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editorial

Yet again your hard-working, devoted, intelligent Editors have compiled for you a masterpiece.

As our readers well know, this financial year has been one of great misery, with rising inflation and rising costs of production. But through self-sacrifice, great pain, rising headaches and a very understanding printer, and to the alarm of our bank manager, YOUR Morrisonian is STILL ONLY 35 pence.

Before you read on (any complaints — "Jim'll Fix It," 10 Downing Street), thanks must be given to Mr Andrews for his patience and understanding in what can only be described as an ordeal; and to everyone else in the School for their contributions (we are very grateful to him); and we hope that you enjoy our Jubilee edition of The Morrisonian, with its appropriate multi-colour cover.

SCHOOL NOTES

School Officials this session are:

School Captain: G. S. PERCY.

Vice-Captain: W. G. H. SCOTT.

HOUSE CAPTAINS:

Campbells: G. C. M. RUTHERFORD.

Drummonds: W. G. H. SCOTT.

Grahams: E. S. GILLIES.

Murrays: G. S. PERCY.

School Prefects: A. J. Anderson, J. A. Campbell, G. J. Hood, N. J. Marshall, C. I. Millar, I. J. Morris, A. C. Nicoll.

The Governors decided in April 1977 that the Boys' and Girls' Schools will be integrated over the next ten years. The phasing out of the grant-in-aid and the proposed ending of the system of Authority Sponsored Pupils is likely, the Board feel, to lead to a drop in the number of day pupils; this may be aggravated by the probable decline in the school-age population in Scotland in the 1980s. The Governors, as stated in their circular letter to parents and in a press release, have the following objectives: to maintain the school roll at 900 pupils; to maintain the strong local day-pupil element; to increase the number of boarding pupils; and to retain the "all-through" school from age 5 to age 18. The Board went on to say: ". . . the Governors do not intend to press change without giving the fullest consideration to the views of all concerned about the future of Morrison's Academy."

While we are more fortunate than many schools in the stability of our Staff, changes inevitably occur. At Christmas Mr K. J. MacKenzie, B.Sc. (Eng.), Assistant Teacher of Physics since 1974, left to take up an appointment in Crieff High School. Mr MacKenzie is an excellent teacher and he couples his gifts of communication with an eagerness to help his pupils which was much appreciated by them. He founded and organised the Badminton Club, an innovation in Morrison's, and was a very willing helper in all extra-curricular work. To him go our thanks and best wishes in his new post. His place was taken by Mr P. J. Bryson, B.Sc., during the Easter Term, and temporary arrangements have been made this term before a new Physics Teacher will join us next session. We are most grateful to Mr D. W. Slimming, B.Sc., formerly of the Girls' School Staff, for helping out with the period immediately preceding the S.C.E. Examinations, and again afterwards.

At the end of this term Mr M. D. White, D.P.E., leaves us to become Assistant Headmaster of Drumley House Preparatory School near Ayr. Mr White has had a very varied connection with Morrison's. He taught Physical Education here from 1965 to 1967, when he was also House Tutor at Avondale. He returned in September 1972, this time as an Assistant Teacher in the Lower School, after he had spent a year at Moray House College of Education gaining further qualifications, and four years in a Preparatory School near St Albans. From 1974 to 1976 he was Housemaster of two Academy Houses: one on the old site in Comrie Street and the second in the new premises near Dalmhor. Few have given so willingly and selflessly of their time and energies to the School. In the classroom, in rugby, in cricket, in hill-walking, in music: to all these Murdo White has brought enthusiasm and high standards. We are the losers; Drumley House the gainers. Our sincere thanks and good wishes go with him.

In September, Mrs Susan Macintyre, Dip. C.E., Housemistress of Dalmhor, will take up a temporary appointment as Assistant Teacher in the Lower School.

Miss M. E. MacGregor, M.A., leaves us in July after three years in the Modern Languages Department. She will be taking a linguist-secretarial course next session, and our best wishes go with her.

Mrs H. Roberts, M.A., a graduate of the University of Glasgow, joined us from West Calder High School in October as Assistant Teacher in the Modern Languages Department: this was in succession to Miss Reid. We are very grateful to Mrs J. Bagnall, who has also helped out in the Girls' School, for teaching during the month of September until Mrs Roberts was able to take up her appointment.

Next September Mlle. Fabienne Cariou joins the Modern Languages Department for one session as an "Assistante," to give French conversation lessons to small groups of pupils. She lives in Marseille and has been studying English at the University of Provence.

Also in September Mr A. P. Macintyre, D.P.E.H., will assume responsibility for the Physical Education Departments of both Boys' and Girls' Schools.

The Session has been an active and varied one. Most of the events and activities are chronicled later under their own headings, but there are many general or individual topics outwith these. What must emerge from the rugby reports is a picture of how the weather has dominated outdoor activities. Not only did the severe winter make the ground unplayable with frost. In September the fields at Dallerie, after a hot, dry, wonderful summer, would have been unplayable had it not been for the generosity of Mr A. J. Haggart of Caerlaverock, Muthill, and the help and expertise of Mr William Hood, his field supervisor. At no charge to the School, Mr Haggart supplied irrigation equipment which restored the grounds to greenness and made them playable: we are very grateful. In the same month twenty-five of the beautiful poplar trees at Dallerie

were blown down in a severe gale: thus the familiar symmetry of our boundary is disrupted. It was a sad irony that within weeks Mr Peddie, former head groundsman at Dallerie, had died, for he it was who planted those trees.

On 1st November a party of London Morrisonians, led by Mr Muir Moffat, the then Chairman of the London Club, attended Morning Assembly in the Memorial Hall and presented two elegant chairs in memory of the late John Smith. These are for the use of the School Captain and Vice-Captain. In the afternoon the Old Boys played a game of rugby against the First XV, which the School won 38-0.

Last summer Iain Anderson, Graham Hood and Mitchell Rutherford attended an Outward Bound Course at the Moray Sea School, Burghead. Both Anderson and Hood were on scholarships sponsored by Arthur Bell. Their activities included expeditions in the Cairngorms, rock-climbing, sailing, canoeing, orienteering, community service and swimming: the boys found all this an enriching and enjoyable experience. Under the 1977 Bell's Scholarship, Alan Matthews will be attending an Outward Bound Course at Loch Eil this June.

Roderick Stuart, who left last Session, and his brother Alastair represented Scotland in the Tetrathlon Team which competed against twenty-one other countries on 1st and 2nd September.

At Easter Mr White took a party of fourteen boys from the Lower School on a camping holiday to Wales. This proved a great success: an account appears elsewhere in this issue.

Having organised a tour to Vienna last summer (an account also appears later), Mr Ron Gonnella of the Lower School gave a very stimulating and enjoyable Lecture-Recital on Scottish Fiddle Music in Academy Hall on 16th April. The sum of £136 was raised: after deducting expenses, Mr Gonnella will generously be presenting the balance to School funds, with the Lower School especially in mind.

Parents' Evenings have been held for all the classes in the Senior School, from January to June. During the Session visiting lecturers spoke to boys of appropriate ages on Health Education and "The Church To-day."

The Boarders' Social continues to meet on Saturday evenings during the two winter terms. Boarders are grateful to Mr McGregor, who has organised these for two years; the activities are now in the capable charge of Mr Reid.

The School Captain, Gordon Percy, whose sailing exploits are recorded later in this issue, had his boat on display in Bell's Sports Centre in Perth during the Jubilee Visit to the City, and he had the opportunity of speaking both to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Just at the time of going to press, we hear that the Pipe Band has won the West of Scotland Schools Pipe Band Championship, held in

Glasgow on Friday, 27th May. This represents great advance and a lot of very hard work: all credit to them and to Mr Donaldson, their instructor.

We are glad to end these Notes with news of the following University awards:

Ferguson Torrens has been awarded a William J. Matheson Bursary to the value of £80 per annum to read Chemistry at St Andrews University for four years;

Glasgow University have announced that David Frier came 32nd out of the first 100 candidates in their Bursary examination. Details of the precise award will not be available until the end of June. He will read Modern Languages;

David Stuttard has been awarded a MacDougall Trust Bursary worth £100 per annum to read Classics for three years at St Andrews University.

In congratulating these distinguished sixth-formers on their success, we wish them and all boys leaving School at the end of this Session good fortune in their careers.

SPEECH DAY, 1976

Speech Day was held in St Michael's Church at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday, 1st July, 1976. The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr David P. McLaren, presided, and the prizes were presented by Dr G. M. Burnett, Ph.D., D.Sc., F.R.I.C., F.R.S.E., Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Heriot-Watt University. Dr Burnett gave an interesting and thought-provoking address before presenting the prizes to both Schools.

In his Report the Rector praised the thirty years of service to Morrison's of Mr John Williamson, retiring as Deputy Rector and Principal Teacher of History. Mr Johnston-Jones then gave a résumé of many of the School's activities during the session, stressing the importance of group and individual interests and pursuits. He also described the flexibility of the structure of the two Schools, mentioning in particular the mixed classes in Primary 7 and Primary 4 due to begin in September 1976. Contact with parents, the Rector maintained, was a continuing and important facet of the School's progress, and he felt that this was growing ever closer.

Academic Prizes

P4: 1st, R. W. DalGLISH; 2nd, I. H. Mackie.

P5: 1st, W. M. Scott; 2nd, A. S. Meakin.

P6: 1st, E. A. Ferguson; 2nd, A. S. Dingley.

P7: 1st, A. M. Scott; 2nd, J. B. Cartwright.

S1 Cross: 1st, C. M. Band; 2nd, I. G. M. Duguid.

S1 Star: 1st, G. D. Thom; 2nd, M. Valentine.

S2 Cross: 1st, G. W. Frier; 2nd, A. J. E. Gray.

S2 Star: 1st, C. D. Penny; 2nd, D. B. Meakin.

S3: 1st, J. G. Cunningham; 2nd, D. L. Lord; 3rd, F. I. M. Band; 4th, K. D. W. Ashworth; 5th, J. H. Holms; 6th, R. T. G. Wishart.

S4: 1st, G. B. McInroy; 2nd, J. H. Kitching; 3rd, C. I. Millar; 4th, M. H. Butters; 5th, J. Meredith; 6th, R. A. Christie.

S5: 1st, D. G. Frier; 2nd, F. Torrens; 3rd, D. A. Stuttard; 4th, K. L. Rundle; 5th, S. M. Ragless; 6th, W. G. H. Scott.

Taylor English Prize: R. J. Welsh.

Reid Technical Prize: I. J. Morris.

S6: Baker English Prize: G. G. Mitchell.

Strathairn History Prize: P. E. F. Stott.

Hynd Language Prize: C. R. Swan.

Howard Baker Economics Prize: D. I. Telford.

Moffat Biology Prize: W. McColl.

John Smith Chemistry Prize: W. McColl.

Kippen Physics Prize: D. R. Laing.

John Smith Mathematics Prize: D. R. Laing.

Individual Trophies:

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

Dye Cup for Tennis: D. I. Telford.

Valentine Shield: C. J. Murray.

Robertson Dobie Piping Trophy: A. C. Kerr.

Junior Piping Prize: J. R. Halley.

House Trophies:

Downie Tennis: The Drummonds.

Smith Swimming: The Drummonds.

Marr Rugby: The Murrays.

Marr Cricket: The Drummonds.

Champion House Shields:

Lauder (Lower School): The Campbells.

Crieff (Upper School): The Murrays.

Medallists:

MacRosty Medal: T. Blair.

Dux Medal: C. R. Swan.

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THE BOARDING HOUSES

Those who were boarders and who left School over twelve years ago will find many changes in the accommodation and leisure activities. These have been made possible through the generosity of the late Theodore Purdie and two other Morrisonians who together have gifted £80,000 towards the improvement of the boarding facilities.

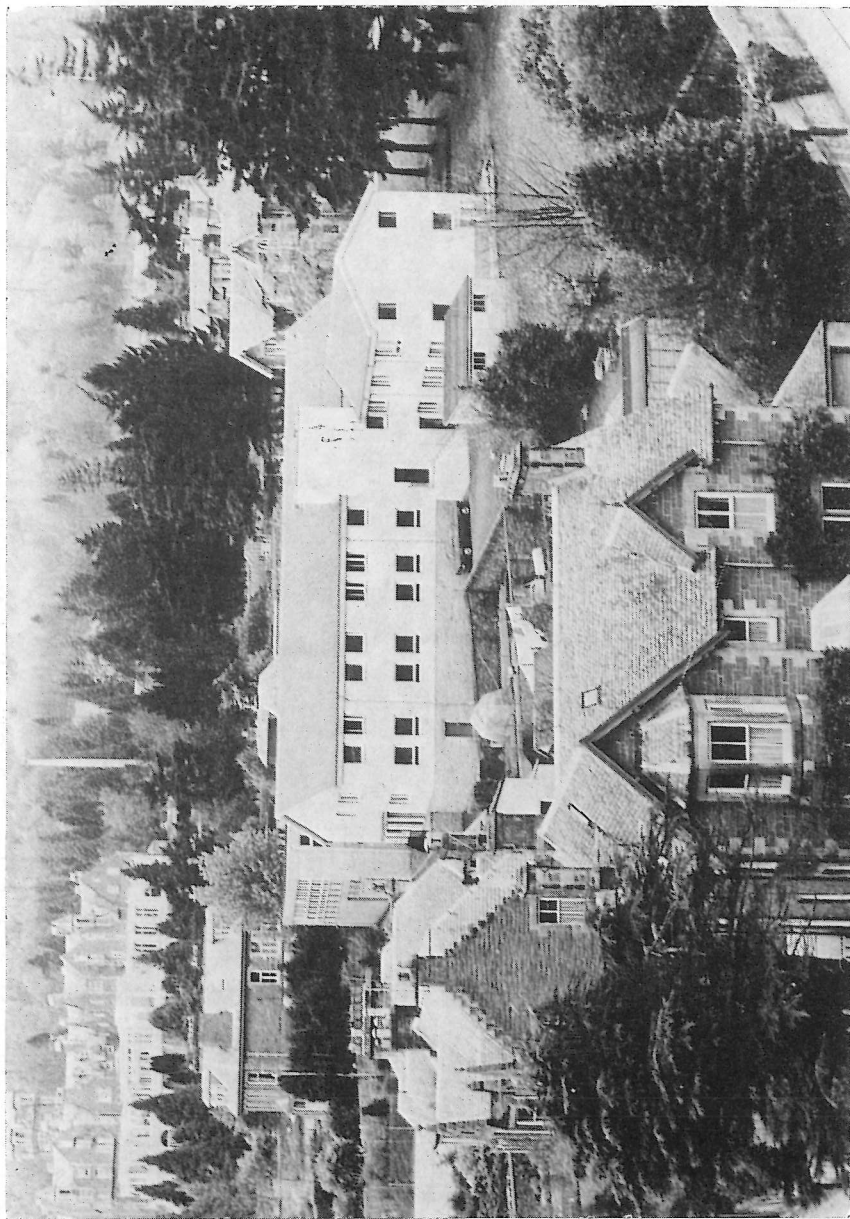
Glenearn has been extended by the purchase of the adjoining Ardenmhor and the two buildings have been linked by a prep. room, a senior common room and study bedrooms for senior boys. A large rumpus room has been built behind old Glenearn and it provides a source of exercise throughout the year. The old grass tennis court has been made all-weather and it has been marked out also for basketball.

Knockearn, which was a privately owned girls' house, was purchased by the Association in 1964 and as it adjoins Dalmhor, the Council was able to acquire some 3½ acres of ground. A new block, comprising a refectory, study, and rumpus room, has been built between the two houses and it has been named the Purdie building. An all-weather tennis court has been laid beside this building.

The girls from Knockearn exchanged houses with the boys from Ogilvie and thus the Council was able to form a joint house of sixty boys, with the seniors in Dalmhor and the juniors in Knockearn. Ogilvie House was refurbished and adapted as a house for twenty-five girls.

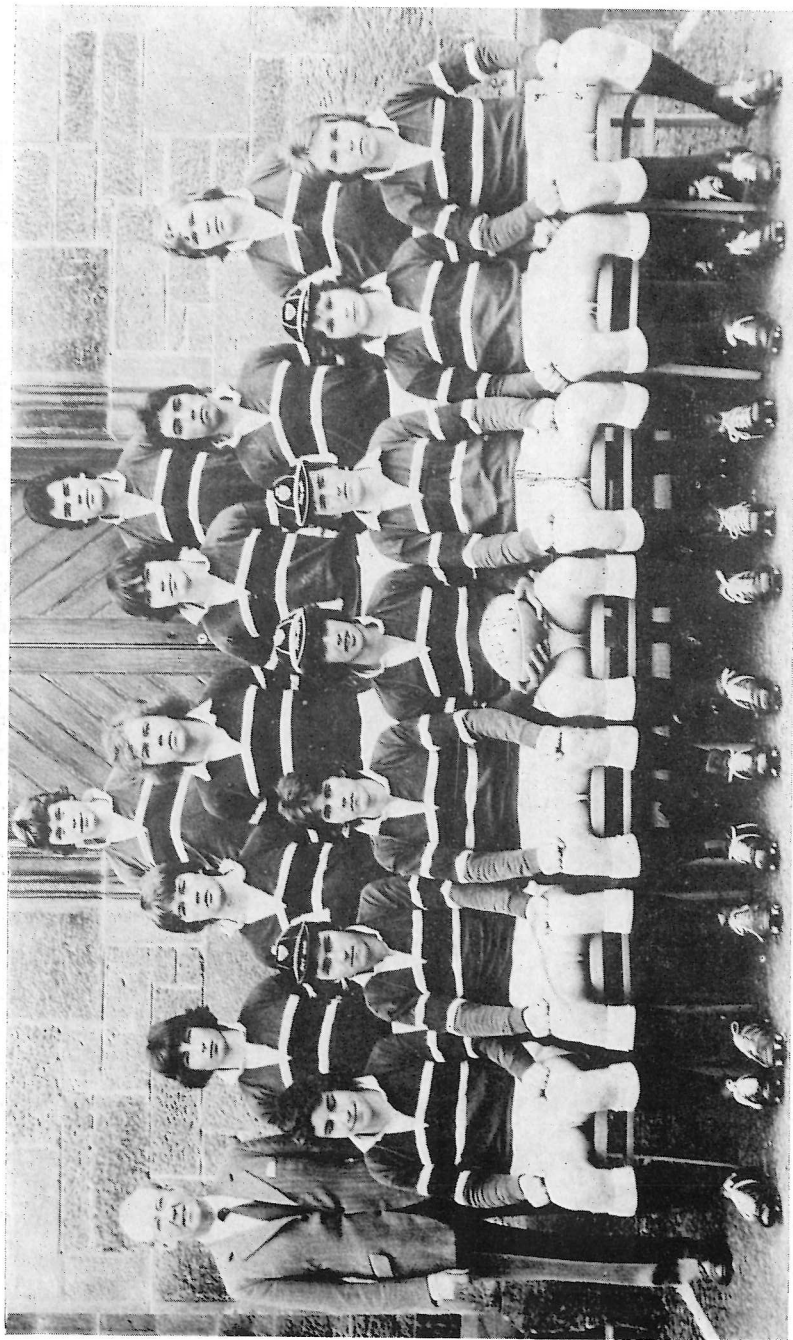
The Governors were notified by Mrs Campbell, who owned the private boarding house of Newstead, that she was to retire at the end of the Session in 1974 and the Association was asked to accommodate her thirty-five girls. While several schemes were being investigated, a generous proportion of the above gift was received and it was decided to erect a custom-built house for forty-two boys in the Dalmhor/Knockearn Complex, and to convert and improve the old Academy House as a girls' boarding house. The new Academy House is the most up-to-date building of its type in Scotland with its study bedrooms, a rumpus room, television and hobbies room. Spacious flats for the Housemaster and Tutor form one wing of the building. The boys have their own play area in the grounds and share the tennis court with the other houses. Considerable alterations to the old house were carried out and these included the erection of a new bathroom block, and the conversion of an outhouse into a laundry. Study bedrooms have been provided for six senior girls, and an all-weather tennis court has been laid on the lawn at the side of the house. After various delays and problems these projects were near completion at Christmas 1974 and the boys from Academy House moved up to Ewanfield, taking their name with them, and the girls from Newstead occupied the old building which, with the permission of Sir Malcolm Knox, the former Chairman of the Governors, the Council was pleased to name "Knox House."

BOARDING HOUSE COMPLEX



The new Academy House is pictured centrally; the Purdie Block is immediately to the left and partially hidden by Academy House, while Dalmhor is up to the left. Crieff Hydro is top left; Knockearn is on the right.

FIRST XV 1976-77



Back: Mr A. P. Macintyre, A. M. Stuart, G. S. Drummond, M. J. M. Coombes, A. P. Milroy, T. G. Reid, N. J. Brown, I. McKenzie, J. I. Glen.

Front: J. A. Campbell, M. G. A. Parker, E. S. Gillies, N. J. Marshall (captain), G. S. Percy, D. B. Lindsay, B. J. Wilson.

In 1975 there was an increased demand for girls' boarding places, especially from overseas, and as the boys' numbers were more or less static, it was decided to transfer the boys from Knockearn and to fill Academy, Dalmhor and Glenearn to capacity. Knockearn once again became a girls' house, but this time the amenities were considerably improved. An all-weather tennis court is being laid for the use of the house and it is hoped that it will be ready before the end of this Session.

In 1975 Mr and Mrs John Reid, who had operated the private house of Avondale after Mr Reid's mother had retired, decided to cease keeping boarders, and as only a small proportion of these were remaining at School that year, they were spread throughout the other Houses.

We now have a total of 260 boarders, of which 156 come from overseas or whose parents are in the Forces. There is a continued demand for boarding places and we are confident that despite the problems which will undoubtedly face the School during the next few years, the excellent boarding facilities which are situated in the magnificent setting of Crieff will always prove an attraction to parents.

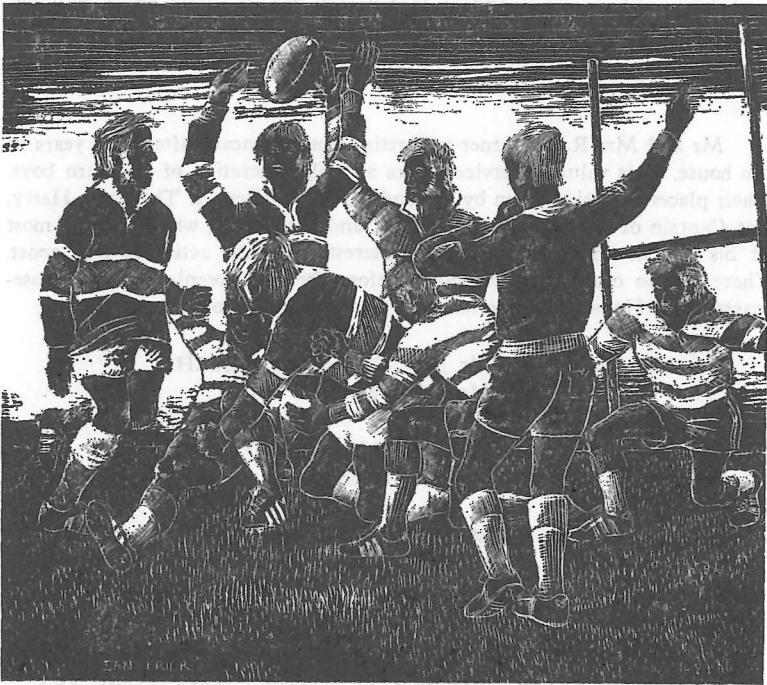
Mr and Mrs R. J. Turner will retire from Glenearn after nine years in the house. This valuable service covers a whole generation of Glenearn boys. Their places are being taken by Mr and Mrs H. T. Beattie. Their son, Harry, was Captain of the School in the sixties, and Mr Beattie, who has spent most of his life in India, takes a keen interest in youth activities and sport. There are no other changes and therefore the full complement of Housemasters and Housemistresses for next year will be as follows:

Academy House	—	Mr J. C. S. McGregor, D.P.H. Mrs McGregor.
Dalmhor	—	Mr A. P. Macintyre, D.P.E.H. Mrs Macintyre.
Glenearn	—	Mr H. T. Beattie, O.B.E. Mrs Beattie.
Benheath	—	Miss M. B. R. Fraser.
Knockearn	—	Mrs M. Fotheringham, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.
Knox	—	Mrs A. N. B. Smith.
Ogilvie	—	Mrs K. M. Kerr.

Sports Clubs

RUGBY

Captain: N. J. MARSHALL



This season's team had a nucleus of players, both forward and backs, who had previously played for the First XV, and this helped new players to settle without too much difficulty. We started the season on a high note by beating the Old Boys, and we went on to win seven more matches out of fifteen, with

one drawn. There was an additional Old Boys' match this season, when the London Morrisonian Club came to the School in November for a presentation (see School Notes and Old Boys' Section): we much appreciated these former members of the School making the effort to come so far north.

There were disappointing results against Dollar Academy, Royal High, Kelvinside Academy, and Strathallan, where a compound of poor tackling, slack covering and some unlucky breaks resulted either in a draw or a narrow defeat.

There were some excellent wins against Aberdeen Grammar, Dundee High and Robert Gordon's, when the backs used their skills to best advantage and played attractive attacking rugby. The forwards were very light in comparison with most packs, but what they lacked in size they made up for in determination: thus they had some surprising possession in the scrums and lineouts. Unfortunately the pack's tackling was weak; had this been tighter, we might have avoided defeat on a few occasions.

Although good possession was rare, the backs showed that they could make the most of this. Of a lively back division, N. J. Marshall was top scorer, with 132 points. The half-backs, B. J. Wilson and Marshall combined well, while D. B. Lindsay and I. McKenzie ran strongly on occasions. E. S. Gillies and Lindsay must be commended on their tackling, which at times prevented tries being scored. The wingers contributed to the score in many matches, with a combined total of twenty tries.

Of the pack M. G. A. Parker and G. S. Percy were always seen to be energetically clearing up loose ball, or backing up some good and willing workers in G. S. Drummond, T. G. Reid and M. J. M. Coombes.

N. J. Marshall was chosen to play at full-back for the Scottish Schools Rugby Union against the French schools in Perpignan at Christmas, and then as replacement in the other two internationals, against England and Wales. He also played at stand-off half for the London Scottish Schoolboys at Richmond in January. D. B. Lindsay, B. J. Wilson and Marshall were chosen to play for the Midlands District against Edinburgh, Glasgow and the South, with Marshall captaining the side. I. McKenzie and J. A. Campbell were selected to play for the Midlands "B".

The Rugby Club is very grateful to members of staff who gave up their free time to coach teams, to referee or to travel to away matches. Special thanks must go to Mr Macintyre for his continual encouragement and faith in the side, as well as the effort he has put in this season. Thanks must also go to Mr Grieve and his staff for maintaining Dallerie in its excellent condition.

Full colours were awarded to: D. B. Lindsay, N. J. Marshall, M. G. A. Parker, G. S. Percy and B. J. Wilson.

Half-colours were awarded to: J. A. Campbell, G. S. Drummond, E. S. Gillies and A. M. Stuart.

FIRST XV RESULTS

Date		Opponents	Result	Points	
				F.	A.
Sept. 11		MORRISONIAN CLUB	Won	14	12
Sept. 18		KELVINSIDE ACADEMY	Lost	12	22
Sept. 25		DOLLAR ACADEMY	Lost	7	10
Oct. 2		MERCHISTON CASTLE SCHOOL	Lost	0	21
Oct. 9		HUTCHESON'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Won	19	3
Oct. 16		GEORGE WATSON'S COLLEGE	Lost	17	29
Oct. 30		DUNFERMLINE HIGH SCHOOL	Won	36	7
*Nov. 1		LONDON MORRISONIAN CLUB	Won	38	0
Nov. 6		ROBERT GORDON'S COLLEGE	Won	16	11
Nov. 13		ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL	Lost	3	6
Nov. 16		STRATHALLAN SCHOOL	Drawn	19	19
Nov. 20		PAISLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Won	16	14
Nov. 27		DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL	Won	37	0
Dec. 4		GLENALMOND	Cancelled		
Dec. 11		PERTH ACADEMY	Cancelled		
1977					
Jan. 15		GEORGE HERIOT'S SCHOOL	Cancelled		
Jan. 22		STEWART'S-MELVILLE COLLEGES	Cancelled		
Feb. 5		EDINBURGH ACADEMY	Lost	6	19
Feb. 12		HILLHEAD HIGH SCHOOL	Cancelled		
Feb. 26		BOROUGHMUIR SCHOOL	Cancelled		
March 5		GLASGOW ACADEMY	Won	16	3
March 12		ABERDEEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Won	48	3

* Not an official School fixture.

SECOND XV

Captain: I. J. MORRIS

The season began well with a good win, but the team then had a bad spell and lost three closely contested games in a row. They then pulled together to win seven of the remaining nine games. The pack produced good ball for the backs throughout the season from both the set piece and the ruck and maul. G. D. Brown led the pack for most of the season, but he was later selected for the First XV. He played excellent rugby at wing forward, as his eventual promotion confirmed. A. C. Nicoll also had a fine season in the pack, supplying good ball to the backs from the lineout.

The good ball supplied by the pack was well distributed, through the scrum-half, I. J. Morris, to the backs, with D. J. F. McIntyre at stand-off finding gaps in many a solid-looking defence. The service was not wasted, as the high number of "points for" shows: J. Meredith was top try-scorer with fifteen tries. The full-back, G. Gorrie, was top-scoring kicker, with sixty-one points. The Second XV can look back on a good season in which everyone played well as a team.

THIRD XV

Captain: R. A. CHRISTIE

The Third XV this season was characterised by a determined hard-running back division and a compact and resolute pack of forwards. Two crushing defeats, by Merchiston Castle and by Trinity College, Glenalmond, helped to weld the side into a very successful team willing to play open rugby and to attack from all phases of play. R. A. Christie was a quietly effective captain and A. S. Biggart a competent half-back and goal kicker. D. I. S. Browne gave a vociferous lead to a hard-working pack amongst whom M. R. G. Watt and J. G. Adam were noteworthy.

COLTS XV

Captain: C. N. MARSHALL

A win over Stewart's-Melville "B" XV and a very close match with Rannoch were the two bright moments in what was a very dismal performance over the season. Having six heavy defeats without scoring a point in reply bears sad witness to our relative weakness in defence and attack.

However, altogether twenty-one boys were involved in representing their school, and the pool was not without boys of ability and those who gave their utmost both in practice games and school matches — notably A. C. Kerr, D. I. Kerr, C. N. Marshall and I. R. Robertson, who were awarded Colts' Badges.

FIFTH XV

Captain: S. A. MacNICOL

This has been a disappointing season. Because of the severe winter, nine matches were cancelled, our last game being on 27th November. Furthermore, the physical size of the team, with one or two exceptions, is small, and the numerical size of the Second Year is below normal strength: thus what is surprising is not the resulting poor record but the cheerful resilience of the players. Indeed, some of the smallest boys — B. J. Arnott, D. S. Bosomworth, G. G. Deans, A. S. Small and G. G. Smith — are the most spirited and courageous. S. F. Holder's physical dominance is an asset and he is a fine athlete, but he and the others are well aware of the dangers of over-reliance on one player.

All players worked hard under the quiet but responsible captaincy of S. A. MacNicol, and especially notable for progress during the season were R. M. Gillies, S. G. Moore and G. A. J. Allan.

SIXTH XV

Captain: R. G. J. MATHERS

Of the eight games that the Sixth XV played this season, only one victory was recorded, with seven defeats and the remaining nine games being cancelled because of the weather.

As in past seasons, the XV never matched their opponents for size, and despite being the more skilful side on many occasions, they were given very little chance to prove it by their larger and heavier opposition.

The one highlight of the season was the victory over Dollar Academy. A. McKenzie had an outstanding game, scoring four tries and for once using his advantage of height and weight to the full.

Others worthy of mention this season are G. D. Boyd, who hooked consistently well, A. J. G. Bryson and R. G. J. Mathers, who made a fine half-back combination, and A. M. Williamson, who tackled fearlessly at all times.

PRIMARY XV

Captain: A. A. MURCHIE

A good hard-working team, prepared to throw the ball about and make use of the strong-running backs, among whom Turner and MacLachlan were prominent. A lack of height and weight made forward possession difficult at set scrums and lineouts, but this was balanced by fine rucking and tackling. The weather proved to be our most difficult opponent — four games only being played. In spite of the lack of match experience, the attitude and enthusiasm of the team bode well for the future.

Team Records for Season 1976-77

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XV	15	8	1	6	266	179
2nd XV	13	8	0	5	300	82
3rd XV	12	7	0	5	128	97
Colts XV	11	1	0	10	34	288
5th XV	8	1	1	6	78	202
6th XV	8	1	0	7	23	224
Primary XV	4	1	0	3	20	76

CRICKET — 1976 SEASON



The season started under extremely poor weather conditions with an away fixture against George Watson's. The match resulted in a draw, but with Watson's holding the upper hand.

The first victory of the season came in an away match against Stewart's-Melville. The home side were dismissed for 85, with S. A. Kidd taking four for 28. Morrison's passed the total for the loss of only three wickets, J. I. Glen top scorer with 29 and G. D. Brown with an undefeated 24. The following two matches, against Robert Gordon's and Strathallan, were both cancelled. The next match, against Crieff, resulted in a draw after Crieff had declared at 115 for five. The game ended with Morrison's at 95 for six.

After mid-term the side went through a depressing spell, losing four consecutive games. Poor batting led to Morrison's defeat at Paisley Grammar by ten wickets, after having been dismissed for only 62 runs. Good bowling dismissed Glenalmond for 88 runs, but again poor batting led to the side being dismissed for 42 runs. Against Kelvinside, Morrison's were all out for a meagre 59 runs, but this time the contest was far closer, with Kelvinside winning eventually by two wickets, with D. I. Telford taking five for 20. After a good start against George Heriot's, a batting collapse brought Morrison's to dismissal for 73. Heriot's attained their target for the loss of four wickets, three of them taken by D. I. Telford for 26 runs.

The standard of play improved against Comrie, but it did not provide a much needed victory, and the game resulted in a draw. M. G. A. Parker bowled superbly to take six for 46, and Telford had an undefeated 38. In the next match, after having removed Dollar for 72, Morrison's struggled to victory by three wickets; W. D. Allan took five for 7. In our attempt to defeat Perth Academy, Telford hit 55, but the Perth side managed to hold out for a draw.

Once again it was the match against the Morrisonian Club which provided the best form of the season. The School batted first and were all out for 207, with W. R. P. Taylor scoring 60, Telford 46 and Glen 31. The Old Boys were dismissed for only 81, with Allan taking three for 1.

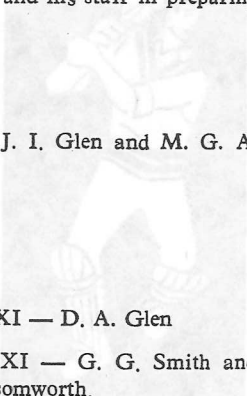
As a whole it was not a very satisfactory season for the team, although they were unlucky on occasions. There was, however, a fine team spirit, and

enthusiasm was shown on and off the field. The main downfalls were the inconsistency of the batting and the failure of some players to come up to their full potential. Credit must go to D. I. Telford for his fine captaincy and all-round play throughout the season: deservedly, he won the cricket prize for the second time.

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 D. I. Telford.

Half-Colours were awarded to W. D. Allan, J. I. Glen and M. G. A. Parker.



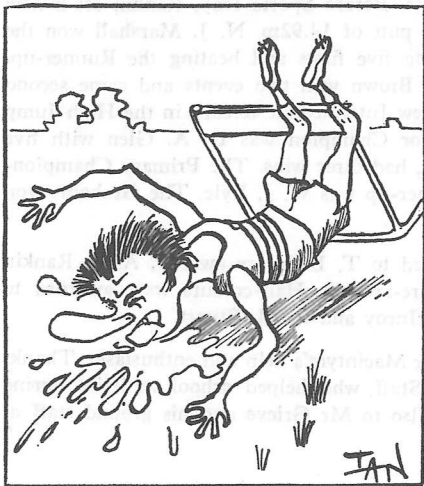
Team Captains, 1976

1st XI — D. I. Telford	Junior "A" XI — D. A. Glen
2nd XI — I. A. Fotheringham	Junior "B" XI — G. G. Smith and D. S. Bosomworth,
Colts XI — A. S. Biggart	Primary XI — W. D. Cartwright.

Team Records, 1976

	P	W	D	L
1st XI	11	●	4	4
2nd XI	7	4	0	3
Colts XI	6	2	1	3
Junior "A" XI	6	4	1	1
Junior "B" XI	6	2	1	3
Primary XI	5	1	0	4

ATHLETICS — 1976 SEASON



Captained by T. Blair, the Athletics Team achieved a unique "double" in 1976, in beating both Dollar Academy and George Heriot's School in the same season for the first time. The team not only fielded strength in all groups but strength in depth — a rare blend.

The first contest, against Dollar Academy, gave the team a narrow victory by 177 points to 175. Best Performances were achieved by A. E. Rankin in the Shot Putt (14.48m); T. Blair in the High Jump (1.67m) and the Javelin (50.26m). In this extremely close match the

Juniors drew with 55 points each, the Intermediates were beaten by 57 points to 53 and the Seniors performed creditably to win by 69 points to 62.

The win against George Heriot's School was convincing: 196 points to 153, with victories by all three sections — Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Senior Best Performances were attained by T. Blair in the 110m Hurdles (15.6 sec) — equal Best Performance — and I. D. McInroy in the 800m (2 min 3.2 sec). In the Intermediate Section Best Performances were: C. S. J. Alexander — 200m (24.5 sec); M. Derry — 800m (2 min 8.3 sec); N. J. Marshall — 100m Hurdles (14.2 sec) and High Jump (1.64m).

Eleven members of the Athletics Team entered for the Scottish Schools Championships at Pitreavie, but only A. E. Rankin won a medal, when he came second in the Group "A" (17-19 years) Shot Putt. T. Blair did, however, manage a fourth place in the Javelin.

Three boys went to Meadowbank and took part in the Scottish A.A.A. Championships. T. Blair gained a Bronze Medal and a Badge Standard in the Junior 100m Hurdles (17-19 years) and A. E. Rankin, competing in his specialist event, the Shot Putt, also gained a Bronze Medal and Badge Standard.

Both Blair and Rankin must be congratulated on their successes in other "external" competitions. They were outstanding all-round performers and gave unceasing encouragement to the younger athletes, spending much time helping them throughout the season.

Yet again we were blessed with warm weather for Sports Day and spectators were entertained by some very exciting athletics. A. E. Rankin won the Senior Championship with 43 points to T. Blair's 41, both Champion and Runner-up winning four events. Before Sports Day, Rankin set a new School Record in the heats with a putt of 14.92m. N. J. Marshall won the Intermediate Championship, gaining five firsts and beating the Runner-up, N. J. Brown, by 43 points to 27. Brown won two events and came second in a further three. Marshall set a new Intermediate Record in the High Jump with a jump of 1.64m. The Junior Champion was D. A. Glen with five wins; the Runner-up, S. F. Holder, had three wins. The Primary Championship went to A. Findlay, and Runner-up was W. J. Lyle. The Grahams won the Inter-House Championship.

Athletics Colours were awarded to T. Blair (re-award), A. E. Rankin (re-award) and N. J. Marshall (re-award). Half-colours were awarded to E. S. Gillies (re-award), I. D. McInroy and R. M. Stuart.

Everyone much appreciated Mr Macintyre's help and enthusiasm. Thanks also go to every member of the Staff who helped school athletics during the season. Praise and thanks go also to Mr Grieve and his ground staff at Dallerie for all their hard work.

TENNIS



1976 was a disappointing season for the School Tennis Team. They entered the Midlands Tennis Tournament but were beaten 6-3 in the first round by Glenalmond, with the first couple the only pair to win their match. We hope for better things in the future.

There was again an encouraging entry for the Dye Cup, with the finalists being D. I. Telford and C. J. Miquel. The eventual winner of the Tournament was Telford, who won the Cup for the second successive year.

The team was:

First Couple:

C. J. Miquel
D. I. Telford

Second Couple:

C. J. Fraser
C. A. J. Kinniburgh

Third Couple:

B. J. Wilson
W. D. Allan

C. J. M.

GOLF



The School Golf Team had another successful year, winning the Perth and Kinross County Schools Match-Play Championship, and being 4th in the stroke-play event. The team did especially well to beat a good Perth High School side in the final of the match-play, winning by 3 matches to 1.

The Belch Cup this year took the form of two medal rounds, as opposed to the normal three. The winner was M. G. A. Parker on 137; runner-up was D. I. Telford on 143; with R. A. Christie third on 149.

This year for the first time the annual match against the Old Boys took place at Comrie, with the School emerging winners by 3 matches to 1.

Finally, congratulations to G. A. Hepburn for being chosen to represent the county at junior level, and to R. D. Kay for his recent fine performances in winning the county junior stroke-play and match-play events.

- The School Team was:
1. M. G. A. Parker
 2. D. I. Telford (Captain)
 3. G. A. Hepburn
 4. A. S. Biggart

BADMINTON

The Badminton Club had a very successful season, and much of the credit for this must go to Mr MacKenzie for his encouragement, energy and enthusiasm. Mr MacKenzie's departure from the School is keenly felt — not least by the Badminton Club.

All matches, tournaments and so on operate on a mixed basis with the Girls' School. The record is quite impressive. Morrison's won the Perth and Kinross Section of the Royal Bank Quaiach. The following were runners-up in the Perth and Kinross Schools Badminton Association Tournament at Bell's Sports Centre in December, 1976: D. J. F. McIntyre and R. A. Rush; G. D. Brown; T. B. Gallagher and R. T. G. Wishart.

The same boys, with G. Griffiths, were selected to play for Perth and Kinross against Fife, when Perth and Kinross were the winners in all three age groups, and were also selected to play for Perth and Kinross in the Scottish Schools Badminton Union Annual Championships.

In League matches Morrison's had a good record of wins, with the over-16 age group being particularly strong. The over-14 age group, contains some promising players, and the under-14 age group, although keen, is somewhat lacking in experience.

On the Club level, there has been a lamentable lack of interest amongst the more senior boys, but we have many keen young players, and this augurs well for the future.

R.K.F.

SWIMMING



This year saw a drop in the activities of the Swimming Club. The Perth and Kinross Swimming Championships were not held this year, and neither were the Glenalmond Time Trials for the Scottish Schools' Swimming Championships.

The School Gala took place in December. It was, as usual, a closely fought occasion, with the Grahams becoming deserved winners. Points were as follows:

1st: Grahams — 123;

2nd: Murrays — 108;

3rd: Drummonds — 95;

4th: Campbells — 82.

During the year many boys have taken part in the Life-Saving Award Scheme. Many passes were gained and interest seems to be increasing. Numbers of passes were:

Intermediate — 14 awards.

Bronze — 12 awards.

Awards of Merit — 2.

C. I. M.

HOCKEY

THE TRUE ACCOUNT

(as opposed to that of the Girls' School)

On the first Monday of the Summer Term the annual Girls-Boys hockey match took place at Nellfield.

The First XI were resplendent in their kilts, "wellies" and other accessories; while the First XV "Select" wore the usual selection of outrageous and totally unsuitable gear.

The girls got off to an amazing start, when Sheena Watson somehow managed to attract the boys' attention (?), leaving Alison Telford with an easy open goal. Immediately the boys were on the offensive and, picking up a superb through pass from David Lindsay, Ewan Gillies zoned in on the goal, only to be felled by the stick-swinging, bulldozing 'keeper. Miss Yorston was besieged with pleas for a penalty, and while the boys remonstrated, Shona "Gunn" McLean was left with a free shot at goal.

Half-time: Girls 2, Boys 0.

From the "bully-off" the boys mounted repeated attacks, resulting in Ewan Gillies and Neil Marshall scoring one goal each, and Iain Glen — hero for the day — scoring two goals.

Final score: Girls 2, Boys 4.

Full Colours were awarded to N. J. Marshall.

Half-Colours were awarded to P. & W. Thummanond.

Much thanks must go to Mr Macintyre for allowing the boys to play, and to Miss Yorston for refereeing. E.S.G.

(The editors accept no responsibility for the accuracy or good taste of the foregoing article; doubtless a rival publication will make good any damaged reputations.)

C.C.F. NOTES

Senior Cadets during the session were:

C.S.M.: A. C. Nicoll

C.Q.M.S.: G. C. M. Rutherford

The O.C. is still Major Meakin, who is assisted by Captain Stuttard and the S.S.I., R.Q.M.S. Robertson.

After the drop in numbers on the change to a completely voluntary Contingent, recruiting from this year's Form III was very good, and the strength has now risen to 50.

There was no official Inspection in 1976 and we departed from the previous practice of inviting a Morrisonian to act as Inspecting Officer on Inspection Day instead of the Army's nominee. Instead, on the evening before Sports Day we had a small parade to which parents were invited. The Inspecting Officer was Lt.-Colonel Cartwright, a Morrisonian himself and a parent of four present pupils. Although now independent of the C.C.F., the Pipe Band was also inspected. Prizes were presented as follows:

Cultybraggan Cup (Best Recruit): Cadet J. G. Adam.

Finch Cup (Best House): The Murrays.

Sword of India (Best Junior N.C.O.): Cpl. S. J. Penny.

Kenya Cup (Best Senior N.C.O.): C.S.M. J. Garven.

Mungall Vase (Senior Shooting): Sgt. A. C. Nicoll.

Robertson Dobie Cup (Junior Shooting): Cadet G. Willing.

It is intended to repeat the parents' evening this year, and to hold the Piping Competition after the parade.

In the 1976 Highland Tactical Course based on Cultybraggan, our "A" Team, commanded by C.S.M. Garven, was first and our "B" Team was seventh. The "B" Team should have been commanded by Sgt. Nicoll but he fell ill on the evening before the march started and his place was taken throughout the entire competition by L/Cpl. Penny, who won much praise for his handling of the situation. The prize for the "A" Team was a Cup and tankards for each individual. All who took part were again presented with H.D. flashes.

Camp in 1976 was with the Royal Engineers in B.A.O.R. at Osna-brück. The Cadets had a most interesting week with unbroken sunshine

until the last morning. Very fortunately the swimming pool for the whole Osnabrück garrison was within two hundred yards of our Cadets' rooms. Visits were paid to Hameln and Belsen besides Osnabrück itself, so that the Cadets saw something of Germany as well as of the Army.

On our way to Camp we stopped in London, although according to B.R. we should have been nowhere near London, as that is not the shortest route to Harwich. The reason for the detour was that the London Morrisonians had arranged to entertain the party for the Saturday before leaving for Harwich. In the morning we were met at the Tower by Lt.-Colonel Cartwright, whose Regiment, the Royal Fusiliers, has its Headquarters inside the precinct. This gained us free access. We were then given a talk about the Tower, followed by refreshments, before the Cadets were turned loose to visit the various buildings. After lunch we reassembled and were met by a party of Morrisonians, who took the boys off to various places of interest such as Madame Tussaud's. All were eventually delivered back to Liverpool Street for the Harwich train. We are very much indebted to the London Morrisonians for what was a most happy day.

This year's camp is once again at Warcop, where again a wide variety of attractive pursuits is being offered, such as caving, climbing and canoeing. So many cadets wished to go that we had to ask for extra places, and we shall be taking 75per cent of our strength.

Adventurous Training was again at Torrin in Skye. This time, however, only five senior Cadets were there, as Major Meakin was the only adult available. We had scarcely arrived when the Forestry Warden so well known to us at a previous camp appeared asking for volunteers to fight a heath fire which was threatening one of his plantations. As the weather changed that night, this was the only occasion on which we were needed. The weather was very variable, from snow driving horizontally one day to howling gales and rain the following. However, the Cadets did everything at which they had aimed: the Bad Step, the top of Blaven, and their most ambitious project, a night on the Table in the Quirang. Those who have been up will be interested to know that they had to abandon their normal route up and take in their camping gear by the normal exit. (A separate account of this training appears in the next article — Ed.).

During the session we have had constant support from 23 Cadet Training Team in Stirling. This team was commanded by Captain Jimmy Graham, but he has now left the Army, and we finally bade good-bye to him at the Dinner on 22nd March.

Other Morrisonians in the Army news are Nigel Dunkley, our C.S.M. of 1973-74, who is now a subaltern in the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, and Graham Murray, who was Accompanying Officer on our Inspection some years ago and has now arrived in Perth to command 1/51 Highland Volunteers with the rank of Lt.-Colonel.

ADVENTUROUS TRAINING 1977

There follows an account from one of the boys of the training in Skye described in the C.C.F. Notes.

This year the annual Easter Training in Skye certainly lived up to its name of "Adventurous Training." The week's adventures ranged from heather fire-fighting to camping 1000 feet up in the snow. This year, as only Major Meakin was available, only five cadets could go to Skye. In the end, this turned out to be the best all-round number: we had plenty of room in the school which we rent at Torrin, in south Skye.

Five minutes after we had reached our destination, a Forestry Commission Land Rover screeched to a halt and dragged us off to fight a heather fire a couple of miles away. As it happened, we were just in time to save a Forestry plantation. A farmer who lived nearby in the course of his heather-burning had come dangerously near the plantation.

Two days later we decided to carry tents up to a plateau about 1000 feet high, which is situated in the Quirang, a region of rock formations in the north of the island. This was, of course, absolutely insane. It was the middle of Easter and there was at least a foot of snow lying. We climbed on to the "Table" to see if conditions were right for our adventure. To reach this, you must first negotiate a large crack where the sheer cliff of rock has split. The Table nestles in among larger mountains. It has been said that the Quirang looks like some space planet because of the strange and awe-inspiring rock formations. The way up to the Table leads through this crack, which is about 100 feet high and at an angle of about 70 to 80 degrees. It is filled with scree and is therefore exceptionally difficult to climb. However, after three-quarters of an hour we were on top. The Table is a piece of ground about 30 feet high, and it is said that the Islanders used to play shinty on it in earlier times.

By this time we had realised that we would **never** manage to climb up the scree slope laden with tents, kitbags and the like. So we searched for another route down. At last we discovered one which involved only a 20-foot crack about 3 feet wide, which took half an hour to negotiate, and was very tricky indeed with packs because if they had slipped away from us, they would have fallen to the bottom, far, far below. Eventually we struggled up again on to the Table, heavily laden with kitbags. Alastair Nicoll, the C.S.M., offered (he didn't have much choice) to carry the three "Force Ten" tents, which were stuffed into a framed rucksack — an offer which he very soon regretted! It got dark at about eight o'clock at night and we just managed to clear some snow away and pitch our tents before visibility was reduced to nil.

As the sun rose, we crawled out of the tents and ran about and stamped, trying to get some circulation in our freezing extremities. Having taken down and packed the tents, we headed off to the Land Rover far below, looking forward to our meagre meal. However, we made up for our discomforts later that day when we went into the Royal Hotel in Portree to clean up and have coffee.

We also managed to climb Blaven, a feat which we have not been able to do for two or three years because of bad weather and snow. This year we were blessed with a super day. We could see well into the mainland of Scotland and also had a magnificent view of the Cuillins and the rest of Skye. But the next day, as if to keep up the tradition, the mountain was covered in snow.

All who were on the training thought it was the best camp in Skye for a long time, and those of us who are staying on are hoping to do the same next year. We are very grateful to Mr Meakin for making these ventures possible.

S.J.P.

PIPE BAND

In addition to their usual duties of playing on Sports Day and Speech Day, the Band, for the first time in many years, took part in the West of Scotland Schools Pipe Band Championships held by the Glasgow Highland Club in Glasgow Academy. The Band did very well to come fifth out of seven, and in the individual piping the Morrison's pipers carried all before them: J. L. Thomson won the senior competition, with I. M. Cartwright third, and A. C. Kerr won the junior competition. We hope for a better result this year when the Band play in the same competition at mid-term.

The Band's connection with the C.C.F. was not entirely severed as it played at both the General Inspection and the "Open" evening, and will do the same again this year.

The Robertson Dobie Piping Prize was won by A. C. Kerr in a competition held in the Memorial Hall before a small audience of parents and friends. We are very grateful to Pipe-Major MacGregor from Glenalmond for judging the competition.

Several gifts were received last year, and the Pipe Band would like to express thanks to the following: Brigadier Alston for the gift of a new bass drum; the Parents' Association for the gift of a new tenor drum; Mr Hay for the gift of a bass drummer's apron; and the Old Boy who wished to remain anonymous, who presented the Band with the generous gift of £100.

Finally our thanks are due to the piping instructor, David Donaldson, and Drum-Major Moulding for all their patient work throughout the year.

This year's officials are:

Pipe-Major: J. L. Thomson

Drum-Major: C. A. Watson

School Societies

DRAMA CLUB



The summer production in 1976 was Noël Coward's comedy "Blithe Spirit." Style is all-important in this kind of play, and it was with credit that some of the cast were able to capture Coward's style.

The cast was small, which made each part a challenge. Graham Ellis played the part of Charles with a confidence in stagecraft which was pleasing to observe. Sheila Macintyre as his second wife, Ruth, was an excellent foil, and she looked most attractive in the clothes of the thirties. Maureen Carson played Elvira, the ghostly first wife, looking right for the part and occasionally sounding right in the part. Jane Cartwright's Madame Arcati was very much an individualistic approach, stressing the physical eccentricities rather than the intellectual ones. Valerie Johnston-Jones and Ian Hunter

AS breathed life into the two "necessary extras" of Dr and Mrs Bradman. The part of Edith the maid, which was played by Lesley MacRae, was well developed, her awkwardness being a striking contrast to the practicality of Ruth and the sophistication of Elvira.

The costumes looked attractive and the set gave an atmosphere of the period. The usual team of backstage helpers so essential to every school production did a good job. Too soon it was all over, and with the set struck, the hall returned to its usual function.

With the new session, Mr Boyle regretfully resigned from running the senior Drama Club. The group will greatly miss him for his enthusiasm and leadership after many years of successful and happy productions: end-of-term activities such as this has traditionally been, have over recent years been bedevilled by early leavers and other attractions, and the frustrations of producing a school play, never easy at the best of times, have become intolerable. Mr Boyle has had his fair share of these difficulties, and his patience and tolerance have never allowed them to spoil established standards. Unfortunately he has not been replaced, so senior drama lies fallow at present.

Middle School drama, under the guiding hand of Dr MacQueen, has flourished this year. At the end of the Easter Term a production of "The Snow Queen" was presented for the public. A large cast worked well within the limitations of the stage, and few will forget the two crows or the striking Chancellor.

Junior drama continued under the guidance of Miss McCallum. Although this year no production was attempted, much enjoyment in voice production and stagecraft was experienced each Tuesday evening.

It is hoped that a full range of drama will be available next year.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Past and present members of the Morrison's Academy Debating Society would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr Andrews for helping and encouraging the Society during the last six years.

In the Debating Society there has been greater co-operation between the Boys' and the Girls' Schools this session. In the Boys' School we welcomed Mr Miller to the Society at the start of session and the following office-bearers were elected:

President:	J. M. Denholm
Secretary:	G. Gorrie
Publicity Officer:	J. Meredith
Form Representatives:	S6 A. D. McGeachie
	S5 J. Meredith
	S4 D. I. S. Browne
	S3 R. Hughes

During the first two terms regular Friday evening debates were held in the Memorial Hall. Some admirable speeches were made by boys and girls and there was vigorous questioning from the floor of The House. Boys from the junior classes of the Upper School have also shown an interest in debating and have attended Junior Debates held in the Girls' School.

Our joint team, which entered for the English Speaking Union Debating Competition, composed of Jack Meredith and Anne Hirst, reached the third round.

The annual Crieff Toastmasters' Speech-making Competition was held in December and we must congratulate Stephen Penny, who won first prize with a witty and amusing speech on "The Haggis" and we thank Mr Frier and his fellow Toastmasters for organising the event.

Another successful venture which involved considerable co-operation between the Boys' and the Girls' Schools was our annual Burns Night. We wish to thank Mr Carson for his help and for contributing a very amusing item to the programme.

We also enjoyed the hospitality of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, when we attended a debate, supper and informal dance.

Finally we would like to say that it has been a successful session for Morrison's Academy Debating Society and we are encouraged by the interest and enthusiasm shown by all pupils concerned. May we thank Mr Miller for his invaluable help throughout the session.

G. G.

THE SCRIPTURE UNION

Since the conjunction of the junior and senior sections of the Boys' Scripture Union last year, there has been a steady increase in the numbers of people from the younger age group attending our meetings. This has been most heartening, as is the upsurge in enthusiasm which has been experienced among the more senior members. This enthusiasm can be best gauged from the loud and lusty singing which accompanies each meeting. I am sure that decibels have not been so high for a long time.

The meetings themselves have been varied and interesting. Many have been taken by members themselves, or former members, returned for the afternoon from university, to witness on Christian life and work there. We have been pleased to welcome Mr Michael Haas, a T.E.V.-cum-concert-pianist presently at St Ninian's. "Boss" Gorrie from S.U. headquarters paid us another visit, as did Dr Heavenor, the School Chaplain. Both men delivered very vital and stimulating talks. One crisp evening at the end of the Easter Term, the joint forces of the boys' and girls' groups met in the G.P. Room to see a film demonstrating the work of the U.E. mission behind the Iron Curtain. This was most thought-provoking indeed and we all went away the richer for the experience. We would like to thank all those who have come in such a way to speak to us.

Thanks, too, to Miss Gardiner and the girls who have entertained us so charmingly on several occasions. Our special gratitude we would like to express to Mr Thomson, whose help in the running of the organisation has been quite invaluable, and without whom such happy meetings would be impossible.

So, we are at the end of another session, the last for some. Those of us who are leaving will always remember the S.U. as an important part of our school lives. We hope to return from time to time to keep up our connections with it and we pray that, with God's help, it will continue to grow and play an important part in the life of the school.

(Glossary: T.E.V. — Training in Evangelism Volunteer.

U.E. — Underground Evangelism.)

D. A. S.

SAILING CLUB

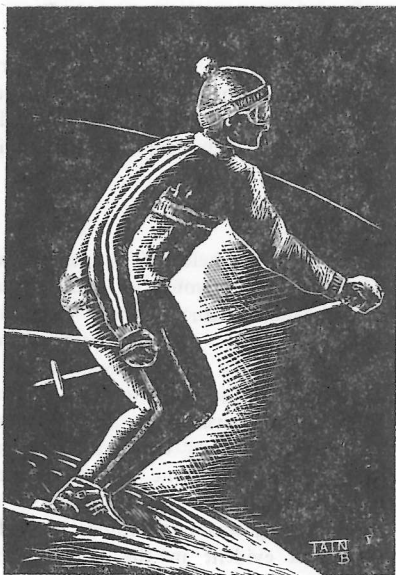
The Sailing Club had a very successful season last year, and this season has started off very well in spite of cold, unsettled weather (it always rains on Fridays!). As well as the remarkable successes in competitive sailing last season, a lot of very good sailing was enjoyed by a large number of pupils of both sexes on Mondays and Fridays throughout the season. On no single occasion were we unable to sail at all, and there were no inadvertent capsizes. Deliberate capsize practice was "enjoyed" by some of the hardier types late on in the season!

We rely heavily on the expertise of our Sailing Captain of the School — Gordon Percy. In his Hornet "Polaris Jack," with Alister Minty as crew, he clocked up some really excellent results last season. Firstly, in the Schools Races for the "Brown Cup" at Loch Earn in June, he came first out of a fleet of six Enterprises and two Hornets. In the Scottish Junior Championships at Granton he came first. In the Scottish Schools Sailing Association Championships at Troon in June, the School sponsored a team to take part. Gordon came second in a Laser and Alister Minty with Ian Findlay did well in a 420. None of them had ever sailed these types of boat before. The most remarkable success of all was probably Gordon's and Alister's second place in the Hornet European Championship at Fishguard in Wales during August. Again they were sponsored by the School. Already this season Gordon has come second in his Hornet in an Open Meeting at Cramond.

We have a great many new members this season from both Schools, and although we shall lose Gordon before very long, the Club will remain in a very healthy state if the present high level of interest continues.

R. K. F.

SKI CLUB



Once again snow conditions in Scotland were favourable and provided excellent opportunities for good ski-ing. Even greater interest than before was shown, and regrettably over-subscription prevented several from going on the trips to Glenshee. Towards the end of term a two-day instruction course was held and all those who went seemed to benefit.

The Perthshire Schools' Championship race was held on 22nd March. Although the sun shone, the snow was packed and rutted, making the course difficult for early competitors. The open team came fourth and were unlucky not to come third. The team were: W. R. P. Taylor, A. M. Stuart, G. S. Percy and J. M. Denholm.

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

W. R. P. T.

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

The School Orchestra

To establish a school orchestra of symphonic proportions must of necessity be the work of years, as the aim is to ensure that, once established, continuity is possible, despite the annual change in school population. To this end, it was decided firstly to allow the joint orchestra to develop over the next five to six years, and secondly that the present Primary pupils should play an important part in its evolution.

For two years now Primary pupils have been allowed to opt for violin lessons or class singing for one period each week. This was only in the Boys' School: from next session the choice will apply in both Schools. For woodwind instruments, too, an instructor has been appointed. Here, tuition is by private arrangement.

All instrumentalists are encouraged to meet on Monday afternoons at 3.30 for practices, and since the beginning of this session they have played regularly at Morning Assembly in both Schools. They have also appeared at several School functions throughout the year, including the Burns Supper, "Trial by Jury" and "The Snow Queen." They will be heard in a concert on the evenings of June 29th and 30th, and as part of the Jubilee Service which will be held in St Michael's Church on Sunday, June 12th. They will also be performing on Speech Day.

The orchestra is indebted to Mr Reid for his enthusiastic support. Our thanks also go to Mr Lindsay, who unfortunately must leave us at the end of this session: we wish him a happy retirement. His post will be filled by Mr Fleming, whose wide range of orchestral experience will surely be appreciated.

"Trial by Jury"

As indicated above, a Musical Evening was held in Academy Hall on 21st October, 1976. The first half of this was devoted to instrumental, orchestral and choral performances. Outstanding among these were the flute solo by Jill Dow — "Sicilienne" by Fauré — and the performance by Lorna Todd of the first movement of Vivaldi's Violin Concerto in A Minor. Both girls gave sensitive and intensely musical performances, perhaps inhibited by the sense of occasion, but nevertheless making considerable appeal to an appreciative audience. The girls' choir, a small and well selected group, had a clarity of diction and tone which revealed intense and dedicated preparation under Mrs Hunter. The orchestra is at an early stage of development and their playing was not without its difficulties; but enthusiasm and enjoyment was evident in the players, and we look forward to hearing great progress from this group.

The one-act comic opera "Trial by Jury" by Gilbert and Sullivan was the second half of this musical evening. Boys and girls gave creditable accounts of themselves and there was a lively sense of fun in this pro-

duction. David Stuttard was a nicely pompous and learned judge, coping with his "patter" song and combining a musical quality of voice with good diction. Lorna Todd revealed versatility by coping manfully with the role of the Usher, while Joanna Murray looked and sounded as sweet and pretty as any bride should: few could resist such a plaintiff. Robert Millner's stern and unyielding Defendant was a good contrast to the bride, even if his timing was a little unpredictable. The bridesmaids were delicious to look at and pleasing to hear; and the Gentlemen of the Jury did well to produce more sound than their numbers would suggest. Sadly, the production was spoilt by the size of the chorus as a whole, which was too large for Academy Hall's modest stage, and congestion kept movement to a minimum. Nevertheless, it was a praiseworthy effort.

Carol Service

The annual Carol Service took place on the last Sunday evening of the Christmas Term. Once again we re-lived the familiar sounds of Christmas and experienced the not so familiar. The Senior Choir is under strength in the tenor and bass sections, and this is aggravated by the very large number of girls.

The well-known hymns were the central points of the Service, as they always are, and the huge congregation gave these a rousing sound. The descants, sung by girl and boy sopranos, enriched the variety of familiar melodies, particularly in "Once in Royal David's City" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." The girls sang a Russian carol on their own, with pleasing and delicate tone; and they were unaccompanied in the contemporary Scottish Carol by Claire Liddell — a very difficult piece which was performed very competently. The junior boys' lack of experience was a hazard in "Adam lay y-bounden" and "Little Children, Wake and Listen!"; but David Gaskell and Laurie Stewart have fine voices and their duet was nicely done.

Of the works sung by the complete choir, the Willcocks arrangement of the Sussex Carol and the Rutter arrangement of the Sans Day Carol were the most effective: the organ accompaniments are beautiful in themselves and they blend the familiar melodies with a new flavour.

In all, it was as moving an occasion as always, and it is good that it has returned to a fixed place in the school year.

THE CLIMBING CLUB



The Climbing Club flourishes, with a greater number of members than ever before: there are over forty boys from S2 to S6, and while it remains to be seen if they will all be regularly active in the hills, there is no problem about making up a party each Sunday. The younger ones are, not unexpectedly, the most enthusiastic, and at the time of writing they have already trodden the familiar ground of Ben Ledi, Ben Vorlich and Meall nan Tarmachan. The older boys have had the commitment of S.C.E. examinations to keep them indoors, but by mid-term we shall have the welcome but frustrating difficulty of having to select names out of a hat.

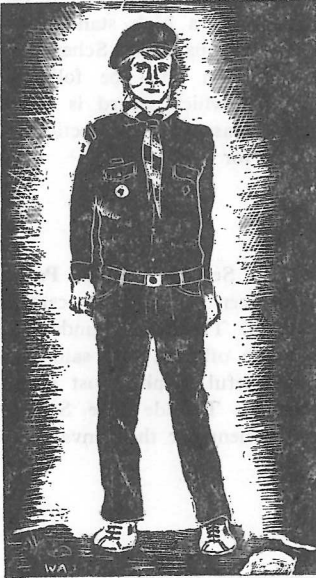
For good reason, last season was not as active as normal, although Schichallion, An Caisteal and Ben Ledi were added to the list quoted in last year's magazine. The very severe winter has discouraged exploration of snow and ice slopes this session. Spring has been very slow, and the higher tops in Perthshire will retain snow for some time yet, while Glencoe may be closed to us until the autumn.

Inevitably, many of our members are boys most active in other School pursuits, whether military or athletic. Sometimes, therefore, there are clashes of interests or loyalties. This is a pity, as is the difficulty of finding a clear time at 3.30 one day in the week for more than one class. For it is essential to give boys as much instruction as possible in the use of map and compass, in mountain safety and first aid, if we are to enjoy what is a hazardous activity with all unnecessary hazards eliminated: as any readers of newspapers will know, ignorance and carelessness are the principal causes of accidents in the hills. Practical and obvious difficulties make it essential that much of the basic work is done in a classroom.

The hills become ever more popular and some of them more crowded each year. This tempts us away to the lesser known tops, but we cannot forget old friends like Ben Vorlich and Ben Lawers when new boys join us. There are always memorable moments and sometimes great days, and we have had our share of both. Some years ago we were astonished to see a woman in high-heeled shoes taking a cat on a leash up Ben Lomond; we have constantly encountered weird and sometimes downright foolish attire — including the ever popular wellie boots; but at least this season

had its moment worthy of remark early on, when our party of twelve and a half (the half is a Golden Retriever dog, who has nineteen Munros to her credit) met a man of advancing years wearing shorts and carrying a bicycle up Ben Vorlich. Of course he may have thought we were just as odd.

27th PERTSHIRE SCOUT GROUP



The demand for places in the Pack continues to be high and this year we have operated with forty-two boys split into six "sixes." The Sixers have been Andrew Hilton, Kenneth Gourlay, Jonathan Leckie, Keith Hughes, Timothy Dickie and Jonathan Weaver.

Mrs Scott Miller left us at Christmas after five years as an Instructor. We are very grateful for the many hours of assistance which she has given us.

Mrs Hilton continues as a Warranted Scouter, and Mr Eric McEwan, who is a member of the Girls' School Staff, has also taken out a Warrant; Mrs Dakers, and Mrs Dorothy Mc-Lauchlan, late of the Girls' School and Ogilvie House, have also joined us. Sadly, Mr McEwan broke his leg when sledging on the Knock. There were complications and his leg has been amputated below the knee. He is due to be home shortly and we look forward to seeing him out and about once more.

There has been an emphasis on conservation, and in April the whole Pack went up the Knock armed with sacks and cleared up all the filthy area surrounding the seats on the paths. We filled over eight sacks with bottles and broken glass, beer cans and other hardware. Judging by the number of people who have commented on this excellent work, the boys' efforts have been much appreciated by the people of Crieff.

We had our usual successful visit to the Pantomime at Christmas time, and before the end of the Summer Term we have arranged to spend a day with the Lifeboat and Inshore Rescue Boat at Broughty Ferry. This will be a follow-up to the contribution made two years ago towards the Lifeboat funds by the whole of the Scout Movement in Britain.

This has been a very successful year and our thanks are due to the efforts of the above-mentioned Leaders and the advice and encouragement given by our well-wishers in Crieff.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

Following the introduction of this Scheme to the School in the Summer Term of the 1975-76 session, some eighteen boys are now actively engaged in the Scheme. The first meeting was held in October 1976, following which a number of boys immediately joined and are now enthusiastic participants. There are three awards which are the main objectives of the pupils — Bronze, Silver and Gold — which require a high standard to be attained, depending on the appropriate age groups. The Scheme is divided into four sections: Services, Interests (which must be followed for a period of at least six months, depending on which award is being attempted), Expedition and Physical Activity. A pass in each section is required, at the appropriate standard, to qualify for each award.

Service

A series of courses have been run by the Fire Service, Tayside Police and the local Social Services, all of which have been satisfactorily carried out jointly with pupils from Crieff High School. Those who undertook the Police course were highly complimented by the officers, who said that it was the best course they had run so far. Grateful thanks must go to Sgt. Ross of the Tayside Police, Mr Fyfe of the Tayside Fire Service and Miss M. Wallace of the Social Work Department for their invaluable help.

Interests

All participants have been following their chosen interests throughout the session and those completed so far have been of a very high standard.

Expedition and Physical Activity

Expedition training and practice sessions for Physical Efficiency have been carried out successfully.

We are much indebted to the Chairman of the Scheme for the School, Mr Turner, and also to Mr Meakin, Mr Andrews, Mr McGregor and Mr Miller for their invaluable help and time given in assisting the Scheme. Thanks are also due to all members of Staff and members of the Girls' School Staff who have assisted in any way. Many of the boys hope to obtain their awards by the end of session, and considering the infancy and success of the Scheme in the School, we hope for a larger response in future years.

D. L. L.

SCHOOL TRIPS

VIENNA TOUR

Following Speech Day a party of twelve boys left for a short stay in Vienna. We were met at Vienna Airport by the Neff family, who recently moved from Dunblane to Vienna and whose two sons, Stewart and Roderick, were both pupils at Morrison's.

The purpose of the trip was two-fold — firstly, to introduce the boys to the history and culture of a great European city and secondly, simply to have a holiday abroad. In retrospect everyone left Vienna after having been exposed to both aspects in varying degrees and to endless sunshine.

By courtesy of the antiquated city railway on which we travelled every morning from our hostel in the Vienna Woods, we visited virtually all the great historical buildings in Vienna: the Imperial Palace; The Spanish Riding School; St Stephen's Cathedral; The Imperial Crypt and the huge Baroque palace of Schönbrunn with its associations not only with the Hapsburgs but also with Napoleon. The vast grounds of Schönbrunn were endlessly fascinating, with the unique carriage and wagon museum, the zoo and the swimming pool being particular favourites.

The lighter moments of the trip also found us in the Prater amusement park while several boys indulged in the delightful continental pastime of watching the world go by, from behind a coffee cup or a coke glass. Inevitably we sailed on the "beautiful, blue Danube" and we also took in some unique paintings in the Art History Museum, as well as Cellini's famous gold salt cellar. Our pre-arranged excursion took us firstly to the largest underground lake in Europe, at Seegrötte, and secondly to the monastery at Heiligenkreuz.

On the music side, while regretfully we did not have the opportunity to hear any live music, various of the boys accompanied me at different times to sites associated with the great composers. Thus we visited the houses of Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert and Strauss and stood in the room where the youthful Mozart played for Empress Maria Theresa.

The return journey was all by rail and considering that we lost two nights sleep en route, everyone arrived back home in remarkable spirits, although leg weariness and fatigue were very common denominators!!

R. D. G.

VISIT TO WALES

At Easter Mr White took a party of fourteen boys on a P.G.L. Adventure Holiday to Wales. Here is an account written by one of the boys.

P7S AT P.G.L.

"We're here!" called someone. I breathed a sigh of relief, for the long rail journey from Gleneagles to Abergavenny had lasted the whole day. A short bus ride took us to Eligro, the junior P.G.L. Centre in the Brecon Beacons, where we were to spend a week of our Easter holiday.

Most of us had never slept in tents before and that first night was very long, what with the cold and the strange surroundings.

The next morning, after a large breakfast, we were taken down to the sailing base to be taught how to canoe and sail. My group was sailing in the morning so, after being equipped with life-jackets, we set off down to the jetty with our instructor. The morning passed quickly and by the afternoon the sun had shown itself between the ominous clouds. Next we tried our hand at canoeing, and although it was cold, it was most enjoyable.

In the days that followed we did many other activities. One morning there was archery and after a short practice, we had a competition. Out of a possible one hundred and thirty-five points, Mr White, our teacher and organiser of the holiday, got ninety-eight. I got somewhat fewer at twenty-nine!

Another day took us to the orienteering ground. We were given maps of the area and took it in turns to guide the group. It wasn't long before we were completely lost. Eventually we arrived at our destination, only to discover that our transport had got lost too!

The afternoon was spent on the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal, which runs for about forty miles. The best part was when the engines were stopped inside the tunnel and we had to leg our way through.

On three occasions we went pony-trekking. The first time out, two people fell off, one being myself. It was my fault really, for saying I had ridden before. Afterwards I kept quiet and stayed on!

In the evenings we had Discos, a film, a scavenger hunt, a talent show and a sing-along. There were also indoor games people could play if they wanted to.

It was a very interesting and enjoyable holiday, and a good introduction to many sports. If it had been warmer I would have enjoyed it more. Even so, I might go again one day — in the summer!

JEREMY ASHWORTH, Primary 7.

CONTRIBUTIONS

YOU'RE LAUGHING, AREN'T YOU ?

You're laughing, aren't you ?
What do you laugh at all day, all night long ?
Your funny clothes, short little velvet trousers with long stockings,
Silk waistcoat ?
A long nose, a big grin, small eyes, and a pointed chin.
Your queer funny looks, where did you get them ?
How old are you ?
You look as though you have been through many a hardship.
Wrinkles on your face, wrinkles on your forehead.
You're Punch, aren't you ?

JOHN M. HARRISON, Primary 6

THE WASHING LINE

Jumpers on the washing line,
Socks twiddle round the line,
As if alive they dance and play,
Merrily to the whistle of the wind.

With unseen force jumpers quiver and dither,
Till up and away they jump.
The wind has one last burst,
And then the clothes die.

They live no longer in the breeze.
A sheet of silence gobbles them up,
As dead as death they sag and droop.

NEIL C. RAGSDALE, Primary 7

MY DOG

My pet dog,

He used to be so frisky and so gay,
And with any pussy cat

A chasing game would play.

He's older now and wiser too,

And likes to laze about,

But if a cat came near our house,

He still would chase it out.

TERENCE A. SHUTTLEWORTH, Primary 4.

THE OSPREY

He soars in the air,

With no time to care.

A gleam in a brook,

And an elegant look

As he dives his prey,

His food for the day.

He arrives at his nest,

Preened up to his best,

For a night full of peace,

Before the release

Of the Osprey next day,

When the sun shows a ray.

ANDREW S. MEAKIN, Primary 6

THE CITY

Noisy !

Crowded !

Women, gossiping about new fashions,

Cars' horns blaring at other cars.

Roadmen drilling up the roads,

Back streets

Where writing is painted

On old crumbling walls.

Huge buildings climbing to the sky,

Old rotten houses with smashed and broken windows,

Smoke from factories choking the pedestrians,

Trains chuffing, shunting goods.

What is it all for ?

Development.

IAN L. M. WISHART, Primary 7

DEATH

The sun is blistering in the sky,
The vultures circle overhead.
The camel looks up, death is near,
It stumbles to the ground.
The vultures are the only spectators.
They move closer, closer still.

The camel heaves, then dies.
The vultures are on him.
All they taste is the blood.
They pick his bones clean.
In time they will be bleached by the sun,
Covered by sand, forgotten.

JAMES L. ELLIS, Form 1 Cross

OLYMPIC THOUGHTS

Dedicated preparation :
Long anticipation :
Sickening trepidation :
Tremendous concentration :
Skilful acceleration :
Soaring elevation :
Accurate gravitation :
Thunderous acclamation :
Triumphant jubilation :
An Olympic Gold.

JOHN A. CAMPBELL, Form 6L

THOUGHTS AFTER LEAVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY — REDUNDANT

I could have been :
A hairdresser, but I was too young to dye.
A spice-packer, but the job was out of season.
A shopkeeper, but I wasn't sold on the idea.
An executioner, but I couldn't get the hang of it.
A professional gambler, but the wages weren't high enough.
A nun, but I couldn't get into the habit.
A Rentokil man, but the name bugged me.
An eye-surgeon, but I wasn't a good pupil.
In any case, I'll get more money on the dole.

COLIN M. BAND and J. RUSSELL TUTON, Form 2

THE GUARDIANS

Crooked stones, clad in a green coat of moss,
Stand wearily, faithfully guarding the corpses of those
Long deceased. A tangled willow
Casts its spindly tentacles across
The weatherbeaten faces
Of the ancient, momentous guardsmen.
Their majestic gravestones hurl their shadows
Far over the unkempt grass.
Wreaths of flowers rot at the feet
Of these ageless protectors
As they wait for Doomsday.

GRAEME B. WILSON, Primary 7

OUR RICH EARTH

Coolness trickled lazily
From the garden hose,
Daffodils nudged the shingly stones,
Newly cut grass cuddled
Pursed bodies of baby butterflies.
With quicksilver energy
A squirrel slipped through the rustic rails.
Sometimes clouds looked starched and saucy,
Or spun a blue web
Over the aggressiveness of the newly cut hedge.
The worn-fisted gardener
Lifted his head
Towards the setting ball of life.

ANDREW M. SCOTT, Form 1 Star

DEATH-CELL

Oh ! How many wretched souls
Writhed in helpless terror
Within these sickly walls,
Hearing their life tick away
With each numbed heart-beat.

How the audience had loved it
When Death was summoned
In that hot, breathless court.

You see, it was a play
To those gloating eyes :
" The Murder of a Murderer,"

Admission Free !

You can't know
You can't know

What agony these final hours are.

The priest has just been,
with pitiful eyes,
And promises of Heaven.

" Heaven ! " I screamed.
" This life was my Heaven ! "

Its colours and shapes,
Noises and smells
Still float in this condemned head
And the tears flow again.

Footsteps in the corridor :
Here they come.

JACK MEREDITH, Form 5A

HOMER

Old and wizened man he sits. Wizened. Old. His arms mere sinews
Holding bones in place and keeping death away.
(Oh! How he wants to die.) How long ago,
How long! since, standing in the flickering hall,
His golden hair so finely combed, his woven tunic
Purple-dyed with murex, how long ago the nobles
Seated as their rank commanded (long ago!) applauded;
And he sang the Muses' words — Achilles' wrath.
Odysseus' return — sang of Circe and Telemachus.
(How long ago?) He'd learned the art of writing
Brought from Egypt and the Nile that Heaven feeds —
A deadly art that struck him blind. (Yet, even so, he sees —
Sees Mycenae, lofty seat of Atreus' line
Looking o'er the plain of Argos where the horses graze;
Sees proud Ilium, the windswept city-ramparts lined with
Heroes-helmets' crest of horse-hair nodding back
In answer to the foam-flecked waters of the sea.) Poor
Blind minstrel from the rugged isle of Chios — Chios where the petrels nest.
Tolcrated just (from reverence for the Muses) — old, mumbling man
With staring eyes. How long ago and yet
How long? Here is a hero in an age of
Lesser men — oh! How he wants to die.

DAVID A. STUTTARD, Form 6L

BEST CONTRIBUTION

We are very grateful to the anonymous Old Boy who annually sends a prize for the best contribution to the Magazine. This is always judged on the basis of age and literary merit, and we are happy to award it this year to Graeme B. Wilson, aged 11, of Primary 7. This is for his poem "The Guardians," which appears on page 40.

News from the Universities

We are happy to report the following academic successes:

Aberdeen University

Charles Comrie graduated B.Sc. in Agriculture.

Neil Drysdale graduated LL.B.

David Finlayson graduated M.B., Ch.B.

Ian Finlayson graduated M.A.

John R. Hall graduated B.Sc. with Second Class Honours (Second Division) in Zoology.

Andrew Martin graduated M.B., Ch.B.

John Scrimgeour graduated B.Sc. with Second Class Honours in Engineering.

William Stoddart graduated B.Sc. in Agriculture.

Alan S. Todd graduated M.A. with First Class Honours in Mental Philosophy.

Albert Bil won the John Macfarlane Prize in First Year Geography.

Dundee College of Technology

George Stalker graduated B.A. with Second Class Honours (Second Division) in Business Studies.

Edinburgh University

Craig Adam graduated B.Sc. with First Class Honours in Physics, and has been awarded a Scholarship for Post-Graduate study to Merton College, Oxford.

Alexander Bayne graduated B.Sc. with Second Class Honours in Agriculture.

Norman Begg graduated M.B., Ch.B.

Stewart Donaldson graduated M.A. with Second Class Honours (Second Division) in History.

William Duff graduated B.Sc. with Second Class Honours (First Division) in Chemistry.

James Haggart graduated B.Sc. with Second Class Honours in Agriculture.

Nigel G. Laing graduated B.Sc. with First Class Honours in Pharmacology.

Thomas Macaskill graduated LL.B. with Second Class Honours (Second Division).

Glasgow University

Stewart Wilson graduated B.Sc. with First Class Honours in Electrical Engineering.

Heriot-Watt University

J. A. S. Campbell graduated B.Sc. in Civil Engineering.

Christopher Gilmour graduated B.Sc. with Honours in Chemistry.

St Andrews University

Ian Bruce graduated M.A. with Second Class Honours in History.

Angus Inglis graduated M.A. with Second Class Honours (First Division) in French.

Alastair Laidlaw graduated M.A. with Second Class Honours (First Division) in French.

David Arnott, Dux in 1975, won the Chemistry Medal in his first year (1976).

GENERAL NOTES



Aberdeen

WILLIAM DINGWALL is passing exams and is an active canoeist. ALBERT BIL is also effortlessly passing exams, but is rarely spotted on the campus, LESLIE THOMSON has taken a keen interest in student politics, and has stood for election as S.N.P. and "Keep Left" candidate. ROD STUART runs for the University and keeps pet rocks — he is enjoying his course in Geography. COLIN SOMERVILLE (an older boy than most) has attained editorship of the student newspaper.

Your correspondent is working hard, of course: he will yet overcome Moral Philosophy.

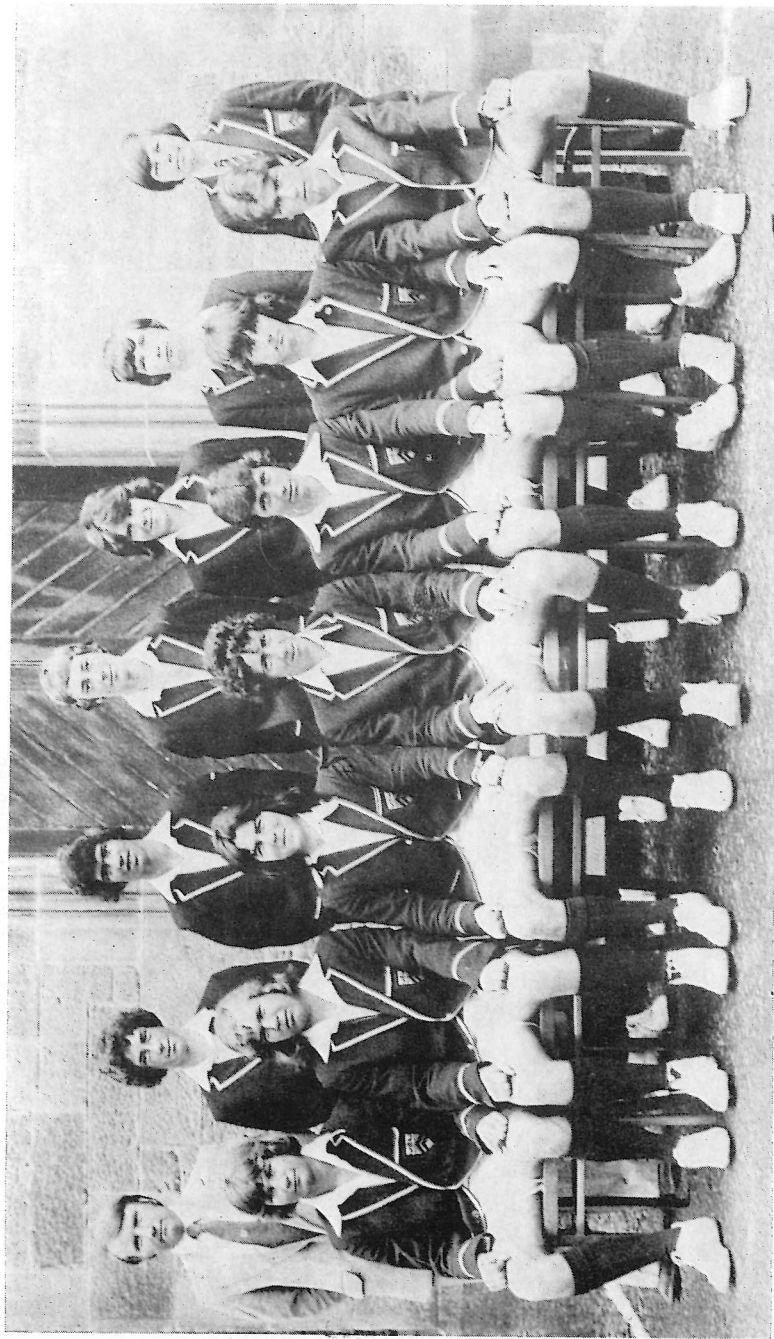
G. G. M.

Dundee

STUART FOSTER and IAN FOTHERINGHAM are the only two students at the University itself, both doing Law. ALEX SMITH left after his second year and is now working in the world of Insurance. Stuart can always be seen with a tartan scarf round his neck, playing table football in the Union and insisting that Lawyers are the cream of all students. Ian says he is working hard as usual, and wishes to make it clear that his beer belly has not got any bigger, which is why he has taken up horse-riding as a hobby.

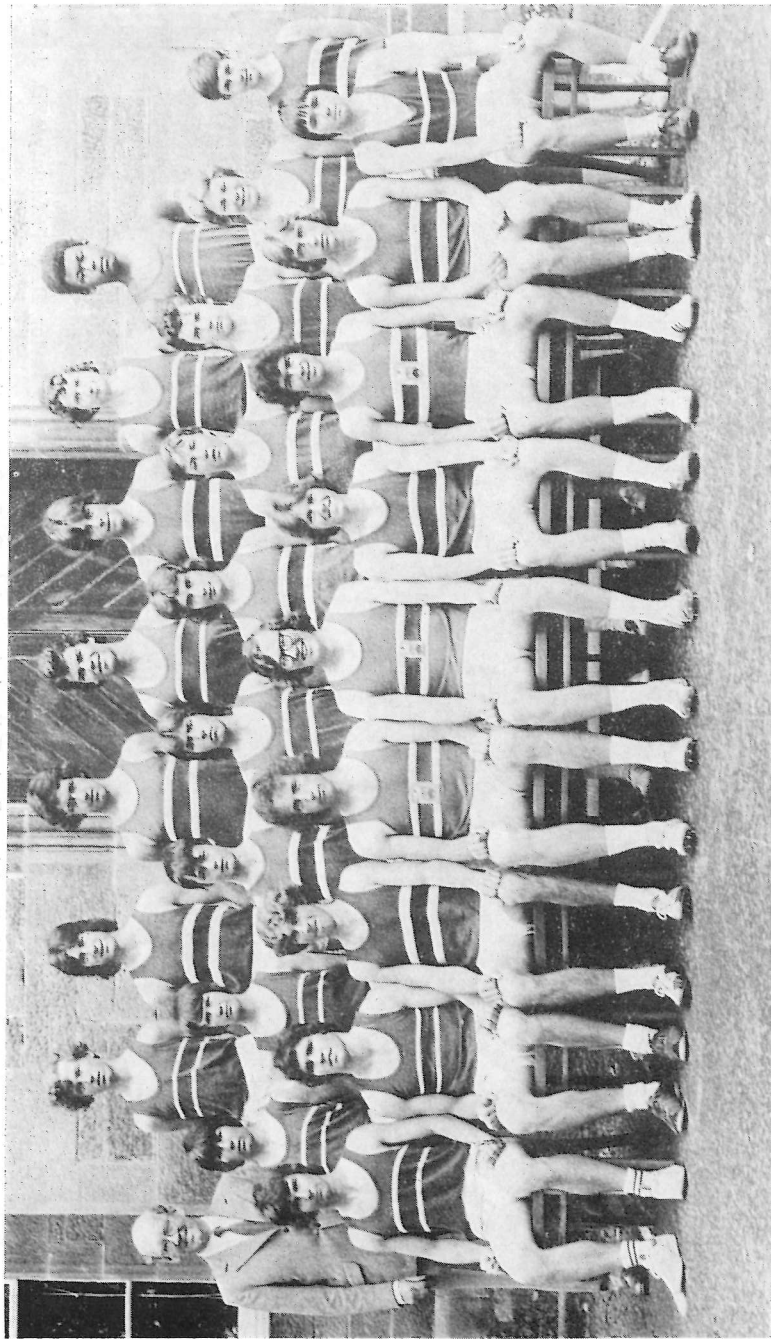
"MITCH" McCABE is just completing his first year at the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, and is rumoured to have had his hair cut since he left school. He still insists that there is no mysterious girlfriend. However, discreet investigations are being made, and we hope to have a full report out soon.

FIRST XI 1976



Back: Mr J. C. S. McGregor, R. A. Christie, N. J. Marshall, K. M. P. Ryder, W. R. P. Taylor, D. J. F. McIntyre, D. J. M. Donaldson (scorer).
Front: D. B. Lindsay, J. I. Glen, W. D. Allan, D. I. Telford (captain), G. D. Brown, D. R. Laing, M. G. A. Parker.

ATHLETICS 1976



Back Row: K. H. Turnbull, M. Derry, D. Oswald, N. J. Brown, C. S. J. Alexander, C. I. Millar, S. F. Holder.
Middle Row: Mr A. P. Macintyre, A. W. Smyth, H. M. Caldwell, I. F. Lindsay, D. A. Glen, C. J. Miquel, D. McQueen,
P. D. Sandison, A. I. D. Todd, E. C. Duncan.
Front Row: J. Meredith, I. D. McInroy, R. M. Stuart, A. E. Rankin, T. Blair (captain), E. S. Gillies, N. J. Marshall, M. T. Grugiel, A. D. McGeachie.

DOUGLAS MOFFAT has just finished his second year at the Dundee College of Technology and has only one more year to go, as has MALCOLM MONCRIEFF. DALE MALCOLM commutes every day from Perth to the College; NIGEL McFADYEN and IAIN PHILIP are there too, and sightings are made twice every term or so.

Life is pleasant in Dundee. The University is very modern and well equipped for academic as well as social needs. We hope to see more people from Morrison's here: the town itself is not as bad as it is made out to be; and if anyone has any doubts as to what to do when they arrive for the first day, they should ask for IAN FOTHERINGHAM at the Union bar. (He's the one without the beer belly, riding on a horse. Or the one riding on his beer belly, without the horse. We can't remember which.)

I. A. F.

Edinburgh

FIRST YEAR

A fairly quiet year for the usual large representation of Old Boys. BILLY ALLAN has distinguished himself by hooking successfully for the First XV. BILLY McCOLL eases through exams without disturbing an active social life. GORDON HALLEY and ROBIN NISBET are enjoying University life, while ROBIN ARNOTT is managing to cope with his Civil Engineering course. DAVE TELFORD is playing cricket for the First XI, while room-mate DAVE PARKER is kept busy between re-discovering the delights of Maths, and doing a lot of work for the Children's Holiday Venture Group.

D. I. T.

SECOND YEAR

Still studying Commerce are BRUCE DAVIDSON and DAVID WARNOCK. Bruce is as busy as ever, and David is preparing to spend next year in the States of an inter-Faculty exchange with the University of Pennsylvania. BARRIE WALKER has opted out of Commerce for the easier mathematical life! JIMMY FYFE is still growing his hair, and ROBERT MEIKLE is finding the medical course well suited to his newly found necromantic interests. RANALD NAISMITH is really working hard and exercising incredible restraint on his social pursuits, while STEVE SHON continues. STEVE RAITH is still planning bridges and motorways and has left the rugby field to give him more time for other things. STUART MACINTYRE is still struggling with Law and doing a lot of travelling for the British Universities North America Club.

S. W. M.

THIRD YEAR

MARK COOMBES and IAN WILSON are studying for their B.Sc.s in Biological Sciences before going on to do Honours next year. Mark is now on the Teviot Row House Committee (one of the Unions) and Ian can often be seen in Battle Dress. CHRIS MONCRIEFF has just returned from a swimming trip to Holland and Germany and studies Commerce. Also following this Course is LAURENCE CROLLA. STEVE TURNER has actually visited the Engineering Library. This, truly, is progress on the book he read and film he saw about Mechanical Engineering last semester.

FOURTH YEAR

STUART NAISMITH has found a mate . . . She Jane, he an Honours LL.B. candidate. BILLY CROSS and IAN SCOTT are almost two-thirds of their way through Medical course. Although unsighted, PETE STIRLING is completing his Honours in Maths and Physics.

FIFTH YEAR

BILLY DUFF, having completed Honours Chemistry last year, has gone on to study for a Ph.D. NIGEL LAING is also studying for a Ph.D., after a very successful Honours year in Pharmacology. NEIL ANDERSON has begun an LL.B. course, after graduating with Second Class Honours in Social Sciences and spending a year all over the world. RODERICK MacGREGOR is in his final year Vet. Science course . . . a budding James Herriot perhaps?

SIXTH YEAR

Our sole representative in sixth year is JACK WATTERS, a kick-in-the-pants (or should it be knock-on-the-knee?) from becoming a doctor.

To all those leaving University this year we wish every success. And to all coming to the "Learned City" we offer heartiest congratulations and a warm welcome. Work hard!

S. J. R.

Glasgow

GAVIN SHARP has come to Glasgow to do a Post-Graduate course in Accounting after being at St Andrews. He has been playing in the University First XV and enjoying the functions and activities of the Rugby Club. NEIL BUCHANAN, Third-Year Medicine, has kept up his piping and now plays for the University O.T.C. Pipe Band. ALASDAIR MACKIE seems to do well and is now in Second Year Law. LINDSAY MUIR is doing well in First Year Medicine after a year abroad. ALLAN DOWNIE ("FISH") is working hard at Civil Engineering. In his spare time he plays rugby for the University and continues his military activities in the O.T.C. (his shooting has not improved as he still finds it difficult to focus on targets at anything more than a 25-yard range).

JAMES GARVEN is also working very, very hard at First Year Dentistry. He has also made an appearance for the rugby team. Most of his spare time is spent in the Cadets' Mess (cheap beer!). ROBIN FRYER is in First Year Civil Engineering. He is a keen member of the sheep-chasers' club (Mountaineering Club) and if not out on the hills, will definitely be found in the Beer Bar or the Western General Stomach Pumping Unit!

IAN HIRST and IAIN BRYSON have also been seen on the campus. No offence meant to anybody, by omission or by inclusion in the above.

J. G.

Heriot-Watt

FIRST YEAR

The University has been honoured by the presence of a largish collection of Morrisonians. DAVE LAING, much to everybody's surprise, is passing exams. NEIL CROSBIE is playing water polo for the University. ALISTER MINTY and ALASTAIR HOY are rarely seen, while DONALD ALLAN is rumoured to have been spotted on the campus.

SECOND YEAR

GRANT BAYNE has become a very elusive character but is known to be working hard at Maths. JOHN CHISHOLM has changed to Business Organisation, and NIGEL BATTERTON is working extremely hard at a General Science Course. ALEX FRASER, having taken a year out in '75-76, is now in Second Year Building.

THIRD YEAR

BILLY MILROY is still progressing well with Business Organisation. He has grown a moustache!

STEWART LOCHTIE is in Final Year Electrical Engineering.

Napier College

CALLUM MURRAY, IAN HUNTER and STEWART KIDD are all sharing a flat and soaking up Napier's relaxed atmosphere. In Second Year, IAN MACASKILL, ALASTAIR WILSON and MICHAEL DUFF are all still doing Business Studies. Ian and Michael both complete the H.N.D. Course at the end of this year.

Telford College

COLIN FRASER has passed a quiet year at Telford College.

S. W. M., C. G. G., D. I. T.

St Andrews

FIRST YEAR

Our sole representative, CHRISTOPHER SWAN, appears to like wearing his gown and work. Enough said.

SECOND YEAR

The numbers have been reduced, but the survivors have not been inactive. DEREK MACLEAN continues to do brilliantly at Maths, while DAVID ARNOTT, after two years on the S.R.C., has suddenly decided to flee the country — a St Andrews Watergate perhaps? Rather, a scholarship for one year at the University of Pennsylvania.

DAVID COULL represented us on “University Challenge” (we lost), and cannot be contacted due to his hordes of fans. DOUGLAS McGEACHIE has moved out on his own, and spends most of his life cursing Physics.

THIRD YEAR

GORDON MILNE has decided that he likes St Andrews so much that he wants to stay another two years and do Honours in Psychology.

FOURTH YEAR

The heavy threat of finals seems to have driven most people into hiding. DAVID ROSSITER is one, and IAIN ALLAN, this year's President of the C.U., shortly to begin work in Glasgow, is another. BRIAN ROBERTSON can occasionally be seen driving armoured vehicles around the town, while MARTIN ANDERSON seems to be popular with bejantines and has acquired a large family (academic, of course).

D. M. A., D. J. McG.

Old Boys' Section

GENERAL NOTES

Some of us Old Boys aren't all that old and the rest of us remember when we weren't all that old. In any event, we are all young at heart. Really, what we are trying to say is that the Morrisonian Club exists to foster good relations among Old Boys of all ages. The Club is making an effort to encourage communication among all its members; to this end, we are hoping to revitalise the Glasgow branch; we already have a strong London branch and Hong Kong branch; we are trying to re-establish in Crieff and set up in Edinburgh and any other centre (world-wide) where we can raise local support. These local branches will organise local activities, whether they be branches, dinners or just a get-together. Elsewhere in these notes you will see names to contact: please lend your support and do get in touch — we cater for all age groups. We would encourage visitors to any centre where there is a contact point to get in touch. As we have said, the name of the game is communication.

On the subject of communication, the Secretary thanks all those persons who have taken the trouble to comment on the circular and the various subjects contained therein. Please feel free to write to him at any time. It is a bit too early yet to comment on the results derived from the circular, except to say that there has been insufficient response to organise two of the proposed attractions timetabled as 1900 hours "get together" and 2100 hours buffet-supper and dance both scheduled for Saturday 25th June, but please come to the Sports Weekend anyway; you will still enjoy it and there will probably be a variety of informal arrangements anyway. One other follow up to the Circular is on the question of Donations and Funds. There is insufficient room here to thank individually those very generous members who responded so well last year and this year — thank you all very much indeed.

Finally, a last word on this business of communication. We hope it will help to encourage greater identification with Morrison's (that was the theme of this year's circular). Not only will it benefit the school in the long term, it could be helpful to our members, or in particular our newer Old Boys, when setting out to make their fortunes. Our membership must include persons from every walk of life, most of whom will be pleased to help in any way possible. Any school leaver or member wishing to avail himself of this facility, please contact the Secretary or any committee member listed below. For your interest, we are bracketing the date of leaving after names.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Enough of all that. The A.G.M. of the Club was held on Thursday, 28th April in Glasgow. We had the best turnout in years and enjoyed lively discussion on a variety of topics. The consensus opinion was that we must try to stimulate interest in the Club through local branch activity and help the school as much as possible in its early years of full independence. Office-bearers and committee members were appointed as follows:—

President: A. I. M. Macmillan, 9 Cleveden Crescent, Glasgow 041 357 0444

Secretary: M. D. Sheppard, 2 Ledcameroch Crescent, Bearsden 041 942 5909

Treasurer: P. B. McLean (1960), 22 Alexander Avenue, Eaglesham.

Senior vice-president: I. M. Stuart (1952), Castlemill, Gartness, Balfon.

Junior vice-president: D. D. Stewart (1931), c/o Richmond Park Laundry, Cambuslang.

Committee members: W. P. Balfour (1971), M. McFadyen (1951), D. K. Cook (1967), S. W. Macintyre (1975), A. W. Deakin (1961), G. Philips (1968), J. Garven (1976), S. J. Raith (1975).

Past Presidents on ex officio list: G. D. Greenshields (1926), C. L. Stewart (1947), T. McNeil (1928), K. M. Grant (1950), H. G. Dodds (1931), N. R. Waddell (1942), J. B. Omand (1935), A. S. Brown (1943), T. Dunsire (1944), W. G. Semple (1943), J. N. Biggart (1947).

Representative on:

Board of Governors: T. Dunsire (1944).

Boarding Houses Association: J. McIldowie (1956).

REPORTS FROM THE BRANCHES

LONDON

Chairman: P. McNaughton 01 828 1623

Vice-Chairmen: J. Diver 01 686 3736; M. Moffat 01 995 1441

Treasurer: B. Shaw 01 735 9131

Secretary: A. Ferguson 03756 3333 (ext. 232)

Committee members: M. Penny, D. Cameron, D. Millar, D. McCall, G. Chalmers

Representative on London Perthshire Association: D. Kirkland

The Club meets on the second Monday of every month downstairs in the Round House, 1 Garrick Street, Covent Gardens, London, W.C.2 (opposite Moss Bros.). Any Morrisonian finding himself in London on these days (or arranging his business there to coincide with our meeting!) will be made very welcome on venturing along.

A brief review of the events of the past year is as follows:—

During the summer holidays a family picnic was held at Bearsted and in September, five of our ranks played in the McNaughton Cup match in Crieff.

In November a large contingent descended on Crieff to present a pair of chairs in memory of J. M. A. Smith to the School. These now stand in the Memorial Hall for use by the School Captain and Lesson Reader. On the afternoon of the presentation the exiles fielded their own rugby team against the School and were duly rewarded for their audacity by being well defeated.

January was marked by a successful post-Calcutta Cup reunion in the Duke of York's Regimental H.Q., off Sloane Square, and a not-so-traditional, but very liquid, Burns Supper at Muir Moffat's H.Q., in Maidenhead. One sad note for London in January was the departure of our Secretary, David Stewart, for, of all places, Glasgow. Our loss however is more than compensated by the Glasgow Club's gain and we wish David and his wife, Freda, all good fortune in their new location and record our gratitude to them both for all the hard work they put in to the Morrisonian cause down here.

Looking forward, there is the London Perthshire Association Dinner Dance in May, and it is hoped that we shall be well represented in Crieff on Sports Weekend, especially at the Cricket Match, when we have yet another piece of "regalia" to present.

HONG KONG

Chairman: T. Harley

Secretary: J. Fairbairn, 4002 Connaught Centre, 1 Connaught Place, Hong Kong

Branch members: Robin Radcliffe, Nigel McNie, Gordon Saddler, Dick Gibb and Iain Hall.

The branch is socially active, the emphasis being on "socially" since the Club has two of the top hotels in Hong Kong run by Morrisonians, namely Gordon at the Hilton and Robin at the Mandarin International. Robin made a name for himself recently by viewing a Masters (over 35) athletics competition over eight events (octothlon?) including a nine-mile mini-marathon.

Anyone in or passing through Hong Kong please contact the Secretary — you will be made welcome in a truly Oriental style.

GLASGOW

Chairman: D. D. Stewart, c/o Richmond Park Laundry, Cambuslang
041 647 2321

Secretary: M. Belch

The Glasgow branch is presently being revitalised. A list of committee members and activities will be available from either of the above.

The club invites any Morrisonian to join them at an informal bar lunch on the first Friday of every month (except July and August) upstairs in the lounge of the Blythswood Hotel, Argyle Street, Glasgow (by York Street).

EDINBURGH

Any one interested in helping Bill Balfour setting up this branch should contact him at Birnock, 4 Lyneside, West Linton. Telephone: West Linton 446.

CRIEFF

Anyone interested in helping Mike McFadyen setting up this branch should contact him at Kilmodan, Murray Place, Crieff.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

GOLF P. B. Maclean, 22 Alexander Avenue, Eaglesham. Eaglesham 2487

We did it again in the Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools' Cup — that is, we had a bye in the first round and lost in the second. That was last September at Barnton. The team was Alastair Ferguson, Peter Jamieson, Brian Maclean, David Clark, Roy and James Haggart. This year we hope to do better. We didn't do too well in the Cameron Cup either, but as before, we shall regain it this year.

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

We hope to have two matches this year over the Sports Weekend — as we go to press, this is as yet unconfirmed. On Sunday a team of Old Boys from London will play against a locally raised Old Boys' team and on Monday, the full Club side against the School First XI.

RUGBY W. P. Balfour, 4 Lyneside, West Linton, Peeblesshire,
West Linton 446

Bill will again organise the Club's side to play the School First XV in September.

TENNIS T. Macaskill, 20 Clarendon Crescent, Edinburgh. 031 332 3673

Tom is attempting to get Tennis going again over Sports Weekend. It is hoped that those who are not involved in the cricket and golf will put their names forward for the Club's tennis side. It is possible that it will be organised as a joint effort with the Old Girls against a joint school team. It is likely that the match will take place on the Sunday afternoon over Sports Weekend, all unconfirmed at the time of going to press.

CLUB PRESIDENT

Alister Macmillan, the new Club President, was a boarder at Morrison's at Glenearn from 1942-49. Since leaving school he has maintained an active interest in Club activities, although working overseas at times — in Nigeria and U.S.A. recently, in Geneva and Sofia in 1968, Algiers 1973-74 and in Beirut and Jeddah 1975-76. He is grateful to the Club and to Dr Gordon Semple, the retiring President, for "holding the fort" for an extra year while he was delayed abroad longer than expected last year, and therefore unable to take up the Presidency sooner.

Graduating in Civil Engineering at Glasgow University, Alister later did his National Service as a pilot in the Royal Air Force and spent a number of years with Engineering Consultants and then with Babcock & Wilcox, Contractors, before joining P.-E. Consulting Group to train and practise as a professional management consultant. A few years later he was seconded to a United Nations agency post to help set up the Bulgarian Management Development Centre Project. In recent years he has concentrated mainly on project management and consulting both in U.K. and overseas — working from his Glasgow base whenever possible. As Project Director, Jeddah, in Saudi Arabia, he set up teams of engineers, surveyors, accountants, etc., to supervise contracts for the development and "beautification" of much of the Holy Cities of Mecca and Medina — an interesting experience by all accounts.

His three children were at school in Jeddah. He is pleased, however, that Fiona and Colin Neil were able to start at Morrison's this session — but he is not so pleased at the prospect of being obliged to work abroad again if Catriona were also to go to school in Crieff — thanks to inflation and our tax system!

He is sure that Morrison's has much to offer and it has potential to offer more than many other schools seeking to serve pupils from the local and "floating" community. He is keen to see the Morrisonian Club develop its identity and objectives and thus be able to give constructive support to the School at this time of change.

Alister's father and uncle were at Morrison's — Ronnie 1914-18 and Ian (Roosty) Macmillan 1910-14. Both were in Academy House. Ronnie was a day boy for three of his years at the school and later went out to Vancouver for a few years before settling back here. He died in 1951. Ian has maintained a continued interest in Morrison's — he was Junior Secretary of the then Crieff Academical Club in 1914, President of the Club in 1936-38 and of the London Club in 1954-55, while based there. He retired in 1961 to the family "Cottage" in Lochranza, Arran, was widowed a few years ago and remarried in 1974. He hopes to manage to Sports Day this year and likes to have news of the school; he refers to "Jackie Craig," who was Captain of the 1914-15 rugby team, in a photograph he has — the late J. Craig who was later awarded the V.C. and is commemorated in the Memorial Hall today. Also Haistie Stoddard who retired, in England, a few years ago called in recently at Lochranza. In fact, Ian is a keen "Old Boy" and in summer surely must sport the last surviving cricket blazer with a "C.A.C." (Crieff Academical Club) badge on it. Look out for both if you are in Arran!

Finally, Alister is pleased to continue the traditional Macmillan interest in affairs of both School and Club and is looking forward immensely to his spell as Club President.

PERSONAL NOTES

GRAHAM ELLIS is currently reading for an honours degree in Chemical Sciences at the University of East Anglia.

RICHARD WILL is a third-year apprentice ship's draughtsman with Lithgows of Port Glasgow. He is also taking City and Guild exams to become a ship's technician.

ROSS BELCH, an Old Boy and Governor, is managing director of Lithgows.

JOHN MCKENZIE was at James Watt College, Greenock, but last heard of was having more success in chatting up the girls than he was having with exams.

ROBERT MCFARLANE is a department manager with C. & A. at Ilford.

GEORGE PHILIPS is now a reporter with the Daily Mail and would be pleased to help any school leaver who is interested in a career in journalism.

GREGOR McINTOSH left school in 1966 and moved with his parents to Tunbridge Wells where he became school captain at a local school. He is now an M.B.B.S., M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. working at Harlow Hospital.

RODERICK McINTOSH moved in 1966 with his brother. He later qualified as a certified accountant and is now Chief Accountant with Land and Marine Engineering, who specialise in submarine pipelines.

HARRY BEATTIE, ex-Whinmount and Dalmhor, is a dentist in practice in Perth and Crieff.

ANDREW KERR is now married to an American girl and living in New York, where he works as an architect.

PADDY TRISTRAN is home just now from Pietermaritzburg, S.A., where he works as an industrial engineer.

PETER McNEE is working with a German construction company through his employment with an Italian firm of consulting engineers in Saudi Arabia.

STUART McNEE is studying Fine Art at Leicester.

MIKE REEKIE, a Southpark and Glenearn boarder, is presently Sales Manager with a motor cycle company in Irvine. A self-confessed addict to motor-bikes, he currently owns a 900 c.c. Kawasaki.

RODERICK STUART is doing Geography at Aberdeen University; his brother Alastair Stuart is going to Edinburgh this year to read Geophysics.

IAN ROBERTSON is the Regional Wild Life Biologist at Okanagan Valley, B.C., Canada. This is in the Rockies, the valley is famed for its peaches.

J. A. S. CAMPBELL, having graduated in Civil Engineering from Heriot-Watt University in 1976, is now working in Iran.

CHRIS GILMOUR graduated in Chemistry in July 1976 — also Heriot-Watt University — is at present reading Financial Studies there and starts work with Scottish and Newcastle Breweries in August.

CAMPBELL R. CHRISTIE was married on June 15th, 1977, to Claire B. Beaton, a qualified nurse, at Perth. Campbell is now a chartered surveyor, practising with the Edinburgh branch of Bell-Ingram. The couple will live at 32 Highlea Circle, Balerno.

TOM MACASKILL starts an apprenticeship with Alex Morison & Co., W.S., after finishing his Diploma in Business Administration at Edinburgh. STEWART DONALDSON has also been doing this course. It is reported that he is the prospective Parliamentary Candidate, standing as a Liberal, for the Pentlands Division of Edinburgh.

HAMISH WATSON, who was married last year, now works for the Bank of England in London, having gained a First Class degree. Also married last year was GORDON GRANT, whose wife is the former Sheila McCulloch.

MAX GOODWIN, who left in 1958, is working with John Laing in Kuwait.

K. J. (TICH) MCKENZIE, who also left in 1958, is working for a Swiss company based in Dharan, Saudi Arabia. He is the manager for importing cement.

TERRY ROLLO has left the R.A.F. and is now working in London with I.B.M.

BRIAN JAMIESON, who left in 1956, has left Malaya, where he was rubber-planting, and is now having a "sabbatical" in Abernethy. STILL not married.

JOHN PHILLIPS, who left in 1963, is married, lives in Windsor and works for the B.B.C. TV Sports Department. His name is invariably on the credits — especially on a Saturday night.

JIM (PUGGY) WATT, who left in 1956, is with the Metropolitan Police Traffic Division in London.

DAVID CAMERON is now in Merchant Banking in the City. He lives in Kew and plays for London Scottish.

DAVID MILLER works for the advertising agency John Walter Thompson.

DAVID McCALL is still an architect in London, and hurtles around in a high-speed T.V.R.

ALAN FERGUSON, who left in 1966, is married and lives in Baker Street, next door to Sherlock Holmes's old house. Finds personnel work with Shell "elementary, my dear Watson."

RICHARD (DICKO) GIBB, who left in 1958, commutes between London and Hong Kong. He is married, with one son, and still shadow tackles brilliantly when playing rugby.

IAN (ICKL) LESLIE, who left in 1956, lives in London and works in computers at Walton-on-Thames.

DAVID (MAXY) McMILLAN, who left in 1959, still plays rugby for London Scottish, lives in Beaconsfield, near London, and works for Barber Index.

MALCOLM (DINGE) PENNY, who left in 1956, is in the police and is often lurking in a car on the M40. He lives in Maidenhead with his wife and family.

BAYNE (BAP) SHAW, who left in 1956, is an accountant with Otis Elevators, lives in Wing, Buckinghamshire, with his wife Marjorie and son, Bayne Junior. He still plays cricket and is another brilliant shadow tackler on the rugby field.

(Editor's Note: If some of the above information is inaccurate, please forgive the errors. We have no means of checking the news we are given; and the handwriting is, even to a hardened school-master, somewhat bewildering.)

OBITUARY

(We regret that this arrived too late for inclusion in the 1976
"Morrisonian" — Ed.)

FRANCIS CAIRNS EDGAR

Francis died on 7th August 1975, the son of the Reverend J. Edgar, M.A., of Milngavie, educated at Glasgow Academy and Morrison's Academy 1918-1921. In 1911 he was totally paralysed by Infantile Paralysis, regaining after two or three weeks the use of his arms, but for the rest of his life he walked with the aid of two sticks and in the last few years he used a wheelchair, and was able to drive his car up to the time of his death.

In 1934 he came south to London and was employed by Ealing Borough Treasurer until he retired in 1967 to live at Hayling Island. He was a very active member of the local A.R.P. services during the last War, turning out to give aid during the bombings of London. In 1951 he married Kathleen Walker, by whom he is survived. Francis was a man who, in spite of his disability, never complained and never allowed it to interfere with his many interests and activities so far as it was humanly possible.

While in Glasgow he was at one time Secretary of the Morrisonian Club and a founder member of the London Club. He was a true Morrisonian.

MEMBERSHIP

This year 1,023 circulars were sent out, 944 in the U.K., and 79 overseas. For your information the following statistics from the current overseas list may be of interest:—

Canada, 14; South Africa, 9; U.S.A., 9; Australia, 7; Hong Kong, 7; Kenya, 4; Brazil, 3; Malaysia, 3; India, New Zealand, Norway, Rhodesia, Singapore, Zambia, 2 each; Arabian Gulf, Bermuda, Bolivia, Ceylon, Ethiopia, France, Grand Bahama, Guyana, Jamaica, Japan, Malta, 1 each.

Of the 944 U.K. circulars, 64 were returned marked "gone away"; of that 64 we hope to trace 11 with the help of committee members.

New members from last summer till now amounted to 32. There were 38 changes of address notified to the Secretary. In addition to the foregoing, there is a "lost" members section in the card index amounting to over 300 persons. We hope this information is of interest to you and that it will encourage you to keep in touch through the Secretary.

We would encourage all school leavers to join the Club. Life membership subscription is £10: this entitles you to one year's free issue of the magazine and our annual circular. Application forms are available from Mike Sheppard (the Club Secretary) the Bursar or the Rector.

OLDEN DAYS

It seems fitting in the Queen's Silver Jubilee year to look back to what the Club was doing in 1952/53.

That year, the annual rugby match against the school resulted in a 13-13 draw. It was noted that since the war, the Club had won and lost two. The school won the annual cricket match with 134 for four, against the Club's 129 (A. D. Wanless scoring 51 of those). The annual dance that year was held at Cranworth House, Glasgow, and was a great success. The Club President was the late W. W. Deakin; Secretary was J. B. Omand. Club membership then was 555. In 1952 the first of the informal Sports Day meetings of Old Boys was held: now, of course, this is an annual event.

For your further interest, and looking a bit further back, the Club was called the Crieff Academical Club until 1930 when its name was changed to Morrisonian Club. At that date its present objects clause was written into the Constitution — a good note to finish on: "the Club's objects are to promote the welfare of Morrison's Academy and to maintain and strengthen the friendships formed there."

EDITOR'S NOTE

All copy for the 1978 "Morrisonian" should be in my hands by 1st May, 1978. This year all copy has been much later and this has created real problems.

AUTOGRAPHS

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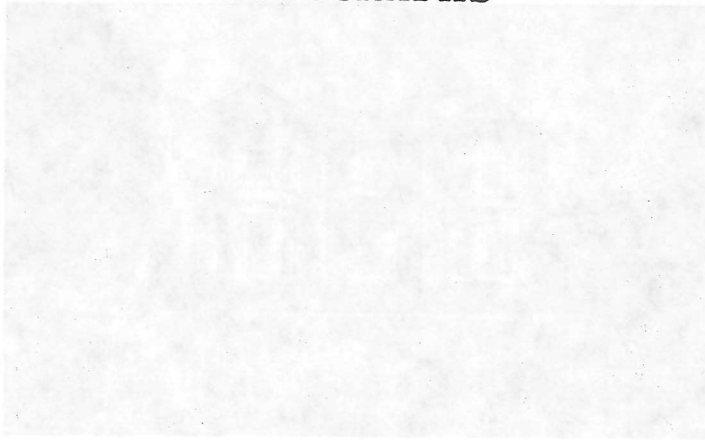
This year, the annual night match against the school resulted in a 1-1 draw. It was not until 1923 that the Club had won and lost two. The school won the annual cricket match with 134 for four against the Club's 129 (A. B. Wainwright scoring 21 of those). The annual drama that year was held at Cranworth House, Glasgow, and was a great success. The Club President was the late W. W. Dodds, Secretary was J. B. Gunn, Club Secretary was J. B. Gunn, and the first of the informal Sports Day meetings that was held in 1922 the first of the informal Sports Day meetings of Old Boys was held that year, of course, this is an annual event.

For your further interest and looking a bit further back, the Club was called the Great Acaademiical Club until 1920 when its name was changed to Acaademiical Club. A- that date its present objects clause was written into its Constitution -- a good note to think on. The Club's objects are to promote the welfare of Morfey's Academy and to maintain and strengthen the friendships formed there.

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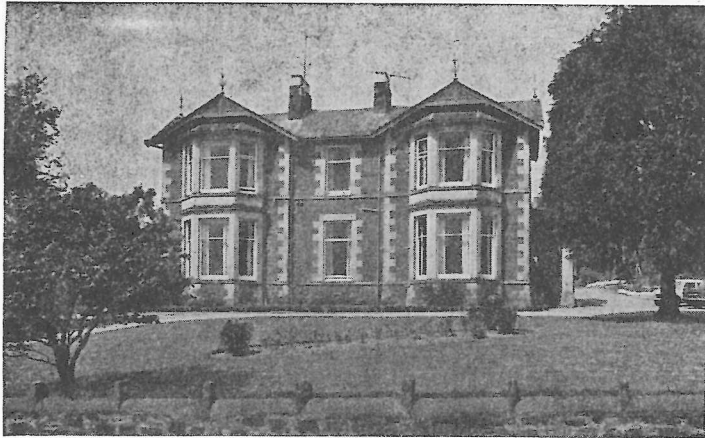
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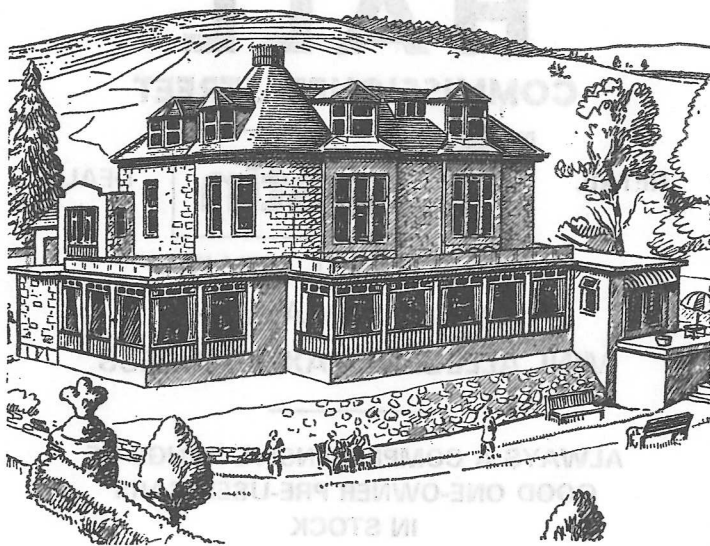
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