

D. I. Telford

M. G. A. Parker

I. R. Macaskill

D. Warnock (Captain)



C.C.F. NOTES

Senior Cadets during the Session were:

C.S.M.: J. Garven

C.Q.M.S.: A. F. Downie

The Contingent is still commanded by Major Meakin, assisted by Captain Stuttard and the S.S.I., Mr Robertson. Mr MacDonald unfortunately had to resign from the C.C.F. because of other commitments.

The main event of the Session was the change to a completely voluntary Contingent. This reduced the strength to thirty-one, but the enthusiasm is such that, although this year's Highland Cadet Competition requires teams of eleven, we have enough volunteers to enter two teams, and are the only unit to do so. We confidently expect the numbers to rise next Session and hope eventually to have a constant strength of about forty-five.

The Inspection in 1975 was by Colonel I. D. Cameron, accompanied by Captain Gill of 23 C.T.T. at Stirling. Prize-winners were:

Cultybraggan Cup (Best Recruit): Cadet S. J. Penny
Finch Cup (Best Platoon): The Murrays
Sword of India (Best Junior N.C.O.): Sgt. A. F. Downie
Kenya Cup (Best Senior N.C.O.): C.S.M. J. Garven
Mungall Vase (Senior shooting): L/Cpl. W. S. Thom
Robertson Dobie Cup (Piping): P/M W. S. Dingwall
Robertson Dobie Cup (Junior shooting): Cadet J. M. C. Livingston
There is no official Inspection in 1976, this being a free year.

In the Highland Cadet Competition in 1975 our 1st Team was second and our 2nd Team was sixth. At the end of the first day the 2nd Team was in fact in first place. As no other unit entered a 2nd team, we can safely claim first position overall. The 1st Team received tankards, and all who took part now proudly wear the Highland Division flash on their sleeves.

Camp in 1975 was at Warcop, near Appleby, and the facilities were the best we have yet enjoyed anywhere. Cadets were taken by Regular troops on canoeing, sailing, rock-climbing and caving. There has since been one dramatic rescue from the cave complex which the Cadets visited at Selside in Ribblesdale. The Cadets also took part in competitions and in the March and Shoot were first and fifth respectively. A shield with the insignia of North-West District now hangs in our cage in the main corridor. In the Battle Initiative Test our team was second.

This year's camp is in Germany, where twenty-one of our boys will be attached to a Regiment of the Royal Engineers.

This year Adventurous Training at Torrin in Skye was again very wet and windy, so that our activities were restricted, but the eleven cadets who attended enjoyed themselves as much as ever, and in fact this time we had more boys wishing to go than we could take.

We are again indebted to Mr Reid for taking the Motor Maintenance class. Mr Saunders has not been in action with his Light Rescue, but we expect to resume that when the number of senior Cadets rises again. The other change of the year was that we ceased to be assisted on Mondays by 36 C.T.T. under R.S.M. Danells, and in their place we now have the Team from Stirling commanded by a Morrisonian, Capt. J. Graham, R.A.

Two Cadets, C.S.M. Garven and Sgt. Downie, attended and passed a Signals Course at Blandford, Dorset, in the Summer vacation. Three Cadets have just returned from the U.K.L.F. leadership course at Stamford, Norfolk. This is an extremely interesting and valuable course and we were fortunate to have three places on it, the highest number yet, as it tends to be oversubscribed. The course was administered by 1st Bn. Black Watch and our Cadets were visited by the present Second-in-Command of the Battalion, Major G. Murray, a Morrisonian and a former Pipe-Major. Cadets also attended an Artillery weekend at Otterburn during the winter. Just before they went, a gun-team from 19 Field Regt., Royal Artillery, came out to the School and gave them some preliminary instruction, besides entertaining many non-cadets.

Our C.S.M. of two years ago, Nigel Dunkley, has just passed his Regular Commissions Board and has been accepted by the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards when he leaves Sandhurst. Nigel's offer of future assistance will, we hope, lead to the main avenue being lined one day with Chieftain tanks.

Being a C.C.F. School, we were privileged in January to have a visit from Major Blashford-Snell, leader of the Zaire River Expedition. The whole Secondary School along with some representatives of the Girls' School attended and instead of normal afternoon classes enjoyed a very fine lecture on the Expedition with slides and films.

These Notes have usually ended with a section on the Pipe Band. As a result of changing to a voluntary C.C.F., the Pipe Band is no longer C.C.F. but is now a School Band. Even a C.C.F. of ninety had only limited funds available to support a Pipe Band, and for one of thirty it is impossible. The School therefore assumed responsibility for the Band. Band members who are also Cadets will, however, still be able to offer Piping or Drumming as C.C.F. subjects as alternatives to Signals, Light Rescue or Motor Maintenance. We look forward to a long and happy connection between the Band and the C.C.F. in the future.

(Glossary:

C.T.T. — Cadet Training Team
C.C.F. — Combined Cadet Force
U.K.L.F. — United Kingdom Land Forces
S.S.I. — School Staff Instructor).

PIPE BAND

The Pipe Band, an integral part of the C.C.F. since its inception, "went independent" this year. In September the Governors decided to make the C.C.F. voluntary, and as a result it was reduced to a size that could not support a Band. Rather than see it disappearing, the Governors decided that it should become a School Band, run by a small committee and financed by the School.

The Committee, composed of Mr J. C. S. McGregor, the Bursar, Mr Frank Thomson, a parent and Old Boy, and the School Pipe-Major, was formed during the Easter Term.

The main task of the Committee over the next year or two will be to replace some of the equipment and uniforms. Some of the kilts and drummers' tunics desperately need replacing and the two rope-tensioned tenor drums are fast reaching the end of their very long lives. All this requires money, which in the present economic climate is hard to find. It will be an uphill struggle, but the Committee are confident that their aims will be achieved.

On the playing side, the Band is at full strength, with many eager youngsters in the chanter and drumming classes. The standard of playing is poor at the moment, especially on the drumming side (the drummers for many years have suffered from having no tutor), but Mr David Donaldson Jr., who has this year succeeded his father as Piping Tutor, and Drum-Major Moulding, a very valuable acquisition to the Band as Drum Tutor, are confident that in a few years' time Morrison's Academy Pipe Band will be back at the top, challenging for competition honours.

This year's officials are:

Pipe-Major: R. M. Stuart

Drum-Major: I. A. Fotheringham.

MR. D. DONALDSON

In 1961 Mr Donaldson, better known as "Davie" in piping circles, took on a challenging task when he followed Mr Whitelaw as Instructor in Piping. That Mr Donaldson was more than equal to the task is indicated by the successes the Band continued to enjoy in both the Glasgow Highland Club and Scottish C.C.F. Competitions. Boys who passed through the Band during Mr Donaldson's time will remember him as a kindly, highly skilled and patient instructor. Especially in the Summer Terms Mr Donaldson was to be seen in the School on many more evenings than he was expected to attend.

Mr Donaldson retired a year or two ago but he indicated that he would carry on with the Band until a suitable successor could be found. A happy answer to this generous proposal presented itself just as the Band

changed from C.C.F. to School. Mr Donaldson's son, who he typically says is a much better piper than himself, has taken over, so that Mr Donaldson will still be in touch with the Band and will, I suspect, still be seen in the school grounds giving a hand.

For eight of Mr Donaldson's years with the Band I had the pleasure of working with him and look forward to enjoying his friendship for many years to come.

May he enjoy a long retirement with plenty of wind to blow his pipes.

A. C. M.

School Societies

DRAMA CLUB



After the cancellation of "A Man for all Seasons," the alternative summer production was "The Amorous Prawn," a light comedy which suited the occasion. The cast was led by David Arnott, Stuart Macintyre and Tracey McHugh, ably supported by Tom Dalziel, Graham Ellis, Roy McLelland, Lindsay Muir, William Allan, Susan Petrie and Heather McIntosh. It featured Stephen Raith in the part of "Uncle Joe." The setting was attractive and colourful, while the stage production was of a high standard under the able direction of Miss Reid. As always, it was very much a team production.

We were sorry to lose the talent of Mr G. M. Hartley, who had been but a brief time with the group, but who had contributed greatly to it. We are also sorry to learn we are to lose our Stage Manager, Miss Reid, who has been such an able

helper in all recent productions.

This year Junior Drama continues under the gifted tuition of Miss McCallum. They are to stage in May a production of Antonia Ridge's adaptation of the play "How Jan Klaasen cured the King."

The "mid" drama group started under the guidance of Mrs Milligan and was transferred to Miss MacLean. A production of an adaptation of "Tom Sawyer" is to be presented in May.

All going well, the Senior Group will perform "Blithe Spirit" in June.

DEBATING SOCIETY

This session the Debating Society has not been as active as in previous years. We have had well attended debates in the Memorial Hall, but the standard of speaking is not high and the standard of debating no better. Many of our younger speakers lack confidence, and experience will count for much in improving their performance.

In October the House carried the Motion that "The professional element in sport is undesirable." Douglas MacKenzie and David Telford proposed and Anne Hirst and Christine Low opposed. Some of the contributions from the Floor were lively and interesting, and the subject stimulated Andrew Biggart of S3, at his first debate, to become keenly involved in argument.

Girls and boys were mixed for the debate in November on the Motion "That capital punishment should be re-introduced for any degree of murder." Alasdair McGeachie and Lorna Todd spoke with conviction in favour; while Tracey McHugh and Jack Meredith opposed. Perhaps the level of debate here was a little higher than before, but points are often lost in irrelevance or sophistical quibbling. This motion was defeated. Again it was good to see S3 boys on their feet, getting involved in debate.

Crieff Toastmasters held the Speech-Making Competition on 5th December, when the boys did not excel. Lorna Todd won, with a speech about hill-walking; Louise Selkirk was second; and Tom Dalziel was third. Even in the "topics" session — the spontaneous part of the evening while the judges are arriving at a decision — the girls again took the prize: Christine Low was a worthy winner. We are once again grateful to the Toastmasters for their generosity and for spending their Friday evening with us: Mr William Frier particularly deserves thanks for organising this so enthusiastically.

The Girls' School held a Burns Supper in the Arduthie Hotel on 6th February (a more traditional date clashes with the girls' exams). Alasdair McGeachie proposed the Toast to the Lasses and spoke wittily: unfortunately his speech was too short, so we were left wanting more. Roderick Stuart piped in the haggis in rousing fashion.

Douglas MacKenzie, our leading light for some years, left School in the Christmas Term, lured by money-making prospects: our thanks to him for all his efforts over the three previous sessions. Our thanks also to John Denholm, who has nobly assumed his mantle as unofficial secretary, and who has been very co-operative and helpful.

The arrival of Dr MacQueen as Principal Teacher of English in the Girls' School, and of Mr Miller as Assistant in the English Department in the Boys' School is propitious. Both are keen debaters, and we look forward next session to a revitalised Society.

THE SCRIPTURE UNION

Despite the apparent decline in Christianity and the moral values attached to that Faith, which seems to prevail in the world today, if an observer were to isolate this school's Scripture Union group and take it as being representative of a national whole, he would find it difficult to believe that the grip of the Church was any weaker today than in past times of greatness. Numbers at Morrison's Scripture Union have maintained their high level and, by casting the net even further, we are glad to have received support from members of S1 and S2. In the Easter Term, we introduced a scheme thanks to which many meetings have been held with the group from the Girls' School. This seems to have been a success.

The programme has been varied and interesting. Many guest speakers were invited to address the group. Towards the beginning of the session, Mr Jimmy Bisset, the son of the Warden of St Ninian's, who is himself training for the ministry, brought along his guitar, and a pleasant afternoon was spent in song. Ties with St Ninian's were strengthened when one of its "Training in Evangelism Volunteers" spoke to the group on the work of the Centre - a talk made more interesting by his use of slides. Pictures too played an important part in the address of Mr Jock Stein (to the disappointment of many who read the notice, no relation of the footballer), who has recently returned from doing missionary work in Africa. One of the highlights of the year for many was the visit of Captain Stephen Anderson. It is always a great pleasure to hear Captain Anderson and to have him with us, and this time was no exception. Another highlight was the talk given by Mr Gorrie on "Christian Witness." Mr Gorrie has taken over from "Boss" Meiklejohn as the Scripture Union's Scottish Schools' Secretary. The branch at Morrison's take this opportunity to wish him every success in his new post. From the Scripture Union Headquarters too came Miss Helen McIlroy, who gave a stimulating talk. The School Chaplain, Dr Heavenor, was invited early on in the session, and he gave a very interesting and thought-provoking address.

That left little time to fill in! We have used the opportunity, however, to great advantage, with "Hat Nights," discussions and even a very popular quiz. At some meetings members themselves have addressed the group, and this has provided interest for their contemporaries. We have also had the pleasure of welcoming back, as speakers, former members of the group who are now active in their University Christian Unions.

To Mr Thomson, we would express a warm word of thanks for his help and guidance throughout the session. To Miss Gardiner and the Girls' S.U. we would like to record our thanks for the many combined meetings we have had with them.

To you, the pupils of the School, a warm invitation to come and share the inheritance which is yours — the love of God. May our numbers and our worship grow daily in strength, despite the world outside.

SKI CLUB



The skiing in Scotland this year has been the most successful for many years. Although the sun rarely shone, snow conditions were excellent. A keener interest than ever before was shown by both Schools, and there were several fully booked excursions to Glenshee. Junior boys once again had the opportunity to ski for two days near the end of the Easter Term: this had been impossible in recent years, due to lack of snow.

The Perthshire Schools' Championship race was held on 24th March. There was a good entry and despite poor visibility, snow conditions were good. The team consisted of W. R. P. Taylor, R. D. Arnott, A. M.

Stuart and M. Stretch. Things did not go well, and three did not complete the race; Taylor finished seventh, but this did little to help the team's position.

The Ski Club acknowledge gratefully the tremendous help which both Physical Education Departments have given, without which this successful season would not have been possible.

SAILING CLUB

Last season was a very successful one, with adequate numbers of both boys and girls, generally good sailing weather and as many as five boats out on the water at once. Only on one occasion in the whole season were we unable to sail at all. Several people showed that although they had a lot to learn about the finer points of sailing, they were pretty good with a table tennis ball! We enjoy to the full the excellent facilities at Loch Earn Sailing Club, and a steaming hot cup of coffee on coming ashore after a long evening on the water is something that we look forward to. I keep telling them that the "Specific Heat Capacity" of water is high, and therefore the water is always cold, but I meet with the kind of expression that I have got used to in my Chemistry classes!

More seriously, we have at long last found somewhere to work on the boats during the winter months. They have been rubbed down, given a fresh coat of paint and made to look good and sail well (we hope). G. S. Percy and I. Findlay did well in the Scottish Schools' Regatta last season, coming second equal. This year the fiercest of the opposition has left school, so we hope to do even better. The regular club night is Friday, and sometimes other evenings as well. We are always looking for new members.

R. K. F.

THE CLIMBING CLUB



Last summer term was an extremely active one for the Climbing Club. Blessed with unusual good luck in splendid weather, we could be away longer on Sundays than in previous years, and thus were able to enjoy climbs at a more leisurely pace and further afield. We were out every Sunday except one.

New hills climbed then were Beinn Dorain (3524 feet) and Beinn an Dothaidh (3267), two Munros standing prominently to the east of the road from Tyndrum to the Black Mount. This proved a stimulating and tiring day: a hard stomp through peat bog and heather to a saddle halfway between the two tops changed to a gentler progress up to two

glorious views of the hazy hills around. Beinn Dorain is more attractive than it looks from the main road. We also added Beinn Chabhair (3053), the only hill in the Ben More range which we had not climbed. This is the most south-westerly of the group, adjacent to and forming a triangle with An Caisteal and Beinn a' Chroin, and it was the hottest and hardest slog for a long time: not a thrilling hill.

Other glorious days were spent returning to Buachaille Etive Mor, An Caisteal and Ben Lawers (the last named like Sauchiehall Street on a hot May afternoon: but one of the best views in Perthshire). Less glorious was the wet and sweaty revisit to Ben More and Stob Binnein. We last did these in May, 1972. This time we completed the whole ridge, eventually

struggling through "impenetrable" forestry ground and regarding the day either as therapeutic or masochistic.

This session we have had only one climb in the first two terms: a very windy but clear day on Meall nan Tarmachan (3421) in September. Since then, rugby seems to have claimed most of our energies; and we decided this year to miss Fearnan at Easter. Perhaps some of the many new boys in the Club this summer term will want to visit the Centre next year.

So far in the summer term, Ben Chonzie, Beinn Ghlas and Ben Lawers have been climbed — the Lawers group in a near-blizzard on 2nd May — and we shall shortly be heading farther north to open up new ground. It remains a very exhilarating and popular activity with many boys, and S1 and S2 will be added soon to our number in a junior group.

27th PERTHSHIRE SCOUT GROUP



Scout Section

It will be recalled that this was suspended at the beginning of last Session and since then we have been unable to find a Leader to take charge of this important Section. This is regretted, because the many boys who have completed their Cub Scout Section training have no opportunity of continuing in Scouting: the other Crieff Troop is full to overflowing and also has Leader problems.

Cub Section

The situation here is fortunately quite different. This year we have a record number of forty-six boys, with others on the waiting list. If it were not for the assistance which is so freely given by certain mothers, this large number would be unmanageable. There is always a demand for places, and it

is hard to refuse admission to boys when they are obviously so keen on Scouting.

We continue to hold our meetings in Academy Hall, and we are grateful to the Governors for this accommodation, and to Mr Benvie for the willing assistance which he gives us.

We have had considerable success in our awards. The standard of passing the Bronze Arrow is reasonably easy, but it becomes progressively more difficult through the Silver and up to the Gold. We may not have so many of the advanced awards as the other Packs, but we maintain that our boys know their subjects well. We have two boys approaching Gold, thirteen on Silver, and thirteen on Bronze, which is a very good record out of a total of forty-six.

In the winter time we had our usual highly successful visit to the Perth Pantomime, and this summer visits are arranged to the Fire Brigade and the Police Station. We are grateful to the Officers of both these Services for the instruction which they give the boys during these visits.

The emphasis this summer is on outdoor work, which includes compass and map-reading. The ability of the boys may be judged in future if in later years they join the Corps!

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG SCIENTISTS

The second year in the life of the Young Scientists in Morrison's Academy is now over, and unfortunately it has been a disappointing year. Last session the Society was formed, and a large number of pupils, both boys and girls, were interested, but this year there has been a general lack of interest.

This Society gives the opportunity for pupils of any age to attend lectures in Perth Technical College once a month throughout the winter. The Young Scientists are also encouraged to help in national projects. The School attended only one of the many interesting and entertaining meetings open to us. It was on the subject of "The perils of being a bird in Fiji," and took the form of a lecture and slides by Dr M. L. Gorman of the University of Aberdeen: it was enjoyed by all who attended.

The School has very kindly subsidised the cost of transport, but even this reduction did not attract many new members to our Association. We hope that all present members return next session, and that numbers will increase.

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE OWL

Not a sound is heard as the silent owl Glides through the moonlit forest. He scans the ground with large yellow eyes, Making never a sound.

Suddenly, he dives down on an unsuspecting mouse, Grasping it in strong talons. A call of triumph Comes from his beak as he devours his meal. Then he melts into the darkness, on another hunt for food.

At night time, he is in his element, Searching without rest for all The small rodents who appear at night. But at daybreak, he returns to his hollow tree Until the next hours of darkness.

GRAEME B. WILSON, Primary 6.

BOLD RUGBY FELLOWS

We are bold fellows,
As ever were seen,
With our shirts of blood
And our shorts of mud.

Our opponents may uproot us, And think we've had enough, Trample us, cut us, But we'll show them we're tough.

Drive at them fiercely, Showing austere faces, Always so powerfully And not so divinely.

We never flinch, sir,
Whenever we're tackled;
Give us an inch, sir,
We'll soon have them mastered.

FANTASY

The wind was howling on a dark winter's night, When I awoke, full of fright.

The door was moving; it opened;
And through that door came a person.

He was walking towards me;
His eyes were staring in a condemning way.

I shivered, I shook, I looked the other way.

He sat down on my very own chair,
It was then I met his oncoming glare.
And then I looked to see him full face,
He looked at me with charming grace.
I suddenly realised this man was me,
But then I thought, "How can it be?"

He began to speak with casual grace:

"Are you the owner of this unusual place?"

"Why, yes," I replied after recovering my face.

"Then I too will remain in this space."

"Who may you be?" said I boldly.

"I assure you I am no-one but me."

"But you are not living," I quickly replied,
"You are no mortal," said I, all awake,
"You are a ghost and have no right here,
So don't worry, I don't fear."
He sat there, quite content to stay all night,
So I decided to give him a fright.

I got out of bed and walked away, But then I heard the ghost say, "Don't go away, let's be friends, let me stay," So I decided to let him play.

So every night when I awake,
A ghost is sitting in my chair,
And there he sits to glare and glare,
He does not feel out of place,
He just speaks with his charming grace.

ALWAYS TOGETHER

As I was walking all alone,
A maiden I did see.
Along the sandy beach she walked,
As lovely as could be.

I walked along the sandy beach
And brought myself beside her.
She looked at me and I at her
As we walked along together.

I promised her that we would wed As soon as we possibly could, But as time went on and days passed by, I knew we never would.

I asked and pleaded and even begged That the wedding should not be. But "No," she said, "we will be wed Tomorrow, just wait and see."

The following day, we were wed,

Much to my protest,

She looked at me and I at her,

And I knew things were not their best.

I knew that she was not for me,
So separate we should be.
The only way I could do that
Was to drown her in the sea.

The very next day to the cliffs we went, I stood myself beside her.
One big push and she'd fall in,
And she'd be none the wiser.

So hard I pushed, that she went in, But I went in behind her. She looked at me and I at her, As we both did drown together.

STEPHEN A. C. CAIRNS, Form 1

THE HOWLING WIND

The raging wind is howling round, Up in the sky, down on the ground. It rests at ease for a couple of minutes But only to go at its furthest limits. It hits destruction wherever it goes, Never to stop moaning that awful sound, Never to stop sowing its victims around.

DAVID E. GASKILL, Primary 6.

THE DOVE

The wood was

quiet,

Shrouded in a blanket of silent watchfulness,
Underfoot lay the soft muffling leaves on the forest's mossy floor.
Suddenly a crackle, a flap and a chackle,
In a flash of grey lightning, a dove wings through the patterned leaves.
Then —

All is quiet, the blanket falls again.

ALISTAIR J. E. GRAY, Form 2

EROSION

Sand, wind, rain,
It ever erodes our land,
Sand, wind, rain,
They take the upper hand.
Despite man's futile efforts
To keep the land the same,
The sand, the wind, the rain
For time immemorial shall contain
The force for battle again and again.

GEORGE W. FRIER, Form 2

VOLCANO

Imprisoned deep in the bowels of the earth, Holding force that no man could stop, The fire and the smoke fought to be free, To escape from its gloomy prison of rock.

It steamed and it frothed as it slowly moved up
To the gap in the rock that had suddenly come
With a great shifting of earth;
It moved up towards the thin glimmer of sun.

From the mountain it flew with a terrible roar, Sparks and smoke everywhere, flames, fanned, flew about, As it advanced to the village which lay below, The terrified people came out.

But then the ground rose, the river, red, had to stop, And it lay, and slowly cooled down, Still and stone-dead, The price of the freedom it at last had found.

DOUGLAS B. MEAKIN, Form 2

PARADOX

The bitter wind rustles the bomb-blasted tree,
Giving it . . ghastliness? The dense clouds of gas are slowly dispersed,
Revealing an accusing finger of light, which outlines two
Indolent bodies on the roadside.
The sonorous burst of ack-ack is replaced by
The drone of heavy bombers.
This is Hades.

The soft breeze sifts through the pelisse, palm fronds, Giving them . . animation? Cumulus clouds lazily drift westwards, Unveiling a magnificent, silver moon which encloses two Silhouetted lovers on the shoreline.

The low murmur of the breakers gives way to A Caribbean calypso . . A supernal dream.

THE PIKE

The evil fish lies in the weeds,

It's here he waits and here he feeds.

His long slim body lies inert,

He looks asleep, but he's alert.

A wary fish comes swimming past, The pike it strikes, its movement fast. His bony jaws close round the fish, And away he swims with a powerful swish.

COLIN D. PENNY, Form 2

THE CASTLE

Smales and stately everywhere, thames, handed, frew abitati

By day the castle towers majestically,
O'er a green and fertile valley,
Its high grey towers reaching upwards,
Into a cloudless, bright blue sky.
Birds sing happily and fly around
Its grey and ruined ramparts while
The foreign tourists gaze in wonder
At this towering, kingly fortress.

When darkness reigns, the old grey castle,
Lit only by an eerie moonlight,
Watches o'er a dark, still valley.
Its walls resound the flutter of wings,
The wings of squawking, screaming bats.
No tourist dares set foot here now,
Afraid of what may lurk or prowl
Within night's gloomy shadows.

FRANK I. M. BAND, Form 3

ODE TO AUTUMN

(with apologies to Keats)

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Puddles and welly-bootfulness;
Season of rain interminate —
Yugh! I think I'll emigrate!

Come to the town to live, my boy,
Come to the city, come!
Come to the town to work and die
Like rats that haunt some slum.

Around, the sightless, knowing crowd

Gush, whose eyes are glazed

And mouths set in a line

As straight as their gaze.

If these had been on opium
Or cannabis they would have been
More conscious. But the noise
And hammering of feet
Has doped them silly.

A measured stride — monotony. They know
Just when to swerve, to stop,
To say: "I'm sorry." An involuntary
Phrase, that means:
"I'm sorry that I live here."

These have less minds than sheep.

Or ants — no! ants have built
Their City of the Sun where all

Can work and live for others and
Themselves — not Satan.

The business-men all dead to fellow-men.
Yet once after a ballet, I passed
In Drury Lane a prostitute,
Who smiled and seemed to say:
"The Devil loves his own!"

DAVID A. STUTTARD, Form 5

WHODUNNIT

A long row of faces standing side by side.
Which one? They all look alike.
He's too dark — mind you, maybe not.
I'll look again — he's too big,
Yet he's too small! Too tall! Too slim!
Could be — but no, it's not him.
Could be the bobby — but surely not!
God! There's only one left,
And it wasn't him.

TARMACHAN

(Sunday, 5th October, 1975)

Banshee winds blew fierce
As we staggered up the steep face.
At times it tore through our clothing,
Lancing us with its icy shaft.
The summit so near, so cold,
Loomed up, marked by a solitary cairn.

We stood at the top, exhilarated,
Leaning at absurd angles into the wind,
Our anoraks flapping like flags,
Emblems of our endurance,
And our numbed senses took in
The panoramic stage, set before us.

J. DOUGLAS McKENZIE, Form 4

NOCTURNE

As the day dies,
Pale distorted moonbeams grasp at the calm pond.
The air is left sharp and clear
As the last white mists of evening rise,
Myriads of stars glow,
And down on tiny Earth
Shines Jupiter, King of Planets.

A screech-owl in the gloaming. Night.

JULIAN H. KITCHING, Form 4

AN EAGLE!

I saw it in the setting sun,
Hovering above its target.
And then in one short sweep
It fell and slowly, slyly
Pounced nearer, yet nearer
Towards the precious prey and then
Stopped for a moment at the edge,
Seeming to think of the rare reward,
Then dropped.

The sudden loss of whiteness from the green, Brought from the distant seventh tee, Shouting silhouettes signalling joy.

ROBIN A. CHRISTIE, Form 4

BEST CONTRIBUTION

We are grateful to the Old Boy who anonymously gives a prize for the best contribution to the magazine. This has been awarded to Robin Christie of 4A for his poem "An Eagle!" which appears on the previous page.—Editor.

Old Boys' Section

DEATHS

It is with regret that we announce the deaths of ANTHONY HASTRICK, aged 38, and W. STEWART THOMSON, aged 36. Anthony Hastrick lived in Methven when he was at Morrison's. He was handicapped by blindness for eight years; and a playground for autistic children in Radlett, Herts., is to be named after him. For two years he was in charge of the B.B.C. programme "In Touch." He leaves a wife and three children.

Stewart Thomson was School Captain in 1955-56, Head Boy of Ogilvie House, Captain of Rugby, Cricket and Athletics and Sports Champion: he was thus one of the most distinguished athletes ever to have attended Morrison's Academy. Latterly he worked in Dunfermline. He leaves a wife and two children.

To all those bereaved goes our deepest sympathy.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following Office-Bearers were elected:-

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N. R. Waddell, A. S. Brown.

LONDON MORRISONIAN CLUB

We regret that no report has been received from the London Morrisonian Club.—Editor.

HONG KONG MORRISONIAN CLUB

The Hong Kong Branch of the Club continues to be most active. They entertained STEVE & JESSIE LAUDER during their two days visiting the island on route to Australia. Attending were TOM HARLEY, GORDON PHILLIPS, ROBIN RADCLIFFE, NIGEL McNIE, GORDON SADDLER and JAMES FAIRBAIRN. Others in the East are DICK GIBB and IAIN HALL.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS FROM JUNE, 1975 — APRIL, 1976

The following changes of address have been notified:

W. HUNTER BROWN, 82 Dundonald Road, Troon, Ayrshire. HOWARD F. STURROCK, 3005 Baynes Road, Victoria B.C., Canada. DAVID J. WOOD, 56 Main Street, Milton of Balgownie, Fife, KY7. GORDON F. SADDLER, Hong Kong Hilton, 2 Queens Road, Hong Kong. GEORGE PHILLIPS, 665 Cathcart Road, Crosshill, Glasgow.

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- W. T. WEATHERSPOON, Strathearn, 9 Broadstone Park, Inverness.
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- D. O. A. HIBBERD, 2 Glendale Close, St Johns, Woking, Surrey.
- J. M. MORRISON, Questover, Chaddleworth, Newbury, Berks.

GORDON F. MILNE, Glentor, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross, KY13.

ALLAN HOOD, 50 Montuelier Park, Edinburgh, EH10 4NH.

- ALAN FERGUSON, 111 Clarence Gate Gardens, Clentworth Street, London, NW1.
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- C. LIVINGSTONE, 10 Rylands Avenue, Dunblane.
- D. I. L. MACLACHLAN, Balnieden, Drummond Terrace, Crieff, PH7.
- J. E. G. MARTIN, San Anton, 19 Delgaty Terrace, Turriff, Aberdeenshire.
- IAN STUART, Castlemill, Gartness, P. O. Balfron, Stirlingshire.
- T. C. O'BRIEN, 2 Orchard View, Holcombe, Nr. Bath, Somerset.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

GOLF - P. B. Maclean, 22 Alexander Avenue, Eaglesham.

Brian organises the Old Boys' teams against the School in June and for the Public Schools Cup matches at Barnton each September. He will be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to play in either game. Last year the Club lost the Cameron Cup to the School by $2\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ and was out in the second round of the Public Schools Cup (having reached there by virtue of a bye in the first).

CRICKET - R. H. Vick, 55 Whirlow Lane, Sheffield.

Richard organises the Old Boys' match — namely the one v. School on the Monday following Sports Day. He would like to hear from all those who would like a game.

RUGBY — W. P. Balfour, 4 Lyneside, West Lothian, Peeblesshire.

Bill raises the Old Boys' rugby team each year for the Club's only match — again v. School and will be pleased to hear from anyone wishing a game. This year the match is scheduled for 11th September.

PERSONAL NOTES

HOWARD STURROCK was appointed Deputy Minister of Highways during the year, in the Province of British Columbia.

J. E. G. MARTIN became principal Teacher of Leisure at Banff Academy in June 1975.

KEN GRANT, a committee member of long standing, has now been appointed Governor of the School.

T. C. O'BRIEN has now retired from Rhodesia, having been in the Southern parts of Africa since 1936. He would like to be "remembered" to any old "Heugh" boys.

GORDON PHILLIPS is presently a Ministry of Defence civilian concerned with public relations organisation for the combined forces in Hong Kong. His work takes him as far as Korea and Nepal — usually in the kilt, which may be the reason he didn't climb Everest when he was there, although he claims it is because a Scot has done it before.

GRAHAM BICKET was promoted to Captain in the Royal Hampshires.

GEORGE PHILIPS is presently a reporter with "The Daily Mail." It is with great pleasure that we note that the old man of Scottish rugby, NATRN MACEWAN, is still able to play in the highlands.

BRIAN EDRIDGE made headlines, at last, when he fell off a mountain early in the year. He has now recovered and plans to continue with his sport.

DOUGLAS COLTART is still in charge of R. McTear's Edinburgh Office. His young brother, IAN COLTART, is now a hospital administrator in Poona.

Hotel managers of note overseas include GORDON SADDLER of the Hilton Hotel and ROBIN RADCLIFFE of the Mandarin International, both Hong Kong.

The Club congratulates CHARLES CHAPMAN on the award of an O.B.E. in July last year. Charles is Chief Executive to Kirkcaldy District Council.

IAIN HIGH is a computer specialist and now lives in Milton Keynes. He is head of production of D.R.S. and any old boy interested in this field is invited to call and see him.

PETER STEWART, having had 5 years of banking when he left school, decided that finance was not his forte; so he went back to studying, took a degree and took up teaching. He is now Deputy Head of Trinity House School for boys, Hull.

GRAEME B. CHRISTIE (1958-67) (Academy House) is now married and living and working in Bristol. He is Market Analyst for Harveys of Bristol Ltd.

PETER F. DUNCAN (1965-71) graduated with Second Class Honours in Chemical Engineering from Edinburgh in 1975.

ALAN ANDERSON (1961-71) graduated with Second Class Honours in Engineering from Edinburgh in 1975.

DAVID S. SIMPSON (1955-65) (Ogilvie House) has passed his Fellowship exams for Anaesthetics (F.F.A.R.C.S.) and is spending a year in Brugge as an intensive care specialist. He is learning Dutch at the same time.

ANDREW MORTON (1957-65) (Ogilvie House) has been appointed Principal Teacher of Biology at Broxburn Academy.

CHARLES W. YACOMENI (1962-68) has graduated Ph.D. in Engineering from Edinburgh University and is now working in America.

NICHOLAS BELL (1960-66) is now Captain in the R.A.O.C. and is at present serving in Northern Ireland.

DENIS LAWSON (1959-65) is having great success as an actor. Besides appearing recently on BBC TV, he is at present filming in Belgium with Sir John Gielgud and Dirk Bogarde.

Mr STEVE LAUDER has recently visited New Zealand, and he brings us news and addresses of these Old Boys:

DAVID MARTIN is in the Export Division of a Shipping Company. His address is Flat 4, 50 Hughes Street, Unley, Adelaide, South Australia.

ROBERT CATHRO is Design Engineer with New Zealand Forestry Products. He stays at 55 Swainson Road, St John's, Auckland 6, New Zealand.

DAVID MACFARLANE is working in an architect's office. His address is 106 Frederick Street, Onehunga, Auckland 6, New Zealand.

DOUGLAS McLEISH is Planning Officer at Auckland Airport. He stays at 248 Kirkbride Road, Mangere, Auckland, New Zealand.

STODDART WATSON is Town Clerk of Ashburton, and Vice-President of the New Zealand Institute of Town Clerks and Municipal Treasurers. His address is 196 Middle Road, Ashburton, New Zealand.

GENERAL NOTES

"Missing" Morrisonians have not been listed this year since the number is particularly large. To ensure that Club Members do not become missing, please write to the Secretary before you plan to disappear; please also inform on your friends; and if you can give some reason for the disappearance, so much the better, since this is what it's all about — the Club, that is. Everybody wants to know what everybody else is up to, and if you will inform the Secretary either yourself, or if you are shy (or can't write), ask a friend, then we can fill the magazine with lots of interesting bits of information, fact or fiction — it doesn't matter; as long as its not libellous, it will be printed.

Please remember all of this and write to your Secretary; after all, he is a lonely chap and is just waiting for a letter from you.

The Secretary is Mike Sheppard, 50 Belmont Road, Kilmacolm, but just to confuse things further, he is moving house in August to 2 Led-cameroch Crescent, Bearsden, Glasgow.

It is hoped that all school leavers will pay their LIFE Membership Subscription of £5. The Club exists to help Old Boys keep in touch with each other, its main object clause per the constitution being "to promote the welfare of Morrison's Academy and to maintain and strengthen friendships formed there." Application forms are available from the Rector or from the Secretary (but please note that these are a little out of date; only 1 free year of the magazine is now included within the £5 subscription).

Club funds are always subject of scrutiny at this time of year and as most members will know, the Club has asked for donations to its funds. This happens from time to time.

Our only recurring source of income is the annual subscription, which is pretty low for a life membership. As a result, if the Club wishes to do anything other than send out one circular per annum, then it has to raise funds by way of voluntary donation.

Some members have asked for an indication of what should be donated. Well, the answer must be as much as you wish, but, as a guide, if all

1,200 members gave £1, then the Club funds would swell from very little to about £1,200. It is probably unreasonable to expect everyone to contribute, but donations of any amount will be gratefully accepted — anything from 5p to £5,000 — the latter of which might even warrant a receipt or mention in the mag. The result of the appeal for funds will be relayed next year by circular, A.G.M. and magazine.

The monthly lunches in Glasgow at the Blythswood Hotel, Argyle Street, continue to be held on the first Friday of every month except July and August. All Glasgow members are encouraged to attend, particularly the younger ones who may not have been before, also any other members who may be visiting the area.

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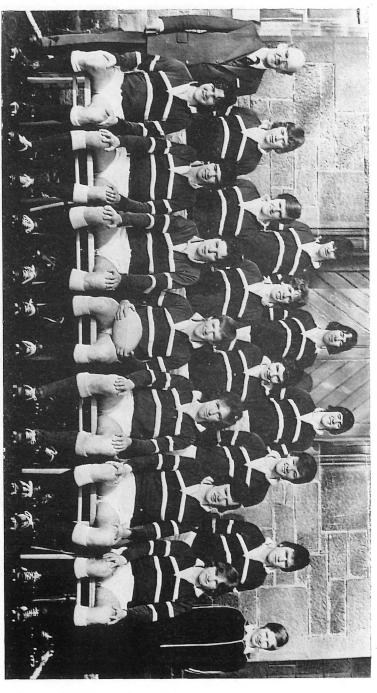
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News from the Universities

St Andrews



This year a record number of Morrisonians descended on the ancient town of St Andrews. All seem to have gone their separate ways despite the fact that they all live in David Russell Hall, except for IAIN CRERAR, who is studying Biology. DEREK McLEAN and DOUGLAS McGEACHIE both study Maths and Physics. Derek continues to do brilliantly at Maths, while Douglas manages to combine work with weight-lifting, rugby and other pursuits (enough said!).

DAVID SCOTT, when not studying, can be seen behind a myriad of bottles studying science fiction. DAVID ARNOTT has opted out of Maths (Cheers!), takes Chemistry, Physics and Botany, and has tried to represent first-year students on the S.R.C.

DAVID COULL, studying English, does as much work as he used to (i.e. very little, so he claims), and has been to a large number of films (yes, it is possible to see films in St Andrews!).

ROBERT NEWLANDS enjoys university life, plays table tennis and is treasurer of Aien (the student newspaper).

Two Morrisonians who left school a few years ago have also donned the red gown. KENNETH FRASER who now lives in Carnoustie, takes English, French and Philosophy. DUNCAN STEVENSON, whose home is in Montrose, studies Maths and plays golf for the University.

GORDON MILNE, our sole representative in second year, is working for an Ordinary B.Sc., and shares a flat with GAVIN SHARP and DAVID ROSSITER. David continues to do well in Honours History while Gavin completes his Ordinary in History this summer and will be going on to Accountancy in Glasgow. IAIN ALLAN still seems to like Applied Maths enough to be taking Honours in it. He is kept busy with the duties of President of the Christian Union and shares digs with BRIAN ROBERT-SON, who pretends to study for an Ordinary Degree. Although not yet a General, he is Entertainments Convener for the O.T.C. (Keep trying, Brian!).

MARTIN ANDERSON has flown the coop to Germany for this term — so no gory details of his private life are on file.

We wish every success to the following Old Boys sitting their finals just now: SANDY HAY, ANGUS INGLIS and ALASTAIR LAIDLAW are all sitting Honours French. Angus has broken his right arm falling off a wall — or so he says! Sandy intends to go on to Accountancy, while Alastair has a job teaching English in Paris all lined up. (Sounds very nice!). That only leaves IAN BRUCE to round off the contingent. When not watching the latest episode of "The Lost Planet" in the Union, he works for his Honours Degree in Modern History.

To all Morrisonians coming up next year we wish a very warm welcome.

D. M. A.

Edinburgh University

FIRST YEAR

This year saw a very large crop of "freshers" coming up to the big city — we hope the trend continues in years to come.

BRUCE DAVIDSON is studying Commerce, playing rugby for Crieff and leading an active social life. Also doing Commerce are BARRIE WALKER, who recently retired as a Traffic Warden, and DAVID WAR-NOCK, who passes his exams with ease and astounds everyone with his high standard of living. JIMMY FYFE ponders over psychological problems and grows his hair, while ROBERT MEIKLE, an enthusiastic Medic, has fully developed his not inconsiderable talent for table football. STEVE SHON occasionally checks out the Law and has found a "rather nice" little niche in Pollock Halls, as has RANALD-IT'S-NOT-MY-ROUND-I'LL-HAVE-A-PINT-NAISMITH, who does Geology in his spare time - not without success, as he has recently announced that he has passed a prelim exam (for the first time since 1973!). Between travels, STUART MACINTYRE has become tangled up with the Law and can often be seen in the courts, usually wielding a squash racquet. STEVE RAITH, now engaged to Margaret, studies Civil Engineering, plays rugby and on Saturday nights will, on request, transform the Union into Edinburgh's "Moulin

SECOND YEAR Who have been said and a second and a second s

MARK COOMBES and IAN WILSON do Biological Sciences; the former has taken up residence in the "Sportsman's Bar." LAURENCE CROLLA, now engaged, progresses well through the Commerce course aided by his scale model of Harley Davidson. Also doing Commerce is CHRIS MONCRIEFF, who is still covering himself in glory from successes in exams and swimming. JIMMY STRANG has managed two consecutive years in the same Faculty — Geology seems to suit him, STEVE TURNER has recently been sighted with an Engineering Science book.

THIRD YEAR

BILLY CROSS and IAN SCOTT are now half-way through their Medical course and seem to be bearing up to the strain very well. STUART NAISMITH, another lawyer, plays a lot of football and takes no responsibility for the "fresher" in his family. Another expert footballer is PETER STIRLING, who also works at Maths and Physics.

FOURTH YEAR

CRAIG ADAM is still studying Physics. JAMES HAGGART and SANDY BAYNE are finishing their B.Sc.'s in Agriculture, while BILLY DUFF is completing his Honours Chemistry, and can be seen driving around in fast, expensive motor cars. TOM MACASKILL, still missing his mum, ends his Law course this year, which has slightly curbed his very full social life. NIGEL LAING, still a keen Medic, has taken a year out to do Honours. STEWART DONALDSON has decided that a change in political pace was necessary, and has transferred his allegiance to the Liberal Movement, while RODERICK MacGREGOR is another step closer to becoming a vet.

Finally, JACK WATTERS (5th year) and NORMAN BEGG (6th year) are very nearly doctors — you have been warned.

Heriot-Watt University

FIRST YEAR

GRANT BAYNE is an Actuarial Scientist (honestly!) and can be "seen" at all Rugby Internationals. NIGEL BATTERTON is doing Building, although he has not yet actually been seen with wheelbarrow and wellies. BUCK RYAN, now engaged to Midge, passes an idle hour with problems of Commerce, while the budding film director, JOHN CHISHOLM runs around Riccarton between lectures.

SECOND YEAR

BILLY MILROY is meeting with considerable success in exams, although he is having difficulty finding a pair of football shorts which fit him. Also believed to be in Second Year is ALASDAIR FRASER, although he is seldom seen or heard.

JASPER CAMPBELL is now in Fourth Year and is still playing his bagpipes.

Napier College

IAN MACASKILL, MICHAEL DUFF and ALASTAIR WILSON are all doing Business Studies. Ian has developed some curious habits, Michael is a leading light in the twelve-strong Conservative Club, and Alastair remains quiet.

There have also been unconfirmed sightings within the College of ROSS SIMPSON, IAN MacKAY, SCOTT FRASER, "WAF" FERGUSON, DEREK ALLAN and TRYGVE GRANT.

East of Scotland College of Agriculture

IAIN STEWART and GORDON MUIRHEAD are in First Year; the former plays rugby for Crieff, the latter "curls."

ALAN MILLER battles on through Second Year along with DUNC WILSON, who has set up a second-hand car business on the side.

As a footnote we did hear whispers about an itinerant ex-School Captain who is believed to have taken a wrong turning somewhere along Princes Street and now appears to be studying in Newcastle — come back soon, George.

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The year's freshers were: ALBERT BIL (Arts), who passes exams with his unfailing regularity despite many wild nights spent out on the town. ARCHIE MacINTYRE (B.A. Librarianship) leads a quiet life and is a supporter of the apathetic society; JIM CARGILL (O.N.D. Agriculture) continues to display his rugby skills in the colours of Montrose or the Agrics.; lastly, WILLIE DINGWALL (B.Sc. Agriculture) practises the art of rock bashing — much to the disgust of the canoe club.

In Second Year there is BARRY O'NEIL (Arts), who claims to be working towards Honours in Geography, though his friends say a degree in snooker would be more appropriate. CHARLES SCRIMGEOUR (Engineering), having lived it up for most of the Session, is on a diet to reduce his paunch, and is working hard for his exams.

Sunning away third Year on the Continent, as an excuse to improving his languages, is ANGUS CLARKE. Also in Third Year is NEIL DRYSDALE, who studies Law when not rallying with a Crieff team.

There is a considerable number of Morrisonians who leave this ancient seat of learning this year. ALAN TODD graduates with an M.A. Honours in Philosophy. Completing an M.A. in Accountancy is IAN FINLAYSON, who also keeps the accounts of the Sailing Club, and must be partly responsible for the sinking pound. JOHN SCRIMGEOUR, not to be content with a B.Sc. Honours in Engineering, made a bid for further glory by standing for President of the Union. Sadly, he failed, despite claiming that the Union bar makes a profit only because of himself. Two illustrious members of the 1st XV, ROBIN JOHNSON and JOHN HALL leave this summer with a B.Sc. in Pure Science and a B.Sc. Honours in Zoology respectively. John is going to Loughborough College to study Sports Management. Quitting the more earthy parts of the University will be CHARLES COMRIE and WILLIE STODDART, both with a B.Sc in Agriculture.

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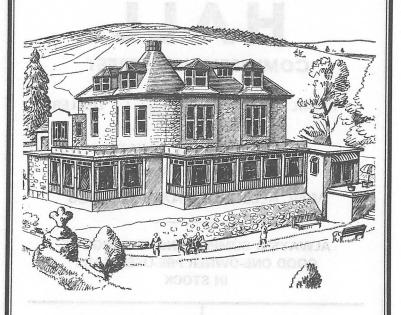
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