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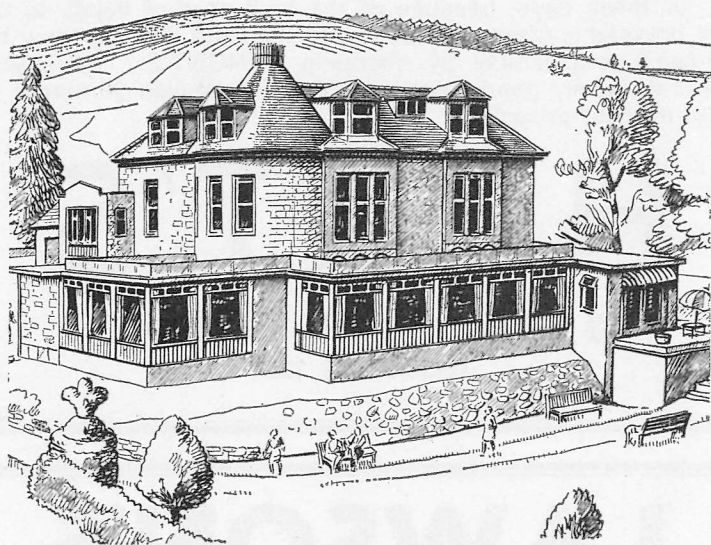
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editorial

This year's Magazine has been designed primarily to chronicle those events concerning the School which have occurred over the past session. As in every year, much has happened, there have been many notable achievements and proud successes, as well as the occasional sad farewell to be said. In compiling the magazine, we have been struck by the diversity of activity that takes place in Morrison's, and we hope that this has been accurately reflected in the pages that follow. It is inevitable that somebody or something has been missed out, and for such mistakes we can only apologise.

"The Morrisonian" would not be complete without the contributions. They complement the more prosaic reports, showing, we hope, the academic and creative side of the School to good effect. For all the artistic endeavours which we received we are grateful; as always, choosing the best was a difficult task.

We hope our efforts and the work of all those who have submitted reports and contributions have been successful, and that the final result is informative and even entertaining.

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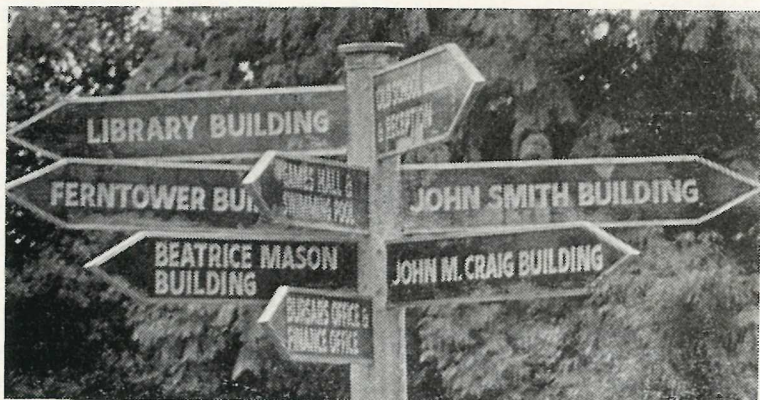
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The School Year, 1980-81



Quo Vadis ?

After a period of wide-ranging and fundamental changes, this session has settled to a more stable pattern, although we could not yet claim to have "business as usual" since in these first years of a new school, "as usual" is an elusive concept. The retirement of long-serving and valued members of staff always reminds us of the impermanence of our institutions, and this session sees the departure of Mrs Patterson, Miss Davidson, Miss MacBean and Mrs Sharp. Tribute to them appears separately.

Impermanence brings its consolations, however, and we have welcomed new faces to the staffroom this session. Mrs Neill's post in the Physical Education Department has been filled by Miss N. L. Kerr, from Earlston near Melrose. Miss Kerr is a very distinguished hockey player. Having played for Scottish Schoolgirls, she first gained full International Honours in 1978, and has now a total of nineteen caps. She did her professional training at Duffermline College of Physical Education, and now plays hockey for Edinburgh Gymnasts and the South District. Mr J. W. Graham has replaced Mr Allardice in the English Department. Mr Graham was educated at St Joseph's College, Dumfries, and the University of Stirling. Having graduated B.A. with Honours in English, he took up an appointment with the Scottish Development Agency. He was involved in industrial research before seeing the light and going to Jordanhill College of Education. Mr Graham is married and lives near Braco. Miss L. Thompson, from Glasgow, was appointed to succeed Miss Davidson

in the Art Department, and took up her duties in February. Miss Thompson did the five-year course in sculpture at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art in Dundee, and after a period of post-graduate study, took the teacher's certificate at Jordanhill.

For all these new members of staff, Morrison's is their first teaching appointment, and we offer them a belated welcome.

Brigadier G. McMurtrie, Bursar since 1967, retired at the end of the Christmas Term (a tribute also appears separately), and was succeeded by Mr Alan S. Macdonald. Mr Macdonald was educated at Strathallan School, and he has been Finance Officer and Assistant Secretary at Moray House College of Education since 1969. Mr Macdonald is married with two children. We hope that Mr and Mrs Macdonald and their family will have a long and happy stay with us.

There have been innovations this session, some curricular, some in the wider life of the School. Pupils in S3 now have four periods of "Interest" subjects (Art, Cookery, Crafts and Skills, Dance, Drama, Dressmaking, Gymnastics, Instrumental Practice, Music, Photography, Physical Education and Typing) instead of attending compulsory lessons in Art, Music and Physical Education. This will carry forward to S4 next session. A similar pattern operates in S6, some of whom are frequently to be seen scurrying with steaming platefuls of mouth-watering cakes towards various hiding-places: cookery has proved very popular! Also in S6, we have introduced a Reading Course for small groups of pupils with a number of staff. The essence of these is informal discussion of the chosen texts and related subjects; and some members of staff even provide coffee and biscuits. (Some arrangement must be made with the Cookery classes next session.) In S1 and S2, Religious Education classes are now included in the timetabled curriculum. To accommodate all these additions there are now nine periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the day ending at 3.40 p.m.

One Prefect is now allocated to each class in the Secondary School in a pastoral capacity. In addition to some of the routine tasks which can thus be taken from the Form Teachers, the prefects' intention is to show an interest in and encourage their special charges: this may relieve the customary identification of some younger pupils with prefects' having loud voices which urge them to get their bags off their shoulders on the staircases.

For our efforts for charity, several events have been held this session. A disco for senior pupils was organised at the end of the Easter Term. A sum of one hundred pounds was raised and this helped to sponsor a delegate from Europe to attend a conference for the disabled at Crieff Hydro, as part of the International Year of the Disabled. A number of pupils have participated in a sponsored walk to Comrie in May. The choir took part in a concert in Comrie at the end of May. Both activities are for Christian Aid.

Parents' Evenings have been held as usual throughout the session — a novelty being the displays of dancing from other countries by girls in S1 and S2 before the serious business of the evenings began. A Careers Convention and Open Day has been arranged for Monday, 29th June ("Sports weekend"), when between thirty and forty careers consultants will be available for discussion with parents. Careers displays, films and a variety of illustrative material will augment personal counsel, and there will be a number of active and static displays of the work of the School throughout the campus. This is an occasion involving large-scale organisation, principally by Mr Thomson, and we pray for good weather, because otherwise the strained limits of accommodation may result in a P.E. Display and a cricket match going on in the swimming pool, with the Pipe Band playing round the side.

Other Careers events have included a two-day Challenge of Industry Conference for sixth-year and some fifth-year pupils. This was organised by the Industrial Society and was held jointly with Crieff High School, one day being spent at Morrison's, the second at the High School. Some pupils have attended Open Days at the Universities of Glasgow, Dundee and St Andrews, and there have been visits by the Presentation Teams of the R.A.F. and R.N.

As in previous years, we are grateful to Sergeant Birrell of the Crieff Police for coming to speak to junior boys and girls about the work of the Police Force.

Four School Services have been held this year. The first, in November, was conducted by the Rector; to the second, in January, we welcomed Miss B. Barr, formerly a Missionary in China; in March our guest was the Rev. Douglas Aitken, senior Radio Producer at the B.B.C.; in June we were visited by Sister Michelle of Scottish Churches House. We are very grateful to our guests for giving of their time.

On Outward Bound courses this year will be Elaine Coles and Kenneth MacLennan, both of S5, who are sponsored by Arthur Bell to go to Locheil. Paul Beat of S5, Alastair Crease and Alan Holms of S4 go later to Camusroary, Loch Nevis.

The customary seasonal dances and parties were held at the end of the Christmas Term.

We should like, finally, to offer our congratulations to the following pupils for various distinctions:

Jeffrey McGeachie was one of the runners-up in an essay competition organised throughout Scotland by the Census Office. The subject concerned the use and value of the census.

In the Crieff Rotary Club Essay Competition Karen Armstrong of S3 came first in Group B, while Lorna Cromar (S2) came first and Loraine Gaskell (S2) came third in Group A.

C.S.Y.S. pupils have been asked to help prepare a pamphlet for the National Trust for Scotland. This will concern the wild life and history of Dunkeld, as well as present-day aspects of the town.

Timothy Copeland of S5 has been awarded a prize for the second consecutive year in the Mathematical Challenge Competition. This is a problem-solving competition run by the Scottish Mathematical Council and is open to all pupils attending Scottish schools. Although an Order of Merit is not officially published, we hear that Timothy has done spectacularly well.

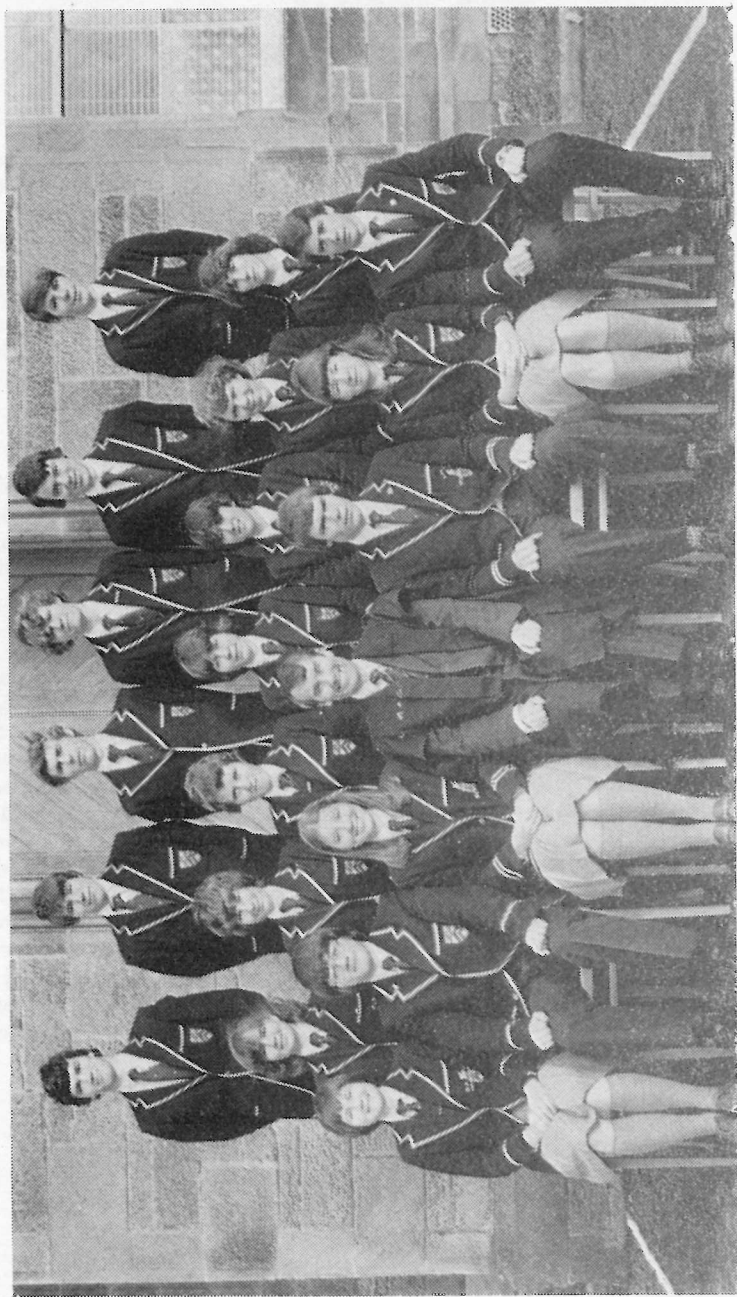
Stephen Pearson (S4) and his sister Helen (S1) have appeared with their parents on B.B.C.1's popular quiz game "Ask the Family". At the time of writing only the first round has been broadcast, and we know that in that they were successful, but the family are being very secretive about later rounds. July will reveal all.

Graham Duguid, Head Boy and Captain of Rugby, who has played in the First XV for three seasons, has concluded a very distinguished school rugby career by playing in all four Schools' Internationals this season, and by being selected to tour Zimbabwe in the summer with a Scottish Schools' Party.

As if to confirm the adage *Mens sana in corpore sano*, Graham has brought further distinction to the School by being awarded a Collie Bursary in the Faculty of Medicine at Aberdeen University. Caroline Ashworth has been awarded a Leys Bursary in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, also at Aberdeen.

Well done, all these members of School.

PREFECTS, 1980 - 81



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THE APPEAL

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE APPEAL FUND

Our Appeal for funds to endow a number of bursaries and scholarships was launched on 12th November, 1979. After a period of about eighteen months we have raised more than £150,000. We have had a magnificent response from Governors, Morrisonians, present and former parents, Trusts and businesses and numerous other well-wishers, who recognise the very important contribution which Morrison's Academy makes to Scottish education. The Governors and members of the Appeal Committee are most grateful to all concerned for their considerable generosity. This message, together with a list of the names of those who have contributed, is being sent to all donors.

The income from the Fund has enabled the Governors to offer a number of bursaries during this current session. In the future it is planned that any bursary offered in the secondary school will continue while the pupil remains at Morrison's. Each year two Sixth Form Scholarships will be offered after examination.

Following the previous Government's policy to phase out grant-aided schools and the consequent decision that Morrison's should become an independent school, it was felt by the Governors that there was a very real danger that the special character of Morrison's would disappear. It was considered that the only way in which we could continue the Academy's tradition of an imaginative mix of boarders, fee-paying and non fee-paying pupils, was to set up a fund to endow bursaries and scholarships in perpetuity. I can happily say that such a purpose has been achieved. However, I must stress the on-going nature of the Appeal. A great number of donations has been by way of covenants. This is by far the most tax beneficial way in which to contribute to an appeal of this nature. However, for a variety of good reasons, a number of single donations has been received, often with the expressed intention that these would be repeated in following years. Any further donations from these contributors will be most gratefully received, as will any donations, however large or small, from those who have not yet felt able to contribute.

A. ROSS BELCH.

Staff Retirements



Mrs AUDREY PATTERSON, B.A.

Having graduated at Durham University, and taught at a number of schools, mainly in the Borders, Mrs Patterson came to Morrison's Academy Girls' School (as it then was) as Head of the History Department in March, 1958. To an observer, it was obvious that, in her hands, the study of History, far from being dry-as-dust, was an absorbing activity, where the pupils were taught to use their initiative, find out things for themselves, and explore the avenues that specially appealed to them. This was to open up for them a whole new, entrancing world.

Then, under the headmistress-ship of Miss Baillie, Mrs Patterson was appointed Deputy Head in 1968. In addition to her responsibilities in the History Department, she then became identified with a much wider range of activities throughout the school, perhaps most notably in maintaining close and friendly relations with the parents (as she did with ease), and dealing with new entrants to the school — many a small, nervous newcomer was made to feel completely at home by Mrs Patterson's calm, kindly manner, and warmly welcomed to the school community.

In addition, there were of course innumerable other tasks to be performed, dealing with the problems of pupils and staff, advising girls about careers, with all the work which that entailed, and organising countless functions, as well as coping with all the details involved in the day-to-day running of the school.

When Miss Baillie left Morrison's in December, 1971, to take up the post of Assistant Principal in Jordanhill College of Education, Mrs Patterson was in charge of the Girls' School until Miss Mackinnon took up her appointment as Headmistress at Easter, 1972. During the interim period, under Mrs Patterson's control, the school continued to run with its accustomed smoothness, and, when Miss Mackinnon took up the reins, she was fortunate in having Mrs Patterson to give her the benefit of her long and valuable experience in the school.

It was at this time that Mrs Patterson became Housemistress of Dollerie, with whose activities she was so closely involved, and in which she took such a deep interest.

Again, when, in December, 1978, Miss Mackinnon left Morrison's to become Headmistress of St Hilary's in Edinburgh, Mrs Patterson shouldered a great deal of responsibility before Mr Ashmall took over as Rector in February, 1979, and again it was obvious that the school was in good hands.

During her time at Morrison's, Mrs Patterson was faced with tremendous changes, which she viewed with an open mind, always welcoming what she saw as being for the possible good of the school. Apart from the increase in numbers which the school underwent, perhaps the greatest change during her time was the coming of co-education, which Mrs Patterson wisely saw as an opportunity for the school to realise its full potential.

It remains only to thank Mrs Patterson most sincerely for her unstinting, dedicated and generous service to the life of the school, and to wish Mr Patterson and herself a long, happy and satisfying retirement.



MISS JEAN M. DAVIDSON, D.A.

It was in December, 1955, that Miss Jean M. Davidson joined the staff of Morrison's Academy Girls' School after teaching in the Mary Erskine School in Edinburgh. The type of school was not foreign to her, as she was educated at Dollar Academy. She continued her education at Edinburgh College of Art, studying drawing and painting. She joined a unique department, the only one which spanned the two branches of Morrison's Academy, although initially her main concern was with the Girls' School.

She was soon to settle into Room 38 in the heights of the John Smith Building, doing most of her teaching there, but occasionally venturing to the "Craft Room" for pottery, and making visits to Croftweir to work in the limiting conditions there with the Primary girls.

What a change took place during her period of service. There was at first a growing together of the two schools, so that, for example, drama was no longer all-boys or all-girls, each conducted in its own small corner, and the co-operation of the Art Department was called on in mixed productions. Jean was always willing to lend a hand. In fact, she went further in one production and wrote the play !

Full integration came at the end of her career, but she rose to the occasion and battled manfully with the mixed and boys' classes. It was perhaps with the mixed Primary that the most rewarding work was found. Many a child went off, happily clutching "works of art" after an enjoyable time for all concerned. In her presentation work she inspired many pupils now in the higher reaches of Art, who look back fondly on the introduction to the subject they received in Room 38.

At the end of the summer term, tasks readily undertaken, such as hand-written prize labels and spectacular flower arrangements for Speech Days, showed her professionalism and willingness to give of her talents to the School.

By her colleagues she will long be remembered for her pithy humour. A host of amusing tales, apt observation of life, could make her an interesting companion in the staffroom or on a school trip. Her farewell speech — tales of a young teacher evacuated to the Borders — revealed to a wider audience what those who had worked closely with her had long known.

May we wish Jean a long and happy retirement, active in both painting, and working in the garden.



MISS MARGARET H. MacBEAN, B.Sc.

The phrase "all things to all men" usually has connotations of hypocrisy; yet Miss MacBean's rôle in Morrison's Academy could not be more aptly defined, nor could her playing of it be more sincere. She came to us in 1964 to teach in the Primary Department of the Boys' School, with additional responsibility for teaching Mathematics and Biology in the Secondary School. By 1972 she had been translated to the Secondary School on a full-time basis as a teacher of Mathematics and Biology, later assuming further responsibility as a guidance teacher. That some pupils have been taught by Miss MacBean in all these capacities is a tempting conjecture — belied, alas, by the time scale. What is remarkable is Miss MacBean's ability, like a many-faceted diamond, to shine in many directions at once: perhaps to some of us whose lustre grows dim even in one direction, it is more remarkable that she is able to remember which hat she is wearing at any one time.

Early involvement in the broader life of the school found Miss MacBean as a producer of the biennial boys' plays (they alternated with the girls'); as a former hockey player and coach of considerable ability, her enthusiasm for sport has led to a continuing and loyal support for all games, but especially rugby. Many fifteens have appreciated and remember with gratitude her following of their fortunes and her subsequent expert and constructive comments; while many supporters have welcomed her cups of tea after matches and during the Annual Sports.

An islander herself — she was born in Islay — Miss MacBean is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, and she had taught at Melville College before spending some years in Ballater and Aboyne. Thence she brought a rich variety of experience to Crieff. It is not, however, versatility which has made Miss MacBean an institution in Morrison's. It is the intensity of her commitment to her subjects, to good order and proper behaviour, to the absolute need for an undisturbed setting for work (and she surely holds some sort of record for the number of classrooms she has occupied): above all these, to her pupils themselves. Her tongue has been the scourge of the idle, the noisy, the ill-mannered, and she would perhaps love to acknowledge, with characteristically impish humour, that her bite is every bit as bad as her bark. Yet here lies the paradox of the good disciplinarian, for the very pupils who have been so roundly chastised on Friday afternoons are the ones who expect to see her supporting them at Dallerie on Saturday mornings — and may even, cautiously, try to divert the Monday morning algebra to discussion of the intricacies of the match. That ruse is nearly always successful.

Miss MacBean is so much more, of course, than a good disciplinarian. She is above all a fine teacher, and many, many pupils have cause to be grateful for that and the extra care and attention, patient explanation of some mathematical problem, often hours after the final school bell: time given selflessly, unstintingly, and usually when the strains of the day have added to aches and pains about which few complaints are ever heard.

Meg MacBean retires in July after seventeen years of service to Morrison's. She has been indeed a Lady for all Seasons, and she will be remembered with deep gratitude and warm affection by pupils and colleagues, past and present, for what she has done and what she is: we wish her many happy and healthy years to enjoy her retirement.



MRS MARY S. SHARP, M.A.

Mrs Mary Sharp, who retires this session, has had a long connection with Morrison's Academy. As Miss Mary Burns, she joined the Modern Languages Department of Morrison's Academy Girls' School in 1946, after having taught for some time at Riverside School, Stirling. Very soon afterwards she forged her first links with the Boys' School, when she married Mr Norval Sharp, Head of the Art Department.

After leaving the Girls' School to bring up her daughter, she and Mr Sharp spent several years, as Matron and Housemaster respectively, in Academy House. Then Mrs Sharp showed her great understanding of young people, her sympathy with them and her efficiency. She became interested in their sports and activities after school — an interest which she still retains.

In 1961 Mrs Sharp returned to the Modern Languages Department in the Girls' School and taught French and German at all stages. She inspired the girls, not only in the study of the language, but also in the love of the culture, literature and art of France and Germany. Many have owed much of their subsequent success at university and college to her teaching, while those who were weaker at these subjects are grateful to her for her great patience and readiness to help.

As a result of her past experience as Matron, it was not difficult for Mrs Sharp to adapt to the changes in Morrison's Academy, when the Boys' and Girls' Schools joined in 1979. She has proved that she can teach boys just as successfully as girls, and the boys are equally appreciative of her work on their behalf.

Although a traditionalist fundamentally and a sound grammarian, Mrs Sharp has incorporated modern methods into her teaching and given to her pupils what is best in both, so that they have performed well in both written and oral expression.

She has not spared herself in the preparation of Sixth Form work, where she has contributed much to the enjoyment of literature and critical appreciation, and also to the study of French art, in which she is particularly interested.

She has accompanied children on educational outings at home and abroad, always preparing them well for the visit beforehand and making sure that they obtained the greatest possible educational value from their trip. She has been mindful of their welfare at all times.

Mrs Sharp is most efficient in every respect, meticulous in every detail. She sets herself high standards and encourages her pupils to do likewise. A most loyal colleague, she has given unfailing support in the Department, and her suggestions and constructive criticism have been greatly valued.

The members of the Modern Languages Department and her pupils will miss her very much, as will all her colleagues in the staffroom. We wish her and her husband good health in the future and a long and happy retirement.

BRIGADIER GEORGE McMURTRIE, O.B.E.

Brigadier McMurtrie came to Crieff in 1967 on his appointment as Bursar to the Governors and from then until his retiral at the end of 1980 he devoted all his boundless energy and enthusiasm to the interests of the School, or Schools as they were in the days when boys and girls were separately educated. Energy and enthusiasm are essential qualities but they never achieve much without administrative ability and Brigadier McMurtrie had that quality in large measure, no doubt acquired during his successful military career.

One of his first tasks was to modernise and simplify the complicated accounting system in operation at that time and in the middle of this exercise he was also engaged in supervising what seemed like a never-ending succession of building operations as well as keeping a watchful eye on the day-to-day running of the School's finances. In addition to looking after all the many routine matters, he had the heavy responsibility of arranging with the School's bankers long-term finance for the very substantial capital expenditure projects approved by the Governors, and this he did most successfully.

The preparation of his annual estimates and budgets on which the level of fees was based, merited congratulations because over the years it was almost uncanny how accurate they were, producing each year either a negligible surplus or deficit. The result was that the Governors were never faced with financial catastrophe and the parents had the satisfaction of knowing that they had never been charged excessively high fees.

The work in the Bursar's department steadily increased over the years and the calculation of salaries and superannuation of those engaged in education became ever more complex, throwing a further heavy burden on that department.

Despite all this, Brigadier McMurtrie remained his usual resilient self, admittedly on odd occasions letting off steam if something done was short of his high standard — he did not suffer fools gladly. He took in his stride the absorption of the Boarding Houses, the setting up of the Refectory and the integration of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, each of these bringing its quota of administrative, accounting and financial problems.

It will be evident from the foregoing that Brigadier McMurtrie's thirteen years at Morrison's were strenuous and eventful, and everyone is grateful for his ability in running the finances so successfully during that time.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy but our Bursar, as well as working hard, also played hard and he and Mrs McMurtrie spent many strenuous weekends sailing, walking or skiing and this no doubt accounted for his enviably bronzed complexion. At the time of writing the Brigadier and his wife are enjoying a well-earned rest in South Africa. We wish them a most enjoyable holiday and a well-earned, long and happy retirement.

(The Editors regret that it was not possible to include a portrait of the former Bursar, and offer apologies to Brigadier McMurtrie.)

THE BOARDING HOUSES

Life in the Boarding Houses, it seems, changes little from year to year. This session has been no exception to the general rule. The Boarders' Social Club continues to flourish under the greatly appreciated auspices of Miss Hartley and Mr Reid. To them, and to all Staff who have given up their Saturday nights to supervise, go our thanks. Unfortunately high costs precluded any visit to Perth Theatre. There were, however, the usual rounds of discos, films and dances for seniors, which afforded the opportunity to strengthen inter-House relationships (some, of course, becoming stronger than others).

The Boarders' Christmas Dinner-Dance has now become an annual event which is keenly anticipated. It was, as usual, a great success, owing mainly to the efforts of the Dance Committee and the splendid efforts of Mrs Maguire and her Refectory staff.

Sadly, there have been a number of departures from the ranks of the Boarding House Staff. The post of House Tutor in Glenearn, vacated by the flight of Mr Allardice to Russia, has been filled by Mr Dyer. Croftweit bade farewell to Mrs McLauchlan as House Tutor, and Mrs Brown as Matron, to be replaced by Mrs McEwan and Miss Findlay respectively. Mrs Lahore, Assistant Matron in Academy, departed in April, her post being taken up by Mrs Gillespie. The post of Assistant Matron in Dalnhor has been temporarily filled by Mrs MacNicol, but a new Assistant Matron, Miss McDougall, took up a permanent appointment in May. The Boarding Houses could not have operated effectively without the assistance and tireless work of all these people who have now departed, and our best wishes and grateful thanks go out to each of them. By the same token, we warmly welcome the new additions to Boarding House Staff.

The task of supervising and looking after a House filled with lunatic boarders is not an easy one, by any means, and the heroic struggles of the Housemasters and Housemistresses, Tutors and Matrons tend to go largely unnoticed. Once again this year, though, they have earned the gratitude and appreciation of every boarder.

Housemasters and Housemistresses

<i>Academy:</i>	Mr J. McChesney
<i>Benheath:</i>	Miss M. B. R. Fraser
<i>Croftweit:</i>	Mrs P. Duncan
<i>Dalnhor:</i>	Mr D. E. Miller
<i>Glenearn:</i>	Mr H. T. Beattie
<i>Knockearn:</i>	Mrs M. P. C. McLean
<i>Knox:</i>	Mrs A. N. B. Smith
<i>Ogilvie:</i>	Mrs K. M. Kerr

PRIZE LIST, 1980

PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Primary 4:* 1 Robert K. Bomont, 2 Caroline L. Hoskins
Primary 5: 1 Evelyn Armstrong, 2 Sepideh Amin-Hanjani
Primary 6A: 1 Fiona McArthur, 2 Lynne F. Guthrie
Primary 6M: 1 Alison C. Ashmall, 2 Joanna W. MacDonald
Primary 7H: 1 Terence A. Shuttleworth, 2 Christopher I. C. Hilton
Primary 7M: 1 Catriona Arbuthnott, 2 Jane A. Reid

SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Form 1:* 1 Pauline J. Rait, 2 Fiona E. Pleasance, 3 Phillipa D. Coutts, 4 Ronald W. Dalglish, 5 Alison J. Blair, 6 Linda J. Ross, 7 C. Jane Borthwick, 8 Shane E. Brown.
Form 2: 1 Andrew S. Meakin, 2 Sally F. Brooks, 3 Roy J. K. Bishop, 4 David G. Steel, 5 Hamish J. G. Mair, 6 Janet M. MacLachlan, 7 Victoria J. Barrie, 8 Nicola M. White.
Form 3: 1 J. Douglas Jarvie, 2 Euan A. Ferguson, 3 Calum M. Guthrie, 4 Stephen J. Pearson, 5 Jane M. Scott, 6 Nicholas S. Copeland, 7 Donald R. T. Macdonald, 8 David A. Glen.
Form 4: Timothy J. Copeland, 2 Suzanne M. McClelland, 3 Ruth E. Wishart, 4 Kathryn J. Scott, 5 Lesley Nicholson, 6 A. Eric S. Mair, 7 Catherine M. Barron, 8 (equal) Andrew M. Scott and Fiona H. Lloyd.
Form 5: 1 Mark Valentine, 2 Colin M. Band, 3 Graeme Nicholson, 4 Graham D. Thom, 5 Armorer K. Gaskell, 6 Karen M. Halley, 7 I. Graham M. Duguid, 8 Judith M. Penny.

<i>Taylor Prize for English:</i>	Jeffrey S. McGeachie
<i>Valentine Prize for English:</i>	Gillian A. Wright
<i>Robert Laurence Prize for Modern Languages:</i>	Karen M. Halley
<i>Kennedy Prize for Modern Languages:</i>	Colin M. Band
<i>Reid Technical Prize:</i>	Mark Valentine
<i>Mrs Alston's Prize for Music:</i>	Alison F. E. Anderson

FORM S6 and SPECIAL AWARDS

<i>Lady Knox Prize for Literature:</i>	Karen E. Brown
<i>Valentine Prize for English:</i>	Karen Dalglish
<i>John Smith Prize for Mathematics:</i>	Fiona J. Reid
<i>John Smith Prize for Chemistry:</i>	Neil R. Todd
<i>A. D. Kippen Prize for Physics:</i>	Douglas B. Meakin
<i>Valentine Prize for Modern Languages:</i>	Fiona I. A. MacRae
<i>Strathairn Prize for History:</i>	Fiona I. A. MacRae
<i>The Wedderspoon Prize:</i>	Fiona I. A. MacRae
<i>Valentine Prize for Geography (shared):</i>	Barbara S. Rodger Fionagh M. Small
<i>Moffat Prize for Biology:</i>	Colin D. Penny
<i>Hynd Prize for Modern Languages:</i>	Susan M. Campbell
<i>Sanderson Prize for Art:</i>	Alastair J. M. Brown
<i>Wardman Prize for Home Economics:</i>	Thea H. Brown
<i>Proxime Accessit (The Mason Prize):</i>	Fiona J. Reid
<i>Crieff Burgh Centenary Cup:</i>	Fiona E. Corbett
<i>Macrosty Medallist:</i>	Douglas I. Kerr
<i>Valentine Shield for Head Girl:</i>	Fiona E. Corbett
<i>Valentine Shield for Head Boy:</i>	Andrew M. Niven
<i>The Dux Medallist:</i>	Fiona I. A. MacRae

UNIVERSITY BURSARY AWARDS

The John and Isabella MacDougall Bursary to be held at University of St Andrews:	Karen Dalglish
Governors' Bursary:	Colin D. Penny

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1979 - 80

Since the presentation of House Trophies is no longer made on Speech Day, but at a private ceremony some days earlier, there follows a summary of House awards for last session as a complement to the list of Speech Day awards.

Athletics: The Campbells.

Badminton: Girls: The Drummonds.

Boys: The Grahams.

Cricket: Triple Tie: The Campbells, the Grahams and the Murrays.

Cross-Country: The Drummonds.

Hockey: The Drummonds.

Netball: The Murrays.

Rugby: The Campbells.

Swimming: Girls: Primary—The Campbells.

Senior—The Grahams.

Boys: The Drummonds.

*Tennis: Girls: Junior—*The Grahams.

Senior—The Drummonds.

Boys: The Murrays.

Tug-of-War: The Murrays.

Primary House Championship Shield for Excellence in Work and Sport:
The Campbells.

Senior House Championship Shield for all School Activities: The Campbells.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1980-81

The trophies for the major winter sports this session have been won as follows:

Rugby: The Murrays.

Hockey: The Grahams.

Sports Clubs

RUGBY

Captain: I. G. M. DUGUID

After a competent win against Kelvinside Academy, in our first inter-school fixture, the team never really combined well until after the mid-term break; indeed, not until November did we play competently in all areas of the game. On a number of occasions we were justly criticised for lack of concentration and effort early on, and, notably against Strathallan and Stewart's-Melville, conceded three or four tries in the first quarter of the match. However, in closer games our fitness was a major factor and our superior second-half play won a number of matches. Had the same spirited play as that produced against the strong Glenalmond and Edinburgh Academy sides been evident consistently throughout the season, the team would have had a much improved record.

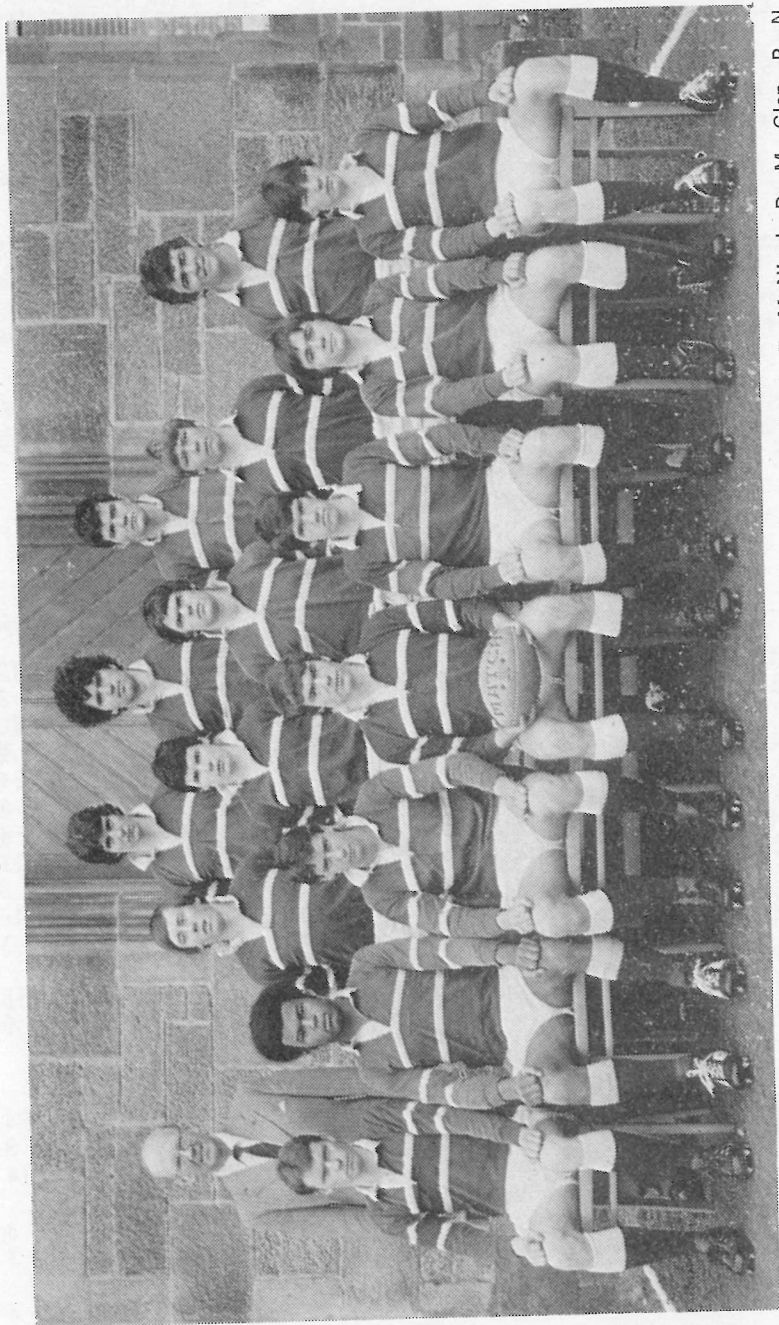
Our forwards were again small but fairly mobile. The lineout was our main weakness and, although it did improve towards the end of the season, all too often we were well beaten in this area. On the other hand, sound technique in the scrummage helped us to overcome our physical deficiencies. Many of our tries came from set scrums close to the line, the strength of F. S. Holder at number eight bringing him a number of well deserved scores. Though erratic at times, Holder's sound cover-defence, aggressive attack and great physical presence in the loose were tremendous assets to the side. J. S. McGeachie, whose play was particularly good in the second term, G. A. J. Allan and A. G. Law — a talented newcomer to the side — were all worthy of praise for their loose play.

The back division was somewhat unsettled in all but the last few matches, mainly through injuries. The full potential was shown by the fine play produced in the Lenzie Academy game, and, although play was seldom as attractive as on that occasion, the backs were generally competent. S. A. MacNicol's switch to the full-back position was a great success, his sound defence being demonstrated particularly in the latter half of the season. With his strong, direct running, R. M. Gillies was top try-scorer, and his goal-kicking ability made him top points-scorer, with 101 points.

Two additional fixtures were arranged at short notice with Queen Anne High School and Lenzie Academy.

The team's success has been due to the enthusiasm shown by all. Natural ability was often lacking but was compensated by physical fitness; all the team deserve great credit for their efforts in both individual and squad training. We were also fortunate to have the facility to review some of our fixtures on video-tape: such self-analysis is both thrilling and beneficial, and we must thank Mr Andrews for his help.

RUGBY — FIRST FIFTEEN, 1980 - 81



Second Row: Mr A. P. Macintyre, D. W. Nimmo, C. N. B. Macmillan, A. J. Lonie, J. F. McNicol, D. M. Glen, P. N. Moore, A. G. Law, G. A. J. Allan.
 Front Row: I. D. Brown, F. S. Holder, S. A. MacNicol, I. G. M. Duguid (Captain), R. M. Gillies, J. S. McGeachie, R. G. J. Mathers.

I. G. M. Duguid became the eighth boy from Morrison's to be selected for the Scottish Schoolboys' XV. He hooked against France, Wales, Ireland and England. He was invited to play for the London Scottish Schoolboys' XV against the Richmond Schoolboys' XV at Richmond in January; and he goes with the Scottish Schoolboys' Party on their tour of Zimbabwe this summer.

J. F. McNicol achieved District honours by playing for the Midlands Schools' XV.

Again we are indebted to all those who helped the Rugby Club this season. In particular, we must thank the masters who coached teams, those who travelled to away matches, and Mr Grieve and his ground staff for all their hard work. Finally we owe our thanks to Mr Macintyre for organising another season of First XV rugby.

Colours were awarded to I. G. M. Duguid (re-award), R. M. Gillies, F. S. Holder and S. A. MacNicol. Half-Colours were awarded to R. G. J. Mathers and J. S. McGeachie.

FIRST XV RESULTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Sept. 13	Morrisonian Club	Lost	10	12
Sept. 20	Kelvinside Academy	Won	16	8
Sept. 27	Dollar Academy	Lost	7	10
Oct. 4	Merchiston Castle School	Lost	3	8
Oct. 11	George Watson's College	Lost	0	14
Oct. 25	Hutchesons' Grammar School	Won	12	8
Nov. 1	Dunfermline High School	Won	10	4
Nov. 8	Robert Gordon's College	Lost	4	13
Nov. 15	Royal High School	Won	7	0
Nov. 18	Strathallan School	Lost	7	16
Nov. 22	Queen Anne High School	Won	15	3
Nov. 29	Dundee High School	Cancelled		
Dec. 6	Trinity College, Glenalmond	Lost	4	18
Dec. 13	Perth Academy	Lost	6	9
1981				
Jan. 17	George Heriot's School	Cancelled		
Jan. 24	Stewart's-Melville Colleges	Lost	3	24
Jan. 31	Glasgow High School	Won	11	9
Feb. 7	Edinburgh Academy	Lost	0	14
Feb. 14	Hillhead High School	Cancelled		
Feb. 21	Lenzie Academy	Won	36	3
Feb. 28	Boroughmuir High School	Won	20	3
Mar. 7	Glasgow Academy	Cancelled		
Mar. 14	Aberdeen Grammar School	Won	26	3

SECOND XV

Captain: G. D. GREEN

The Seconds had a very hard but successful season. The pack in particular improved as a unit as the season went on. In the set scrum the second row of J. G. Grant and A. M. Scott worked hard, managing on many occasions to push backwards much bigger opponents. J. H. Coats and J. M. Scott rucked well, providing our competent backs with some fine possession. Our thanks go to I. L. Wilkie and D. T. Lothian, two players who changed position to perform well where no-one else was keen to play. S. S. Cullen and G. D. Thom worked a good centre partnership, giving our leading scorer, A. W. Lothian, plenty of opportunities. A. I. B. McNab had a fantastic season at scrum-half, scoring many fine tries. We lost only one game in 1981, and hope that this record will remain for next season, when the Seconds will be the foundation of the First XV.

THIRD XV

Captain: A. L. McALLISTER

The Third XV started the season badly but, despite this, they improved considerably after being slightly re-arranged, and achieved three notable victories — against George Heriot's, Stewart's-Melville and Dollar. These proved what they could do, playing together as a team.

The front row of M. R. K. Dalziel, A. E. S. Mair and J. C. Brown was the backbone of our very light pack, while the back-row trio of A. J. Watson, R. J. Cunningham and A. L. McAllister provided A. J. G. Bryson and the backs with good clean ball from the breakdown. A. M. Williamson and G. G. Deans often broke through our opponents' defences, but lacked support to make this really effective. The backs as a whole played exciting, attacking rugby, but all too often lacked finishing ability. Dalziel, incidentally, has played twenty-five games for the Third XV.

A. A. Murchie played well at full-back, proving especially good in counter-attack.

Lack of sound defence was evident, and all too often slight lapses in concentration lost us games which should have been won.

COLTS XV

Captain: A. L. SMALL

Faced with the problem of finding new half-backs at the start of the season, our first two games were ones in which there was a certain lack of confidence, but after a little juggling around, these positions were finally settled, and we were at last able to play our games with confidence.

The pack, who seemed to have filled out to a fair size between seasons, combined well together, never meeting another pack with whom they could not contend. One or two new faces appeared on the scene, adding a bit more size and strength to the pack. Mauling and scrummaging were very sound,

the flankers, A. D. Thummanond and D. D. Goodwin, being very quick off the base of the scrum. The lineout, however, still needs much attention and hard work.

The backs, when they were on form, could play some good, hard, entertaining rugby, extra pace being injected by the presence of G. A. MacLachlan, who in previous seasons was absent from the side because of knee trouble. Our new scrum-half, J. R. Skea, improved steadily throughout the season, and his combination with the back row proved to be a formidable force. But the player to whom we owe thanks for defence work was W. M. Scott, who undoubtedly saved many a losing try by his seemingly never-ending cover work.

Colts' Badges were awarded to D. D. Goodwin, W. M. Scott, J. R. Skea, A. L. Small and A. D. Thummanond.

FIFTH XV

Captain: D. S. MURCHIE

Sadly, the subdued optimism expressed in last season's report on this side in "The Morrisonian" did not prove to be justified, and it has not been a good season. Probably the strongest single influence on the team's lack of success was faltering confidence. Once opponents established any superiority, the Fifth XV seemed more or less to accept inevitable defeat. Such fragile morale is hard to repair; but it would be unjust to imply that members of the side did not try for most of their games — or that a substantial minority did not play themselves into the ground. Notably the captain, D. S. Murchie, tried hard to inspire vocally and by example; and he at scrum-half and his brother, N. G. Murchie, at hooker both belied their diminutive size and weight with enterprising and strenuous play at all times. B. Cruickshank, one of the largest boys in the side, proved a very effective number eight, matched for strength and effort by R. C. Temple as a lock. The other lock, G. G. Cartwright, had an uneven season, but at his best he can be outstanding. J. S. Robertson played a useful and promising part as flanker. Of the backs, probably only E. M. Jarvie showed occasional sparks of real flair — and it is in this section of the team that the greatest amount of work and improvement is required.

SIXTH XV

Captain: A. W. S. MAIR

Despite what appears to be a dismal record of defeat after defeat, there has been a considerable improvement over the season. As a result, the future for this side may not be as black as first impressions seemed to indicate. Several individuals have come on a great deal during the season, but two major weaknesses have not been ironed out. Tackling and the work-rate of the forwards remain inadequate. Despite these faults, the keenness of the team members has never been in question, and their behaviour on the field has always been without reproach. They should achieve better results in future years.

PRIMARY XV

Captain: K. H. BUTLER

This was a good, lively team, which responded well in the coaching sessions and was prepared for total involvement in the matches.

Although lacking in weight and height in comparison with most of their opponents, the forwards were able to supply the strong backs with sufficient good ball to create first-class attacking moves. Solid backing up was also a noticeable feature of the play, resulting in eighteen tries scored, half of them by the forwards in support.

K. H. Butler emerged as top points scorer with twenty points, closely followed by N. B. Lothian and T. M. Sprunt.

Both the games which were lost were closely fought affairs, when unfortunately the team was at less than full strength; but even so, each was lost by the margin of one score —indeed only a conversion kick separated the teams at Dollar.

This is a team with the right attitude, which has the potential to do well in future seasons.

A bonus for next year's XV is the fact that three boys from Primary 6 held a regular place in the team: thus they should provide next season's team with some experience in the early practices and matches.

Team Records for Season 1980-81

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XV	18	9	0	9	187	164
2nd XV	14	10	0	4	284	96
3rd XV	11	4	0	7	115	132
Colts XV	13	8	0	5	185	157
5th XV	12	2	0	10	60	284
6th XV	9	2	0	7	116	214
Primary XV	5	3	0	2	72	31

HOCKEY

Captain: KAREN M. HALLEY

This season has been relatively successful for all. Our junior teams have been enthusiastic as well as talented, and this bodes well for the future. Unfortunately several fixtures were cancelled because of bad weather, but the games we did play were enjoyed by everyone.

The advent of Miss Kerr, with her skill and special brand of effervescence, to the P.E. Department has improved our play beyond measure; and we thank her and Mrs Laing for their invaluable help and coaching throughout the season. Many other people have helped and encouraged the club — Miss McCallum and Mrs Halley, who took some of the junior hockey; Mrs Hindell, who has given up a lot of her free time; and the groundsmen. Of course we also owe much to the brave souls who ventured out, often in dubious weather conditions, to support us: to everyone we extend hearty thanks.

Special congratulations go to Mary Love, new to the School this year, whose skill on the pitch has impressed both us and the selectors who chose her to play in the Midlands Second XI.

The First Year also deserve special mention for their unbeaten record this year — keep it up!

Thanks to all the players for coming to practices and playing on Saturdays: such loyalty makes a captain's job very pleasurable.

FIRST XI

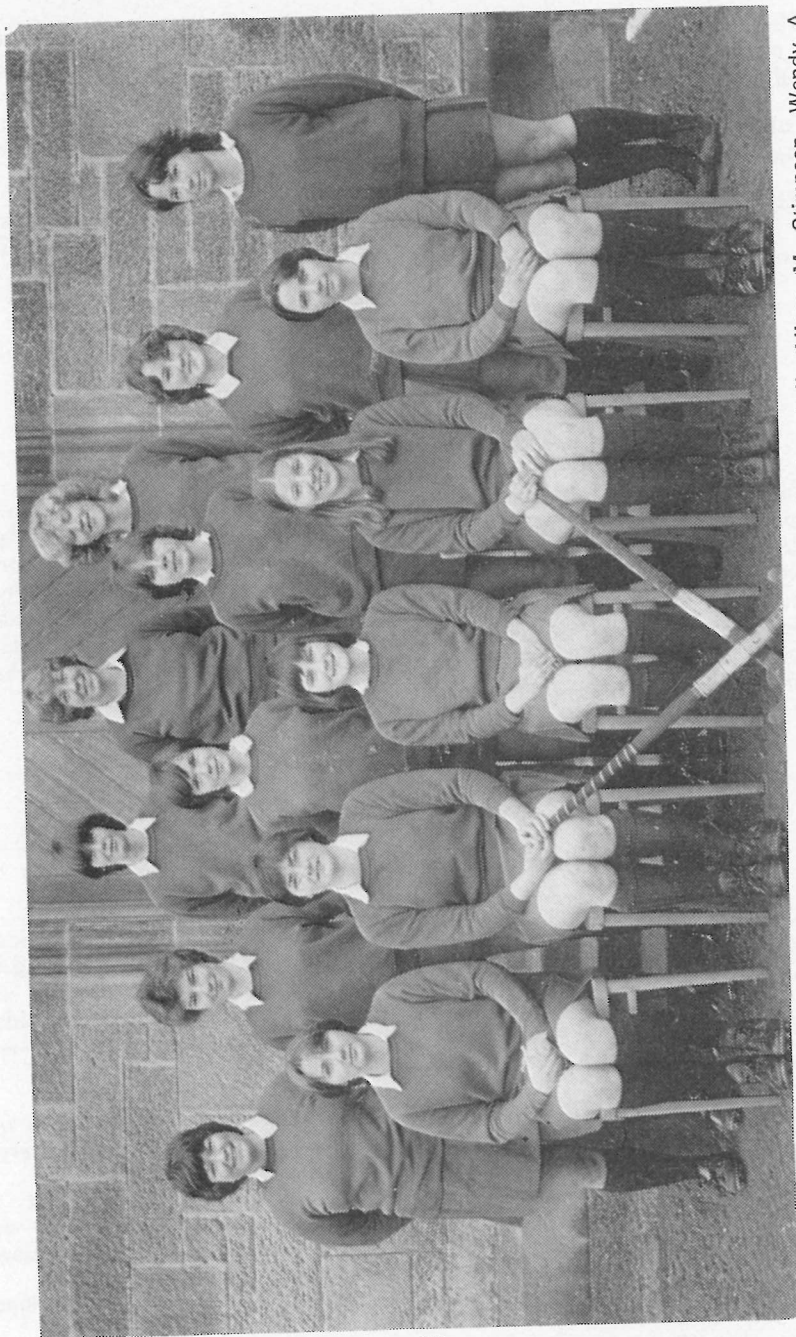
Both newcomers and experienced players have combined well as a unit, and all players can take credit for this season's results.

There have been many exciting moments, with Armored Gaskell scoring some excellent goals from the run of play, and Mary Love being successful from set pieces.

The team played open hockey, providing action in both circles in most games. The defence was steady and constructive, with Zcë Swithenbank, our fearless goal-keeper, making some fine saves and positive clearances. In attack the inter-passing between the forwards has been impressive (sometimes!) with everyone playing an important role. Though not so prevalent at the start of the season, team-work has improved steadily throughout and has come to the fore in our last few games, so that it was with much regret that we ended another fixture list.

Near the end of the Easter Term we played two rather amusing matches. The first was against a very gallant attempt by a Staff First XII (!), which resulted in a win of 1-0 for the Staff after extra time. However, it would appear that the effort of scoring that single goal was too much for Mr McGregor, who was taken to hospital two days later!

HOCKEY — FIRST ELEVEN, 1980 - 81



Second Row: Fiona L. Skea, Catherine M. Barron, Susan C. Hunt, Eileen C. Campbell, Alison M. Stimpson, Wendy A. Clark, Zoë Swithenbank, E. Sharon Kup, Heather J. Stevenson.
First Row: Lindsay J. Harrison, Mary Love, Karen M. Halley (Captain), Armorel K. Gaskell, Susan E. Harrison.

The second match was against eleven members of the First XV, and this time our native cunning and superior skills outdid the rather barbaric methods of our opposition, resulting in a 3-2 win for us.

Full Colours were awarded to Armored K. Gaskell, Karen M. Halley and Mary Love.

Half-Colours were awarded to Catherine M. Barron, Lindsay J. Harrison, Susan E. Harrison, Heather J. Stevenson, Alison M. Stimpson and Zoë Swithenbank.

SECOND XI

Captain: SUSAN H. GUTHRIE

The Second XI played fewer games than usual this year, and never developed team-work to the standard which we hoped we might reach. Many individuals played reliably, with Laura Brown and Jackie Fehilly giving some outstanding performances. Our best result was a draw against Aberdeen Grammar School; but our best game was our last fixture, against Dundee High School, where despite defeat we played as a more cohesive unit. Everyone, however, has enjoyed playing, and what we lacked in skill was more than compensated by our enthusiasm.

THIRD YEAR XI

Captain: JENNIFER C. COWAN

The Third Year team had a successful and enjoyable season. Practices were attended regularly with enthusiasm. Team-work improved steadily throughout the season. In the Midlands Junior Outdoor Tournament we reached the semi-finals, where we were beaten by a very good Forfar side. We had a very hard and challenging game against St George's, which we eventually won after a lot of good team-work.

We played in the Perth and Kinross Junior Indoor Tournament where we were runners-up, due to some very fine goal-keeping by Marion Murray. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, as it made a change from outdoor hockey.

The Third Year boys challenged us to a game of hockey, which we accepted, but we were beaten by one goal: it was a good and enjoyable game.

Throughout the season there was a good team spirit present, and we hope that everyone will continue with their game next year.

SECOND YEAR XI

Captain: C. ELIZABETH COWAN

The Second Year hockey team has enjoyed a successful season. It has been satisfying to see an improvement in the consistent team-work which has come about by hard, enthusiastic training at weekly practices. Several matches against other schools tested our ability, especially against Dundee High School, but these were enjoyable, and sportsmanship was shown all round. Michelle Armstrong played well in defence, with Fiona Brown scoring many excellent goals. This overall keenness augurs well for next season.

FIRST YEAR XI

Captain: FIONA D. WILKIE

This year, for the first time, the benefits of starting hockey in the Primary School have been undeniably proved. We have played eleven games, all of them without defeat, with only one drawn — against St George's.

Our defence has been solid, and among our forwards perhaps the most outstanding player has been Gayle MacLachlan, whose frequent goals have influenced our scores significantly. Our most satisfying match was without a doubt our last, against Kilgraston, where we had a resounding victory of 7-0.

At the beginning of the Summer Term we won the Midlands District First Year Tournament, beating Perth High School 1-0 in the final. This was a happy postscript to a very good season.

Team Records for Season 1980-81

	Goals					
	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XI	11	6	1	4	32	16
2nd XI	7	0	1	6	4	26
3rd Year XI	10	6	2	2	21	12
2nd Year XI	11	7	1	3	34	12
1st Year XI	11	10	1	0	42	4

CRICKET - 1980 SEASON

Captain: D. S. BOSOMWORTH

Fortunately last season's side consisted mainly of players who already had the experience of playing at First XI level for most, if not all, of the previous season. Perhaps the record did not quite reflect this experience, although it was fairly even. Our victories were over Glasgow High School, Robert Gordon's College and George Heriot's School. A high number of drawn matches this year, some fortunate and some not so fortunate, showed perhaps that we were fairly level with most schools.

D. S. Bosomworth, who captained the side very competently throughout the season, proved his bowling skills to be of a very high standard, with a large number of wickets and maiden overs to his credit. Against Glasgow High School he claimed five wickets for the loss of only eleven runs; while K. Donaldson, the other opening bowler for most of the season, took four of the remaining wickets, also for eleven runs. I. D. Brown also performed well as a bowler, with a good average at the end of the season.

D. G. F. Beat once again built up the highest batting average before leaving us half-way through the term. He scored 49 against Crieff, helping us to a draw; and scored 39 in a difficult match against Strathallan. L. S. Fretz proved to be a very valuable and competent opening batsman, with scores of 45 against Stewart's-Melville, and 41 against Kelvinside Academy. C. N. Marshall yet again batted well, but by no means defensively, throughout the season, with a praiseworthy 34 runs to his credit against some good Comrie bowlers. A. G. MacEwan scored the only half-century of the season with a creditable 52 against Kelvinside Academy.

The side was grateful for some good wicket-keeping from C. N. Marshall, who took the highest number of catches, followed by D. G. F. Beat, who also fielded well. The fielding on the whole was commendable, but occasionally slack when we were demoralised by good batsmen.

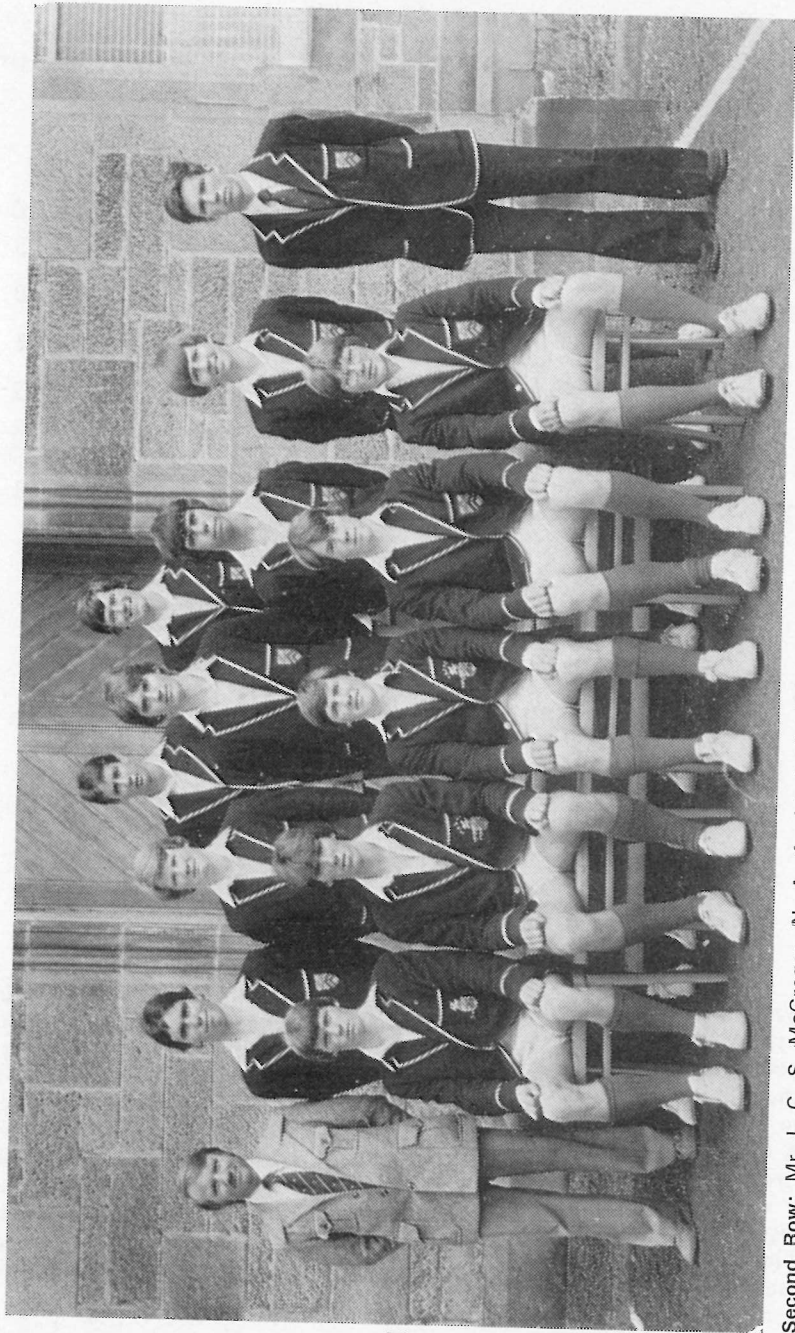
After looking forward all season to our annual match against the Old Boys' XI, we were greatly disappointed when it was eventually cancelled because of constant rain. That was unfortunate for the Old Boys who had travelled long distances to play in the match, and their only consolation was a very pleasant meal in Academy Hall before leaving us.

Once again our thanks go to Mr McGregor for coaching and umpiring the First XI, and the school is greatly indebted to all other members of staff who coached and umpired other Elevens. Thanks must go to Mr Grieve and his staff, who as always kept the Dallerie pitches in superb condition.

Colours were awarded to D. S. Bosomworth, L. C. Fretz and C. N. Marshall.

Half-colours were awarded to I. D. Brown, A. G. MacEwan and S. A. MacNicol.

CRICKET — FIRST ELEVEN, 1980



Second Row: Mr J. C. S. McGregor, N. A. Auchterlonie, M. P. Fretz, S. A. MacNicol, A. G. MacEwen, E. J. McRobbie, K. Donaldson, A. M. Niven, D. B. Meakin (Scorer).
 Front Row: I. D. Brown, C. N. Marshall, D. S. Bosomworth (Captain), L. C. Fretz, G. G. Smith.

Team Captains, 1980

1st XI—D. S. Bosomworth
2nd XI—A. M. Niven
Colts XI—A. G. Law

Junior "A" XI—E. B. Ross and S. R. Kerr
Junior "B" XI—E. M. Jarvie
Primary XI—E. J. Cameron

Team Records, 1980

	P	W	D	L
1st XI	13	3	5	5
2nd XI	10	6	0	4
Colts XI	7	4	1	2
Junior "A" XI	7	2	2	3
Junior "B" XI	8	1	0	7
Primary XI	8	0	1	7

TENNIS 1980 SEASON

GIRLS

Captain: CAROLYN D. MIQUEL

Team Players were: 1st Couple—Anne G. Aitken
Joyce J. Aitken

2nd Couple—Armored K. Gaskell
Alison M. Stimpson

3rd Couple—Hilary M. Donaldson
Carolyn D. Miquel

Despite having had little match practice beforehand, the season started on a promising note, with good wins over Dollar and Kilgraston. The exams disrupted certain Senior fixtures owing to the unavailability of some players, but the Juniors meanwhile were producing some fine tennis against Blairgowrie and Dundee High School. The Senior VI, unchanged from last year, began enjoying the fruits of success, as experience often proved helpful. In May we played at home in the first round of the Midlands Schools' Tournament, when we beat Perth Academy, and then met Kilgraston in the same evening. The Team achieved good results in both matches to go through to the Final against Dundee High School later in the week. Unfortunately Morrison's were beaten by a superior team whose members are very experienced in tournament play.

GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM — 1980



Back Row: Joyce J. Aitken, Armorel K. Gaskell, Ailson M. Stimpson.
Front Row: Anne G. Aitken, Carolyn D. Miquel (Captain), Hilary M. Donaldson.

Then followed a spate of cancellations. This halted the fluidity of the tennis, so that at the annual Kilgraston Tournament, in which schools from around Perthshire compete, the seniors did not do themselves justice.

There was a good entry for the School Championships last year. The Junior final turned out to be a family affair, with Michelle and Karen Armstrong competing for the cup. We congratulate Michelle, a First-Year girl with great promise for the future, on her win. The Senior Tennis Cup was contested between Joyce Aitken and Catherine Barron. Catherine, with her attractive ground strokes, won in straight sets.

Enthusiasm for this sport was evident by the large attendances at practices throughout the term. As the number of tennis courts is limited, it is still difficult to get sufficient team practice, which is essential for competition. The School was fortunate in having the assistance of Mr Tony Armstrong, who came to coach some of the Juniors. His encouragement and advice have been much appreciated. Thanks are due to all members of staff who have accompanied us to certain matches during the term. Above all, our thanks go to Mrs Laing, for her continuing help and support at matches throughout the season.

Colours were awarded to Anne G. Aitken, Joyce J. Aitken, Armorel K. Gaskell, Carolyn D. Miquel and Alison M. Stimpson.

Half-Colours were awarded to Hilary M. Donaldson.

First VI Record, 1980

April 26	Kilgraston	Won	7-2
April 30	Dollar Academy	Won	7-2
May 14	Blairgowrie High School	Won	7-2
May 17	Dundee High School	Lost	3-6
May 20	SENIOR MIDLANDS TOURNAMENT		
May 21	Stirling High School	Lost	3-6
May 22	SENIOR MIDLANDS TOURNAMENT		
May 24	St George's	Won	5-4
May 31	Grove Academy	Cancelled	
June 7	Harris Academy	Cancelled	
June 10	Perth Academy	Cancelled	
June 14	S ^t Leonard's	Lost	3-6
June 21	KILGRASTON TOURNAMENT		

BOYS

Captain: C. N. MARSHALL

Again this year the tennis team entered for the Midlands Schools' Competition, but unfortunately we did not progress further than the first round, which was against Glenalmond. The match was played at home, and after putting up more of a fight than the score suggests, we were well beaten 6-3, largely due to a very strong Glenalmond 1st couple.

On the brighter side, our annual match against the Morrisonian Club on the Sunday after Sports Day was not rained off last year. It was an extremely warm day, and we enjoyed some very exciting tennis against a very mixed Old Boys' Team, who, largely due to lack of practice, were fairly convincingly beaten. We are grateful to the Morrisonian Club for providing us with some great entertainment.

In the Dye Cup the semi-finalists were C. N. Marshall, D. A. Peacock, R. H. M. Kerr and L. S. Fretz. From these four, Marshall and Kerr contested the final, and for the second year running, Marshall won the Cup.

The team which represented the School in the Midlands Schools' Competition was:

- 1st Couple: C. N. Marshall (Captain)
D. G. F. Beat
- 2nd Couple: S. A. MacNicol
D. A. Peacock
- 3rd Couple: A. C. Kerr
R. H. M. Kerr

The Murrays won the Inter-House Championship once again.

Colours were awarded to C. N. Marshall.

ATHLETICS - 1980 SEASON

Captain: F. S. HOLDER

BOYS

The School competed in two matches, the first against Dollar Academy and the second against George Heriot's School. The result in the first match was disappointing, but by the end of the season, when the second match took place, we had raised our standards, and finished on a happier note by beating Heriot's.

In the first of these matches the Juniors were the weakest of the three age groups and, although the Seniors and Intermediates won their sections, the Juniors were heavily defeated and Dollar won overall by 184 points to 166. In the Senior and Intermediate Sections F. S. Holder, J. M. Scott and D. Duncan achieved fine individual performances.

Although the Juniors were beaten also in the second match, the Intermediates and Seniors built up a sufficient points margin to keep Morrison's ahead. In the Senior Section, F. S. Holder and R. Boyle performed well in the field and middle distance events respectively. J. M. Scott and D. Duncan once again did well in the Intermediate Section. The final score was Morrison's 185, George Heriot's 163.

The Scottish Schools' Athletics Championships were held at Pitreavie and we had a large entry of sixteen boys, many of whom performed well. J. M. Scott won the Group B Javelin, and F. S. Holder came second in the Group A Discus. During the heats for the 800m., D. A. Glen set a new Morrison's Intermediate Best Performance of 2 mins. 7 secs.

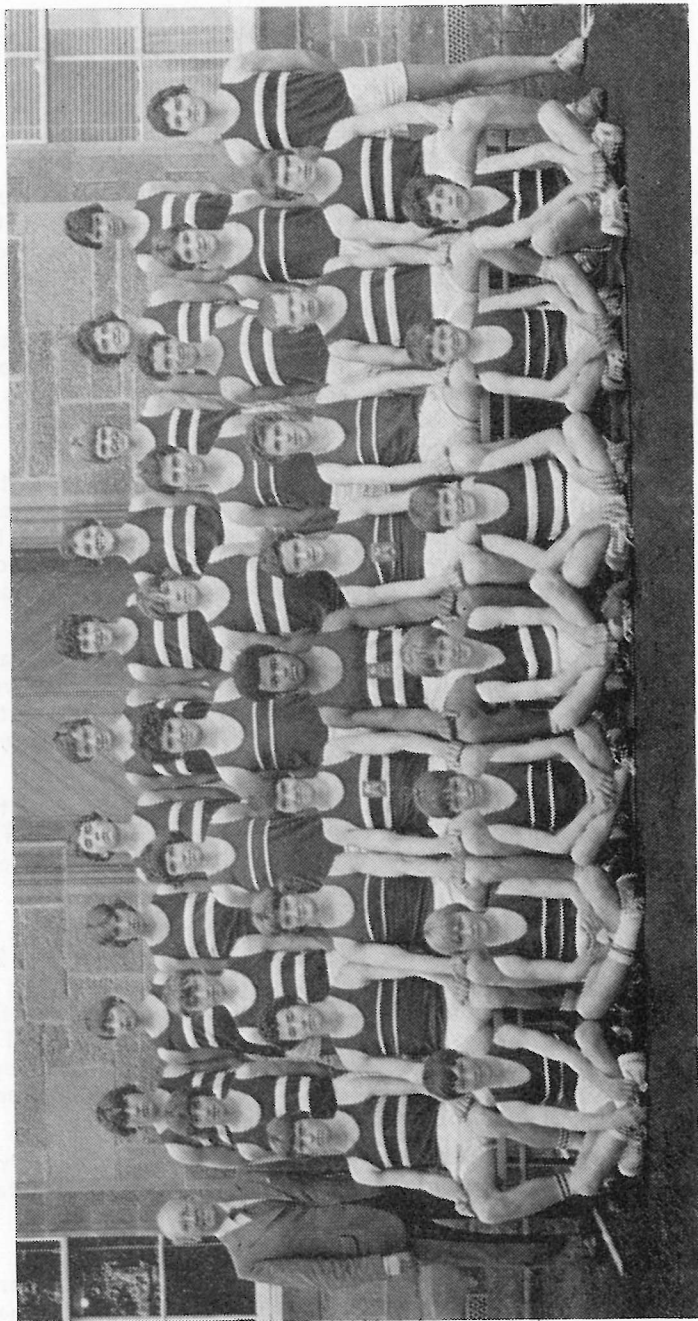
Sports Day, 1980, began in thick cloud with frequent showers, but as the day wore on, the sun came through and an enjoyable time was had by all. The crowd was appreciative and the competitors responded with some very good performances.

The Senior Championship was won by F. S. Holder with 40 points, A. N. Buchanan being runner-up with 23 and R. M. Gillies a close third with 22. In the Intermediate Championship J. R. Halley was first with 30 points, D. Duncan was second with 23 and third was J. M. Scott. G. Campbell won the Junior Championship with 35 points, P. Young being runner-up with 12. The Primary Championship went to C. J. McGregor with 18 points. The Boys' House Championship was won by the Campbells. They also won the supreme award when both boys' and girls' results were taken together.

The help and encouragement given throughout the season by Mr Macintyre was much appreciated by everyone concerned. Thanks go also to all staff and pupils who helped in numerous ways. We are as always very grateful to Mr Grieve and his ground staff for all the hard work put in at Dallerie.

Colours were awarded to F. S. Holder (re-award), R. M. Gillies (re-award) and J. M. Scott. Half-Colours were awarded to R. Boyle and A. N. Buchanan.

BOYS' ATHLETICS TEAM — 1980



Back Row: D. T. Lothian, A. W. Lothian, G. S. Strathie, I. L. Wilkie, W. M. Scott, J. T. Donald, D. G. G. Aitchison, D. A. Glen, J. R. Halley, C. T. Hutton.
 Third Row: Mr. A. P. Macintyre, P. Young, G. Campbell, D. Duncan, J. F. McNicol, L. C. Fretz, C. N. B. Macmillan, A. Findlay, G. A. MacLachlan, P. N. Moore.
 Second Row: I. D. Brown, R. McLelland, A. N. Buchanan, R. M. Gillies, F. S. Holder (Captain), J. M. Scott, R. Boyle, D. I. Kerr, I. G. M. Duguid.
 Front Row: E. M. Jarvie, A. Young, D. S. Murchie, K. R. McNeil, S. Moncrieff, N. G. Murchie, R. P. Mayall.

Cross-Country, 1980-81

A large cross-country group trained throughout the season, during the Christmas Term from Dallerie and in the Easter Term from the school. All were striving to get rid of the fat built up over the summer, and to try to beat the rugby players in the School Cross-Country at Easter.

We had an extra fixture this year, in February, when we took two teams to Strathallan. Although both teams were beaten, the Group B race was won by T. Y. Griffiths, while R. Boyle set a new course record in winning the Group A race. The disappointing team result was due partly to the fact that D. A. Glen and A. Findlay were suffering from a bad dose of 'flu.

Fortunately, D. A. Glen was back on his feet (although it was difficult to stay that way because of the mud) when we went to Heriot-Watt University to compete in the Scottish Schoolboys' Championships. He was placed commendably in a large entry in the Group B race. R. Boyle put in an extremely good performance in Group A to finish 20th out of 250. C. M. Band also did well, having taken up cross-country running only at Christmas. The "A" Team was placed 13th out of 20 teams.

GIRLS

Captain: LOUISE E. KNOWLES

Last season girls' athletics proved to be an increasingly popular summer activity. Unfortunately numbers diminished towards the end of the season, but those who remained displayed such enthusiasm and talent that we competed against several schools. The match against St Leonard's was followed by a similar one against St George's, and a combined event with the boys' athletics team against Dollar. In all three we were the weaker school, and came away defeated, although some individuals had achieved personal bests.

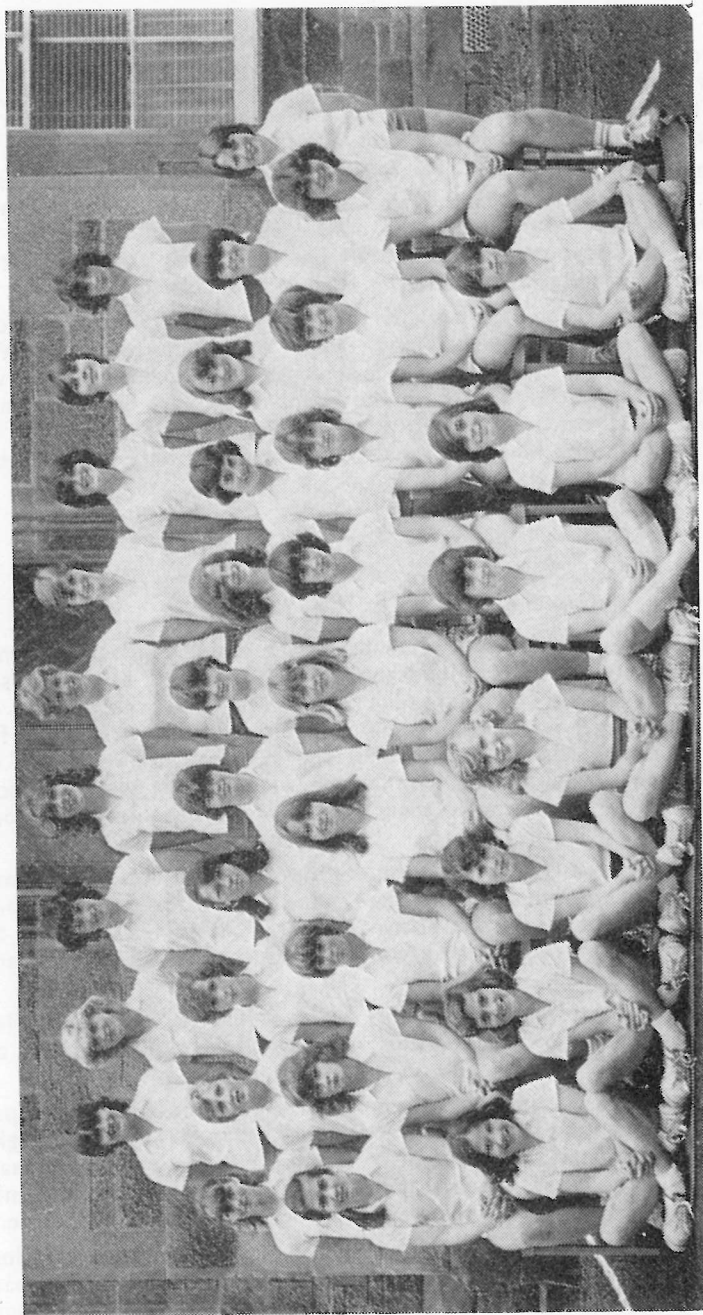
At St Leonard's we found ourselves battling against not only strong opposition but also poor ground and weather conditions. In the Juniors, Sandra McDougall proved herself to be a worthy athlete by attaining 1.36m. in the High Jump, winning the event. Overall we accumulated 126 points, compared with St Leonard's 169 points.

The matches against St George's and Dollar followed a similar pattern although in these we could not blame poor weather conditions for our performances.

Despite mixed showers and sunshine on Sports Day, those who took part did so with such enthusiasm and determination that the day was thoroughly enjoyed by participants and spectators alike. Throughout the age groups many Standard Awards were gained for outstanding performances, and in the Senior 200m. a new record of 27.9 seconds was established by Rhona Macintyre.

In the Championships Juliet McIlldowie won the Primary, Emma Bond the Junior and Catherine Barron the Intermediate, with Zoë Swithenbank runner-up. A more dramatic finish to the Senior Championship saw Louise

GIRLS' ATHLETICS TEAM — 1980



Back Row: J. L. Brown, Z. Swithenbank, D. Aitchison, J. J. Aitken, A. M. Stimpson, S. Donaldson, J. E. Thwaites, W. A. Clark, K. V. Armstrong.
 Third Row: F. A. Brown, P. J. Rait, S. R. McDougall, C. A. B. Ross, L. Smart, K. E. Brown, M. J. Baxter, C. E. Cowan, E. S. Kup, K. Stark, C. Campbell.
 Second Row: S. L. Brooks, L. M. Stewart, S. C. Cullen, H. J. Stevenson, L. M. Knowles (Captain), R. M. Macintyre, E. C. Bond, C. M. Barron, J. L. Martin.
 Front Row: A. M. Clunie, G. S. MacLachlan, A. B. Watt, A. J. Johnston, R. I. Watson, F. D. Wilkie, C. M. Wilson.

Knowles and Jennifer Martin as joint winners, with 16 points each, and Rhona Macintyre and Heather Stevenson as joint runners-up, with 15 points. Although the girls' House Champions were the Grahams, the supreme award went to the Campbells.

Colours were awarded to Louise E. Knowles.

Cross-Country, 1980-81

The 15-17 age group team for the annual Scottish Schools' Cross-Country Championship at Heriot-Watt University consisted of Sally Brooks, Sonja Brooks, Carol Ross, Jane Thwaites and Jane Wilson. Unfortunately, a few days before the event, Jane Thwaites, one of our stronger runners, injured herself while training and put herself out of the competition. In the team, Sally Brooks showed herself a commendable runner by finishing 98th in a very tough and tiring course. Christine Findlay and Heather Stevenson took part as individuals in the over-17 group. Congratulations go to Heather on finishing 18th.

We hope in years to come that Cross-Country will become a serious girls' activity in the school.

BADMINTON

Captain: ALISON M. STIMPSON

Although there has been no League badminton against District schools this year, the game has been played during the winter months with the same enthusiasm among all age groups.

In October, Mrs Halley organised a senior "Mars Bar" tournament, when Alison Stimpson and Iain Brown defeated Suzanne McClelland and Ewen McRobbie in the final.

A match against the Staff was organised at the end of March. The standard of play was high, and the result was a victory for the pupils by seven games to four.

GOLF - 1980 SEASON

Captain: C. D. LOWSON

The Boys' Golf Team enjoyed another good season in 1980. Once again they won the Perthshire Schools' Team Match Play event, but just lost the Stroke Play event to Glenalmond after winning it for the last four years. In the Match Play final at Craigie Hill Golf Club, the team defeated Blairgowrie High School by two and a half matches to one and a half. In the Stroke Play, Glenalmond won the Stocks Cup for the first time, with Morrison's in third place.

The Perth and Kinross Boys' Stroke Play event was won by C. D. Lawson; the Match Play championship was won by A. G. Lawson. The Lawsons represented the County in matches throughout the season.

A. G. Lawson won the Belch Cup, with P. S. Miller runner-up.

The School Team for 1980 was:

C. D. Lawson

A. G. Lawson

J. H. Parker

G. D. Thom

F. J. Doris and N. R. Todd also played for the team.

We should like to thank Mr Wilson and Mr Macintyre for giving advice, and for providing transport.

Colours were awarded to C. D. Lawson (re-award) and A. G. Lawson (re-award).

SWIMMING

GIRLS

The first gala of the session was the Perth and Kinross Championships in November. The girls swam well and we had qualifiers in almost every final. Our relay teams also did well: the Under-19 group came second; the Under-16 group were first; and the Under-14 group came second.

The time trials were held at Glenalmond, but unfortunately none of the girls received qualifying times.

For fun, we had a girl-versus-boy gala, which was a great success, with the boys narrowly beating the girls by 104 to 94 points.

This session we hosted two inter-school galas, against Kilgraston and Kinross High School. We managed to win against both visiting teams, but only after two very close and exciting matches. We beat Kilgraston 114 to 91, and Kinross 110 to 91. We had planned a gala with Dollar Academy, but it has been postponed until the summer term.

Primary and Senior relay teams were entered for the Stirling Schools' Gala. The Primary team of Lorraine Fehilly, Lynne Guthrie, Dawn Hunter and Rhiannon James retained the Primary Cup — coming first for the fourth consecutive year. The Senior Team of Elaine Coles, Fiona Coles, Sarah Cullen and Gillian Rodger came fifth.

The primary inter-House Gala and Individual Championships were held in March. The Primary Champion was Dawn Hunter, with Rhiannon James runner-up. The House points were:

1st: Grahams — 155 points

2nd: Murrays — 141 points

3rd: Campbells — 78 points

4th: Drummonds — 65 points

The Senior Gala, also held in March, had a new format, which proved extremely exciting, with very close results. Senior Champion was Alison Stimpson (for the second year running), with Marion Mitchell runner-up. The Intermediate Championship was won by Jennifer Cowan, with Gillian Rodger runner-up. Sarah Cullen won the Junior Championship, and Fiona Wilkie was runner-up. The House points were:

- 1st: Murrays — 92 points
- 2nd: Grahams — 89 points
- 3rd: Drummonds — 76 points
- 4th: Campbells — 55 points

At the Senior Gala there was another synchronised swimming display, which proved quite a success. This was given by Shane Brown, Elaine Coles, Fiona Coles, Susan Hunt, Marion Mitchell and Alison Stimpson.

We should like to thank Mrs Laing for giving up lunch-times and Friday afternoons to help train and encourage us.

Half-Colours were awarded to Marion Mitchell and Heather J. Stevenson in the summer term of last session.

BOYS

This year we entered a strong team for the Perthshire Schools' Gala, and there were some very creditable performances. Later in the season, boys and girls joined for a gala against Kinross High School, which we won.

Throughout the year, S3 have been taking survival and life-saving awards during their Interest periods. A small number took part in the Scottish Schools' Time Trials at Glenalmond, but no-one reached the finals.

In this year's Inter-House Gala, the Murrays were the runaway victors. The placings were:

- 1st: Murrays — 121 points
- 2nd: Grahams — 107 points
- 3rd: Drummonds — 97 points
- 4th: Campbells — 79 points

Our thanks must go to all members of staff, especially Mrs Laing, who gave up their time to help us.

Half-Colours were awarded to A. E. S. Mair and S. I. Watson.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Primary

We see the Academy Park. One day a helicopter came to show us what it can do, and it did something good and I liked it a lot. It went down at a hundred miles an hour and I liked that best of all.

David J. McLaren, P.2

At school we saw a rainbow and the end was on the grass beside our building. The sun shines through the raindrops and that's how the rainbow comes. Sometimes people say that there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. It looks very pretty but it goes quickly.

Elise M. Mayall, P.2.

I have four dogs. I like Rex best. Rex swims in the pond and Ben does not like water. Tod likes sticks. The dogs jump up when we come to them. We let them out and Vick likes to eat a dead rabbit. We take the dogs for walks. We give them bones and hares. Sometimes I take the dogs for a walk in the woods and Tod went after a deer and the deer ran faster than Tod and I called Tod to me and we went home.

Michael F. Macdiarmid, P.2

WINTER

One day I woke up.
I looked out of the window.
It was snowing so badly.
So I got up and got on my clothes.
So when I got on my boots,
I went out to play in the snow
And the snow buried my boots.

Claire Duncan, P.3

EASTER DAY

It's Easter Day to-day,
And every child I know
Has got an Easter egg
With sweets in it —
All different sweets, buttons and all.
It's Easter Day to-day.

Pamela V. McIlldowie, P.3

A WEREWOLF

A werewolf is very rare, and if you can find how many 'r's are in that you are a very clever man.

Mark A. Percy, P.3

THE MOLE

The Mole is black,
Its eyes are brown.
He's very nice and
Lives underground.

Jennifer J. Surrage, P.3

THE ZOO

I went to the zoo on a hot summer's day,
To see the fat penguins as they play,
The giraffes which look so tired,
And the lions' cage which is strongly wired.
The elephants stomp till their feet look white,
I wonder if they do the same at night.
The lions in their cage look so proud,
That's why there's always such a crowd.
I think I'll go back some other nice day,
So I'll see some more animals as they play.

Kirsty A. A. Coupland, P.4

CUBS

Cubs are little brothers of the Scouts. They wear green clothes and a green cap with a badge in the middle. They wear white gym shoes and red socks. They get badges when they have learned how to do things. They say a promise so they can get a scarf.

Callum S. Cameron, P.4

PEOPLE

Some people are tall, and others are small,
Some are thin, and others are fat,
Some are happy, some are sad,
Some are nice, and some are horrible,
Some are kind, some are cruel.
Some are rich, and some are poor,
Some are tough, some are soft.
So that tells you that not everyone is the same.

Willem-Sjoerd Bakker, P.4

SCHOOL

I don't really like school,
but I have to put up with it.
I like swimming, P.E., knitting and games.
I sometimes like classwork,
But most times I HATE IT.

Angela R. Pollock, P.4

TREES

Away in the woods the tall ash sways,
And the wind blows for days and days.
The poplar and the birch are silent as mice,
And the fir's needles fall like grains of rice.
And there's the old oak
In the west corner of the woods.
And there's the pretty acorns
With their pretty little hoods.
The blossom trees are all in bloom
With their blossom of white and pink.
And there's the children eating berries,
Of course — they never stop to think.
But now it comes to winter time,
Time for holly bright,
And don't forget the Christmas rose
With its petals of pure, pure white.

Andrea L. Smith, P.5

THE KINGFISHER

The Kingfisher with his bluey-green wings,
Sitting on a lonely branch in the middle of the burn,
Watching and waiting for a small fat trout to swim by.
Swoosh! he dives from the branch into the water.
Up he comes with his fat prize in his orangy-blue beak —
Death, colour, beauty all combine.

Robert K. Bomont, P.5

MY DAY OFF

I did not go to school to-day,
Because my throat was sore.
My head throbbbed so painfully,
It was an awful bore.
My sister brought my homework home,
She did not have to bother.
The next time she is sick herself,
I will do the same for her.

Caicum M. Waddell, P.5

RIDING

I ride through meadows,
I trot over hills,
I canter through pastures,
And gallop past mills.
I gallop again in the dead of night,
I gallop away,
I'm soon out of sight.

Sarah C. Freeman, P.5

MY ROOM

My mum complains
And gives me pains,
Because my room's untidy.
She won't believe
That it's not me,
And doesn't take it kindly.
It's someone in the night who knows
I ALWAYS tidy up my clothes.
But in the morning what a heap!
He is a pest,
He makes the mess,
While I am sound asleep.

Ewan G. McGregor, P.5

MERCURY

Small, hot and cold,
Fiery, dangerous and bold,
Red, yellow and gold,
Is Mercury the planet.
Elusive, silvery and quick,
Heavy, slippery and thick,
Gone, then there in a nick,
Is Mercury the quicksilver.
Powerful, mighty and great,
Flying at an outstanding rate,
Living in a godly state,
Is Mercury the messenger.

Douglas W. F. Mair, P.6M

MERCURY

The metal, elusive,
Can be different hues, if
Shone in the sun.
"Swift-winged, agile man,
Make haste if you can:
This letter here in my hand
Must reach some foreign land."
So, taking the message, Mercury ran,
Suddenly taking to the air,
The wind billowing his hair like a fan.
Half-planet Mercury in the heaven above
Is cradled to the sun, with unearthly love:
Making that side able to give
The heat hot springs need to live:
The other half exposed to the stars
Is freezing cold and barren.
Blocking the sight of Mars
Are Earth and Venus in the way.

Ann-Louise Borthwick, P.6M

THE ROCKING HORSE

If only I were wild and free,
Oh, dreams of unreality,
The hills would set my only course.
But I am just:—
A Rocking Horse.

Wendy McArthur, P6G

HORSE THIEF

Frisking, rolling in the sun,
And then have a refreshing run,
Go to mother for a drink.
She was not there,
Not anywhere there.
I see a man with a piece of rope,
Cruelty in his eyes and drink on his breath,
Towards me he comes. I rear and whinny,
My mother answers —
But how far off?
Under all that smell of drink,
I smell my mother's smell, I think.
I go to him, he puts on rope,
And drags me to a big lorry
He shoves me up the ramp — and there's my mum,
Lying on the floor.

Rachel M. Williams, P6.G

THE SILVER STALLION — KING OF THE SEA

At night, when towns are sleeping,
Onto the beach the waves are creeping,
But lo! a silver stallion comes prancing
Over the sea.
He is wild and he is free.
Then racing wildly he rears,
And up and down the beach he careers,
And charges desperately with all his might,
At the cliffs that are now his by right.
What cares he for the fish which look
Through the foam with worried eyes,
At his fiery spirit which never dies!

Carol A. McLaren, P.6M

THE SEA

Poseidon's vast kingdom,
So huge, invincible and powerful,
No man can hold it back;
Deep, deeper and deeper still,
His kingdom still goes on,
Never ending the darkness of the depths,
Until the sea comes racing up the sand,
While stretching every foamy hand.
The crash, the splash!
Of the vicious waves,
Eager to pull the sand,
Down, down, into the green, slimy,
And boiling deep.

Steven L. Ferguson, P.6M

FINGAL'S CAVE

Waves thundering and roaring,
Against the shore of Staffa,
Wind bellowing and whistling.
Yet, there is shelter of a kind,
In amongst this seething cauldron,
Fingal's Cave is on this island,
With its towering columns of basalt,
Basalt, black as night.
Outside, raging tempest blowing,
Inside, calm as a Pacific lagoon.

D. Jeffrey Crofts, P.7H

MACHINES

Engines roaring,
Pistons pushing,
Gigantic wheels going round.
Bulldozers roaring,
Cranes digging,
Making ugly holes in the ground.
Buses roaring,
Cars purring,
Polluting the air around.
Liners roaring,
Steam-boats chugging,
Taking over wind and sail.

Murray G. Crease, P.7H

TUNDRA

Arctic hares,
Polar bears
Survive in these cold parts.
Snow-white owls,
On their prowls,
Stop to rest, then up they start.
Migrating geese,
They hardly cease
To stop their annual flight.
Caribou
Migrating too,
Sleeping through the night.
Lovely flowers,
Sunny hours
Are helping them along.
Lichens here,
Mosses there,
Soon frozen in the ground.

Mhaire M. Dewar, P.7H

TOBOGGANING

At first a gentle push
From a friend or two,
And it's off,
For a great run down,
With the snow hitting me,
Like bullets from a gun.
One mistake is very costly,
But even having one
Is great fun
But at the end
Of all this happiness
Is the long tread
Up again.

Andrew A. M. Brunton, P.7H

VULCAN

Deep down in the depths of Etna
Lies the forge of fiery Vulcan,
Splashes of bright yellow, orange, red,
Bringing to earth an ocean of dread.
Down in his forge,
A rumbling, a sizzling
Of red-hot lava,
To the surface bringing.
On and on the eruption goes,
Spewing up all molten rock,
With tinges of orange, blue and gold,
Tossing out all larva, bold.
When at last the grinding ceases —
The crater blown to millions of pieces,
Now old Vulcan sits at his anvil,
Waiting for her to erupt again.

Lindsey J. Semple, P.7H

JUNGLE

Growing higher and higher,
Its ever need for air,
Creepers and plants growing
And growing,
Noise of birds and beasts,
Vapour rising to the air,
Then suddenly all is black!
Rain!
Pouring and pouring down,
Wetter and wetter.
It slackens,
It stops,
Everything is glistening,
All is quiet,
Pools of water lie about,
Then the noise creeps back,
Bit by bit,
It starts again.
Noise!
Whistles, grunts, bird-song,
Hot, steamy, dripping wet.

Peter Rattray, P.7M

Best Primary Contribution

The prize for the best Primary contribution this year goes to Ann-Louise Borthwick for her poem "Mercury", which appears on page 50.

Secondary Contributions

THE BURGLAR

Slowly he creeps across the grass,
Taps the window, breaks the glass,
Lifts the lock and pushes the door —
He's now an honest man no more.
Carefully, quietly he looks around,
Making sure he won't be found;
In drawer and chest he searches through,
For things of value, and money too.
Suddenly he hears a distant shout,
There's no time left, he must get out,
He leaves his loot lying on the floor.
And dashes through the open door.

Ewen J. Cameron, S.1E

THE RUIN

Standing on the horizon, the gaunt skeleton of the ancient house was silhouetted against the setting sun. A loose shutter, not boarded up like the rest, banged idly in a thin easterly wind. Almost off its rusting hinges, the door creaked to and fro. A slate, one of the few left, slithered down the remains of the roof and, as it crashed to the ground sending chips of stone in all directions, it caused a flurry of bats in the dim interior. For a brief instant a shaft of light from the setting sun lit up a small mouse washing itself, before the animal scuttled away between the rotting floorboards. Then all was dark and quiet.

E. Wendy Bassett, S.1E

FEAR

The cheetah stalked cautiously
In the desert-baked land,
Its feet padding silently
In the hot golden sand.
A gazelle bounded gracefully,
Anxious to evade harm.
Fearful, it glanced back briefly,
Causing growing alarm.
The leaping gazelle stumbled;
The cheetah sprang

Fiona M. Bushby, S.1E

If ever you wake at midnight,
And the stars are in the sky,
A little man in a dew-drop coach
Goes speedily galloping by.
As he gallops around at midnight,
A trail of orbs he leaves.
The silver web of a spider
And crystallised bales and cheaves.

Claire Cordwell-Smith, S.1E

CAULDRON

Thrice the scalding pot did boil,
Curling tongues of fiery broth,
Bubbling forth upon the earth
Cackling warlocks cast their rhyme:
"Hotter, hotter boils the pot;
Can we eat this bitter rot?"
Add whale's blubber, toad's foot too,
Fish's raw eye, tiger's tail,
Stirring merrily round and round.
"Hotter, hotter boils the pot;
Can we eat this bitter rot?"
Then the witches join the chant,
Haggling round with fingers bent,
Moaning weird unmeaning words,
Noses pointed in accord.
"Hotter, hotter boils the pot;
Now to eat the bitter rot!"

Kenneth C. Steven, S.1W

THE DYING DAFFODILS

Under the budding cherry tree,
In the dullest corner of the garden,
They stand,
Drooping wearily,
No longer have they their bright, fresh colouring.
But dry, withered petals,
Weatherbeaten
By the April rain,
Battered
By the blowing wind.
They slowly, longingly die,
Until next year,
When they bloom their rich yellow once more.

Lorna A. McIlldowie, S.1W

YOUR BIRTHDAY

Would you believe
I was hindered,
distracted,
obstructed
and annoyed?
Lost my way,
stopped to loiter,
took too long to re-connote,
was double-checked
and detained,
my forward action was restrained?
Would you believe that?
That's what I thought.
Well, would you believe — I just forgot?

Peter G. Sinclair, S.1S

STORM AT THE SEASIDE

Surf foamed round rocks which were twisted and jagged.
They crouched beneath high cliffs that towered,
And ripped and tore till the waves were ragged,
While down on them the stark cliff glowered.
The wind whipped round them with a shriek and wail,
Wave dipped and bowed 'fore the rising gale.
Water crashed across the bay,
Swept the sand and sun away,
Crumbled castle without a care,
Scattered salt spray high in the air.
And we sat and stared in our soaking tent.
There we stayed till the storm was spent.

Linda J. Ross, S.2Y

YOU

I think you're fantastic,
I think you are great,
I think you are lovely,
Even when you are late.
I think you are groovy,
I think you're so cool,
I think you're a cutie,
This is always the rule.
I think you're stupendous,
You're magic, you see:
Why all these compliments?
Easy — you're Me.

Christopher R. Bayne, S.3C

THE TRAIN

Slowly going down the track,
Chug Chug, Chug Chug,
Keep moving on, no turning back,
Chug Chug, Chug Chug,
Black smoke rises high,
Chug Chug, Chug Chug,
Black smoke fills the sky,
Chug Chug, Chug Chug,
Sweaty armpits, sweaty hair,
Chug Chug, Chug Chug,
Heavy, dirty, smokefilled air
Chug Chug, Chug Chug,
Whistle blows so very loud,
Chug Chug, Chug Chug,
Steam rises in a cloud,
Chug Chug, Chug Chug,
Very slowly slowing down,
Chug, Chug, Chug, Chug,
Hair so dirty, face all brown,
Chug. Chug. Chug.

Duncan S. Murchie, S.2B

SOUNDS FAMILIAR

Lately I've been thinking,
WOW! IT'S A MYSTERY,
Why we keep STARTING OVER,
Yes! I mean you and me.
Well, I am ONLY CRYIN',
You're a JEALOUS GUY,
But I'M IN THE MOOD FOR DANCING,
We really must say goodbye.
Now, I'm ALL OUT OF LOVE,
I should have listened to your plea,
There is NO DOUBT ABOUT IT,
But DON'T STAND SO CLOSE TO ME !

Karen V. Armstrong, S.3A

EVERYTHING

Sunshine
sadness
roses
rain,
picture books
and paper chains,
laughter
lovers
starry
nights,
candy floss
and fairy lights,
moonshine
magic
silver
stars,
greens and golds
and red guitars,
shadows
showers
birds, a zoo,
colours
kindness
beauty,
you.
dandelions
a diamond ring —
surely I've seen everything,
all around, below, above.
of all I've seen
it's you
I
love.

Fiona B. Vallance, S.2Y

THE TRAMP

You would see him, in the park, every evening at eight
In his old tattered coat, on the bench, near the gate,
His face gnarled with age and weathered by the sun
From the days when a man of the road's life was fun.
He was a soldier in the Great War and in 'forty-five.
He considered himself lucky still to be alive
And, deep in his pocket, he fingered with pride
A medal for valour, kept close by his side.
Where once there was glory, now there is rejection.
And people avoid him like a plagued infection.
As he dawdles past children, they spitefully say,
" You're a dirty old tramp. Don't come near us. Go away!"
So he wanders along his solitary road :
Just a bench, in a park, to call his abode.
And, on that bench, he remarks as he lies,
" No-one cares while I live : will they care if I die?"

Kirsten A. Glen, S.4A

LIKE ONE THAT WALKS

" Like one, that on a lonesome road
Doth walk in fear and dread,
And having once turned round walks on,
And turns no more his head;
Because he knows, a frightful fiend
Doth close behind him tread."

A scampering shadow of pale moonlight
Has lit the road ahead.
The scream! It echoes through the night,
The Voice of the living dead.
A Voice so strong and icy cold.
A song is sung, of pain and tears,
Through time itself, from days of old
Across the barren years.
The Hiker pauses, filled with dread.
He flees, but flees in vain,
For from some distant point ahead
The Voice screams out again.
There's nothing lost, but nothing gained
From the Hell where he has been,
Yet he will be forever chained
To the nightmare he has seen.

“ Like one, that on a lonesome road
Doth walk in fear and dread,
And having once turned round walks on,
And turns no more his head;
Because he knows, a frightful fiend
Doth close behind him tread.”

D. Stuart Lauchlan, S.4A

THE LEARNER

When first you see them shining, as you've bought them
sparkling new,
And affix them to the front and rear, with string and
not with glue,
You stand back and admire the car, think, “ How well
it has kept.”
But the L-plates are just nothing. The ‘ fun ’ hasn't
started yet.

When first she gets that licence, the provisional
one (to kill),
Dad gives a lot of thought about the wording of his
will.

Then she's led out to the car, where it's hoped
that she'll say, “ No.”
Instead — those now familiar words — “ Dad, how
do you make it go?”

She goes out for a drive around — is happy not to
stall;
But just like that old proverb says, ‘ It's pride
before a fall.’
So she comes up to a crossroads, thinks, “ I'll make
it out of here.”
But she doesn't, and she stalls it, and she throws it
out of gear.

You go through many moments like the one I've
told above,
Till she finally gets through THE TEST, the
moment we all love.
For that means no more endless trips to see her do
her worst,
And at last we'll fix the headlamps and the
bumpers she has burst.

Jeremy S. H. Ashworth, S.4A

I struggled wearily along the sand
 Which stretched away as far as I could see.
 I longed to turn away, towards the land,
 And leave behind the shadows of the dead.
 But I was held there, helpless, by the sea
 And thoughts ran helter-skelter round my head
 Like hungry hounds chasing a frightened fox.
 I was the fox, my memories were those hounds.
 The gentle water lapping on the rocks,
 The seagulls' plaintive mew : these were the sounds
 Of people saying to me, " We have found
 Your brother whom you killed a year back : drowned."
 I fled, but I heard voices in my head
 " You must down to the sea again," they said.
 I woke, and heard the church clock strike eleven
 And then I heard again the beckoning sea
 Or my dead brother, calling down from heaven,
 " You must down to the sea again." I went
 Down to the beach, drew closer to the sea,
 My spirits low, and my resistance spent,
 I saw the sea advancing all around
 But still the voices would not give me peace.
 " The beach is a fine resting-place : lie down."
 So I obeyed, and all the voices ceased.
 I felt the gentle water at my feet
 And fell into a deep and restful sleep.
Epilogue
 His friends found him next morning at high tide.
 They could not understand his suicide.

Stephen J. Pearson, S.4A

A FOOD WEB FROM THE INSIDE

" It's dark in 'ere," said one protoplasm to another,
 As the zooplankton's protoplasm commenced its digestive processes.
 Unknown to these destined producers,
 A small filter-feeder loomed out of the green jungle,
 Mouth aghast, as if in mock amazement,
 Consuming huge volumes of food-enriched water.
 In its path, the zooplankton plunged into darkness.
 The predator smelt its prey.
 Its powerful, streamlined body swam in and out of the corals,
 Speeding towards the little fish —
 Mouth open, as if now in horror.
 A bit bony, thought the bigger fish, as it turned to go home.

The luxury yacht rocked gently in the swells off the reef.
Onboard, the man sipped his Bacardi.
There was a twitch of the line,
And suddenly the great fish was running.
The man let it run.
So much space in which to flee and yet no escape.
Tiring, the fish slowly gave in to its invisible predator,
And the man reeled in the yards of tough line.
The man had won, as always,
Again proving himself to be the hunter —
The top of every foodweb.
Unchallenged.

David E. Gaskell, S.4B

TERRACOTTA ARMY

(The "Terracotta Army" is a recent archaeological discovery made in China of an entire army of life-size clay figures of ancient Chinese warriors and horses, buried with the Emperor of the time).

Immobile and expressionless
We have waited beneath the ground
Forever ready for the summons
Of a long-dead monarch.
Time passes us by
Leaving no trace.
No emotions lie within
Those empty mouldings we call eyes,
No thoughts of living.
Only memories remain,
Fragments of a shattered past
Buried with us.
Yet still our duty binds us;
Loyalty remains even now,
After hundreds of years of faithful patience
Disregarded. No words of complaint do we speak,
No sharp rebukes. Stolidly
We face an eternity of solitude.

Graeme B. Wilson, S.4B

FOR WHOM THE BELLS TOLL

Mercilessly she pursued him, callously grinding him down,
And then he was caught . . . for life.
Like a hawk perched on a rock she had waited,
Surveying the valley, lying in wait, and he had moved.
Just a slight movement, a flicker of love and she flew,
Swooping down on her prey, she gave no warning.
Enclosed in a dark shadow and realising his fate, he ran.
The game had gone too far, the prize of life too precious.
But there was no escape, no place to run to,
Fate had dealt him a cruel blow, he was trapped.
The open plain, a world without restrictions — his world
Was gone forever.

J. Bruce Cartwright, S.5A

(The girls on the Editorial Committee wish to dissociate themselves from the views expressed in the above poem; the boys remain non-committal.)

THE DOWN AND OUT

Walking aimlessly from litter-covered street to street,
The down and out yearns hopelessly for some lost haven,
Where he can shelter from this life-time of despair;
One of life's misfortunes; a loser in the capitalist race.
It is not for him to relax on exotic cruises
Or dine with grandiloquent old headmasters.
He finds his pleasure hopelessly in spirits;
His life consists of draughts of bottled death.
If it was in our hearts to pity such a loser,
We, too, could grasp at some intangible haven;
But, cushioned by our safe security,
We despise this tramp for lying in the gutter.

Ruth E. Wishart, S.5A

HELLO

Sinful thoughts
In evil minds
Reveal themselves
On sparkling eyes,
And they have told us many lies,
And we believe them.
We see it, hear it
All the time.
“ Hey, Mister, won't you spare a dime?”
The age of charity's dead,
Don't you know?
Everyone's into a one-man show,
Saying
Goodbye civilisation,
Hello

Colin M. Band, S.6U

Best Secondary Contribution

The prize for the best Secondary contribution, kindly donated by an anonymous Old Boy, has been awarded to Fiona B. Vallance for her poem “ Everything ”, which appears on page 58.

School Clubs and Societies

CHESS CLUB

This year the responsibility of running the Chess Club has been taken over by the school's new Principal Teacher of Mathematics, Mr Smith, who is a strong chess player from Edinburgh. We are most grateful to him for the work he has put into the club.

With the new club day of Wednesday, and the introduction of an internal grading system whereby members are graded on their game-by-game performance (a system which has several advantages over the previously employed 'Ladder' system), the club's membership has risen to a new high.

This season a match was played at Glenalmond over eight boards, with the Morrison's team of Timothy Copeland, Mark Valentine, Nicholas Copeland, James Ellis, Michael Gerber, Alan Gould, Graeme Wilson and Moira Findlay winning convincingly by $5\frac{1}{2}$ points to $2\frac{1}{2}$. Despite the absence of Glenalmond's top two players, this is a notable achievement against such a successful chess-playing school. Our thanks go to Miss McKenzie and Mr Higgins for helping out with the transport on this occasion.

This successful season ended with a lightning chess tournament, which was won by Timothy Copeland (Form 5), and a simultaneous display by Mr Smith, which was greatly enjoyed by all those taking part.

Once again a number of our members have been competing in various Chess Congresses, this being a profitable season for Sixth-Former Mark Valentine, who won prizes at Perth and Edinburgh.

The future of Chess at Morrison's looks very promising indeed, as many of the season's new members show a good understanding of and enthusiasm for the game, and existing members are improving rapidly. We hope that the Club will continue on its present path to distinction.

We are greatly indebted to Mr Higgins, who started the Club off in the right direction, and who still follows its activities with great interest.

CLIMBING CLUB

The Climbing Club has followed its usual pattern of combining familiar ground with new tops. The first three climbs last summer were on Ben Vorlich, Schichallion and Buachaille Etive Mor, and these presented marked contrasts of weather. Schichallion was bathed in warm sunshine, and we were able to indulge ourselves for some hours on the summit; a week later, Buachaille Etive Mor presented quite different conditions, and intermittent mist and rain swept over its broad and familiar ridge. What was less familiar was the sound of the pipes, whose plaintive laments, played by our own Pipe-Major — the School's, not the Club's! — echoed movingly the history of this "Glen of Weeping."

Beinn Laoigh (Ben Lui) and Beinn a'Chleibh were last climbed by the Club in 1972, so it was a new generation of boys who were to be impressed by the splendour of the great north-eastern coire — seen, in thick mist, from above, it should be said, as we climbed Lui from Glen Lochy. The following Sunday we had hoped to return to Ben Cruachan to walk the ridge in clear visibility (after the previous visit's total obscurity), but if anything the weather was even worse, so we settled for Ben More and Stob Binnein. Sadly, the upset stomach of one of our senior members settled half of that, and, perhaps thankfully, we made do with the dreary plod of Ben More, missing the more attractive summit of its nearest neighbour.

We were hoping to fulfil a long-held ambition to climb Ben Nevis by way of Car Mor Dearg and the famous Arête. As this involved a 7.00 a.m. start and thus a commitment to a definite area, we were hazarding our choice of route on the vagaries of weather. Low cloud prevented our more ambitious plan, and we contented ourselves with climbing Ben Nevis by the "tourist" route. This proved surprisingly enjoyable — apart from meeting some lunatic flag-wavers and patriotic songsters on the litter-strewn summit — and we had time on our return to the dormobile to take a walk up Glen Nevis to the site of the 1973 camp which nearly ended in disaster in fire.

This session so far we have been less active, but on one of our climbs we explored the interesting and beautiful neighbours of Ben Lui — Ben Oss and Ben Dubhchraig. Grassy though these were, they gave some splendid views and we had an interesting day. We hope to return to the Cruachan and Carn Mor Dearg mysteries, and perhaps Bidean nam Bian and its neighbours in Glencoe. Already there are signs of new interest in Forms 1 and 2 and, as we shall shortly be losing our "hard" core from Form 6, this is welcome.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Senior N.C.Os, 1980-81: C.S.M. R. Boyle
Sgt. A. G. Meikle
Sgt. G. Nicholson

Officers are unchanged from last year, but on 31st August, 1981, Major Meakin will be succeeded as O.C. by Mr Hicks, who will hold the rank of Captain. Major Meakin will continue to serve, also with the rank of Captain.

Camp in 1980 was at Cultybraggan, and despite the proximity of the base was very enjoyable. All cadets had a day of climbing in Glencoe. Camp will again be at Cultybraggan this year. This was not planned but was an enforced alteration to our programme because of expenditure cuts. Once again, however, the enjoyment of camp will depend more on the weather than distance, and a very varied programme has been arranged.

The Inspection in 1980 was by Brigadier Anderson from H.Q., Highlands, Perth. The resultant Inspection Report was the best we have yet had.

Prize-winners in 1979-80 were:

Best Senior N.C.O. (Kenya Cup): Sgt. R. McLelland.

Best Junior N.C.O. (Sword of India): Cpl. R. Boyle.

Best Recruit (Cultybraggan Cup): Cdt. A. G. Turner.

Best Senior Shot (Mungall Vase): L/Cpl. A. G. Meikle.

Best Recruit Shot (Robertson Dobie Cup): Cdt. J. M. Scott Miller.

Best House (Finch Cup): The Drummonds.

In the Highland Cadet Competition in 1980 the Morrison's team was second to North Highland A.C.F., but the first C.C.F. team.

This year the Inspection is not official and will be held in the evening, when the Inspecting Officer will be Lt.-Col. Victor Mavor, an Old Boy, and the accompanying officer will be his son, Kevin, also an Old Boy, who is an officer in the T.A.

Adventurous Training was again in Skye, and we were joined by Mr Smith, whose knowledge of mountaineering contributed much to the success of the week.

We are again indebted to the support given by 36 C.T.T. from Perth, and, not least, to the services of Mr Robertson as S.S.I.

MAJOR A. C. MEAKIN

On being appointed Head of Classics in the former Boys' School, Major Meakin, who was then a Lieutenant with the A.C.F. in Skye, agreed to join the C.C.F. of Morrison's Academy. At that time, January, 1956, it was compulsory for boys to join the C.C.F. and, as not all were entirely enthusiastic, it required a keen officer to inspire the cadets. Major Meakin soon made it clear that he possessed the very qualities which the situation demanded. He developed Signals training and introduced a Leadership course within the Contingent, which pre-dated the official army course by several years.

When he assumed command in 1967, he was able to use his military experience to the full for the benefit of the Contingent and for the individuals and teams who crowned his efforts with their success. The catalogue of achievements over these years is outstanding, as the Contingent maintained a consistently high standard in the Highland Cadet Competition, winning the trophy in 1976, the same year in which two cadets were graded "outstanding" at the U.K.L.F. Cadet Leadership Course — a distinction shared by only one other school in the United Kingdom.

Although Major Meakin is relinquishing command of the Contingent, he intends to remain in the C.C.F., and the cadets will thus continue to benefit from his unflagging interest and concern. The thanks of officers and cadets, past and present, go to him for his great contribution to this important aspect of school life.

CURLING CLUB

The Curling Club took part in only one competition this year, the Local Schools' Competition, held in Perth Ice Rink during the Easter Holidays.

Considering the team came together only a short time before the tournament, the boys proved themselves a team to be reckoned with, and gave a first-class display.

Five matches were played in all, and four were won comfortably and confidently. One bad end decided the game, which was lost to the eventual runner-up in the tournament, Perth Academy. In most cases, four wins out of five would have been sufficient to secure a place in the final, but although the Morrison's team was well up in both shots and ends, that one defeat was enough to keep them out of the final. The eventual winners were the very experienced rink from Perth High School.

The team, which earned the respect of the other schools involved, and emerged with great credit, was Craig Ramsay (skip), Ian Stuart, Greig Ramsay and James Young.

DEBATING SOCIETY

President: Graeme Nicholson

Secretary: J. Bruce Cartwright

Treasurer: Colin M. Band

We have welcomed many new faces to the Debating Society and it is very encouraging to see so many Third-Year pupils participating in a great variety of debates, whose topics ranged from "Censorship is necessary" to "The eating of meat should be made illegal."

The School entered two competitions: the E.S.U. Debating Competition and the E.S.U. Public Speaking Competition. Alastair McLean, Karen Howat and Catrina Traini came up against strong opposition and were eliminated in the first round of the Public Speaking Competition. Our debating team, Graeme Nicholson and Bruce Cartwright, were more successful, and talked their way into the Regional Final. The School has now been represented in the Regional Final for three consecutive years. It was unfortunate that when the final was held here at Morrison's in January, Bruce Cartwright was absent. A very brave Andrew McAllister took on the task of preparing a speech at two days' notice, and considering the circumstances, his performance was admirable. This was, however, as in previous years, our exit point from the Competition.

The Burns Supper in January was attended by one hundred and twenty people, with Mr Cameron, our guest speaker, giving an informative and interesting talk on the life of Burns. Lindsey Terris and Suzanne McClelland, accompanied by Mr Andrews, provided us with after-dinner songs, while Mr Gonnella proved to us how a fiddle can sound like the bagpipes.

In the Easter Term a junior debating competition provided us with some interesting and amusing scenes. Sixteen people competed, the eventual winners being Gale MacLeod and Andrea Hall.

Once again we must thank Dr MacQueen for all her hard work and time spent on behalf of the Society. Mr Graham has now taken some of the burden from her, and successfully organised the junior competition. We are also indebted to members of staff who have transported us to and from competitions. Finally our thanks go to the Committee for their management of the year's activities.

DRAMA

SENIOR DRAMA

Meetings for Senior Drama resumed in September and we embarked on rehearsals for our chosen play, "The Happiest Days of Your Life," a farce by John Dighton set in an English Public School during the aftermath of the Second World War. Our producer is Dr MacQueen, very ably assisted by Mr McMillan. Production is scheduled for 3rd and 4th July, and we hope that the play will prove very successful.

JUNIOR DRAMA

The Junior Drama Group, directed by Mr McCarra, performed a two-act play in March as part of a Music and Drama evening. "The Sorceress's Apprentice" was an amusing piece, and excellent performances were rendered by Fiona Brown as the tolerant wife, and Rosemary Carrick-Anderson as the typically eccentric old aunt. Well done, everybody!

PRIMARY DRAMA

What a pleasure it was to go to the performance of "Scuttleboom's Treasure," and enjoy the skill and craftsmanship of the Primary Drama Group.

This was an ambitious play, with a large cast, working on an open stage. The skill of the players in using this to their advantage added extra interest. The costumes were attractive and explanatory, the set minimal but adequate.

Fine playing was the order of the day. The pirates, well led by their captain, contrasted nicely with the schoolgirls, led by the indomitable Miss Fish, a good team effort, well directed and enthusiastically performed.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

Last summer a Bronze Expedition was carried out in the Balquhiddy area. Rob Roy's grave was visited and information on Rob Roy obtained from Balquhiddy Church. The group, consisting of Caroline Ashworth, Jeremy Ashworth, Calum Guthrie and Yori Griffiths, then camped in the hills north of Balquhiddy, and the following day traced the course of the old railway line back into Lochearnhead.

Bronze Awards were gained by Jeremy Ashworth, Calum Guthrie and Zoë Swithenbank, all of whom must be commended for their enthusiasm.

This year ten girls and two boys have started work on the Bronze Award. They have all completed the Service section, having been instructed and examined by the police in Crieff. All are at present working on their Skills section, and it is intended that they should complete their Physical Recreation section and Expedition training by the summer.

As this year is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Scheme, it is hoped that all twelve taking part in the Bronze Award will complete it this summer.

GAELIC SOCIETY

In June, 1980, members of the Society competed in classes for learners of Gaelic at the Aberfeldy Mod.

Elizabeth Crawford was placed second in Solo Singing, and in the Bible Reading Competition Kenneth Steven and Caroline MacLure won first and third prizes respectively. Others who took part were Ann McLellan, Catriona Miller, Karen Stuart and Nicholas Mayall.

Attendance during this session has been irregular, but those who have been able to come have enjoyed the language and music of the Gael.

THE GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY

Miss Gardiner and a small group, accompanied by Mr Allardice and his fishing-rod, travelled to Torridon for a long weekend in July. During the stay we trekked across hill and dale, examining the glacial features and filling out information sheets for the Geography Department. We stayed in Youth Hostels, a new experience for some of us, but nevertheless enjoyable. We celebrated our return to civilisation by venturing into Inverness on the last night. The trip was enjoyed by all, and provided valuable information on the Torridon area for the Geography Department.

THE LIBRARY

It is very pleasing to see how well the Library has been used this session, especially by the younger forms. Even so, there is still room for an increase in the numbers it caters for, mainly among the senior pupils.

After the retirement of Miss Blair last year, Mr Clark has taken charge of the Library. We are indebted to him and to the numerous other members of staff who have given their time during the year. A special mention must be made of those members of staff involved in the laborious task of re-classifying all the books from the Boys' School Library — a seemingly endless job.

Special thanks go to this year's hard-working Librarians. There is still a sad lack of interest in these positions from the boys' side of the school: perhaps this may be rectified next session.

Library Committee

Mr M. C. Boyle, Mrs E. A. Cartwright, Mr J. A. Clark, Miss M. L. McCallum, Mr Mcl. McLauchlan.

Librarians

Head Librarian: Graeme Nicholson; *Deputy:* Gillian A. Wright.

Alison F. E. Anderson, Caroline J. Ashworth, Colin M. Band, Jane L. Brown, Laura J. Brown, Wendy A. Clark, Armorer K. Gaskell, Karen M. Halley, Janice D. Hirst, Rhona M. Macintyre, Anne J. Marshall, Kathryn McMurray, Marion Mitchell, Gillian A. Naismith, Judith M. Penny, Heather J. Stevenson, Lindsey M. Terris, Catrina M. Traini.

MINERVA CLUB

Our guest speaker, Rev. Hamish McIntosh, addressed Classics pupils in the Christmas Term.

In his talk, "Holiday in Greece," Mr McIntosh took the audience on a most interesting tour. Information about the places visited and advice about travel, food and climate provided an excellent blend of ancient history and the way of life of the modern Greeks.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr McIntosh and to John, of 5A, who assisted in the presentation of the lecture.

MUSIC IN MORRISON'S

After the publication of the 1980 "Morrisonian," two musical events took place in the Summer Term. On 26th May we gave a lunchtime concert in St John's Kirk in Perth for the Perth Festival of the Arts. According to the music critics of the Courier and Advertiser, all artists performed well, but the Senior Choir "stole the show."

At the end of June three performances of "The Pirates of Penzance" by Gilbert and Sullivan took place in Academy Hall; a detailed report appears after this section.

The annual Carol Service in St Michael's Church on Sunday, 14th December, was greatly appreciated by a very large congregation, and £150 was raised for the Save the Children Fund in the retiring collection. As before, Mrs Hunter conducted the choirs; Mr Andrews played the organ; and we are grateful, as always, to Dr Heavenor, the School Chaplain, for officiating.

March was a particularly busy month. Over thirty pupils competed in the Perth Music Festival. Among several successes were three first places:

Senior Recorder Group (Alison Anderson, Jill Thomson, Carolyn White) in the Advanced class;

Adèle Fraser and Suzanne McClelland in the Vocal Duet (under 18);

Penny Evernden in the Elementary Flute Solo Class.

On 26th March an evening of music and drama was held in Academy Hall: an account of this appears separately after this report (and under the "Drama" heading).

As this is being written, two further musical events are in preparation. On 28th May we again appear in Perth Festival of the Arts; and the following evening the Senior Chamber Choir gives a concert in Comrie for Christian Aid.

During the year three instrumental instructors have joined the Department: Miss G. Braithwaite (Clarinet/Flute); Mr G. Robb (Double Bass); and Mr T. King (Brass). We hope many more pupils will take advantage of the instrumental instruction now available in school.

We record with pleasure the following successes in the Associated Board examinations:

- Grade 3 Flute — Jackie Knox (Distinction)
- Grade 3 Flute — Penny Evernden
- Grade 3 Flute — Rachel Williams
- Grade 5 Piano — Wilma Scougall (Merit)
- Grade 5 Theory — Jackie Knox
- Grade 6 Oboe — Alison Anderson (Distinction)
- Grade 7 Piano — Jackie Knox (Merit)
- Grade 7 Piano — Alison Anderson
- Grade 7 Theory — Jill Thomson
- Grade 8 Horn — Sarah Moss
- Grade 8 Theory — Alison Anderson

" THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE "

Dramatis Personae

Major-General Stanley	.....	<i>Thurs. and Sat., 3rd and 5th July</i>	ROBIN BOYLE
		<i>Fri., 4th July</i>	GRAHAM CLARK
The Pirate King	.....		DOUGLAS MEAKIN
Samuel (his lieutenant)	.....		JAMES MAIN
Frederick (the Pirate apprentice)	.....		STUART LOTHIAN
Sergeant of Police	.....		GEORGE FRIER
Mabel	} (General Stanley's daughters)		FIONA MacINTYRE
Edith			CLARE RAGSDALE
Kate			BARBARA RODGER
Isabel			FIONA REID
Ruth (Pirate maid-of-all-work)			PAMELA ROSS

CHORUS

General Stanley's Daughters: Karen Dalglish, Hilary Donaldson, Kate McKenzie, Una McDonald, Caroline MacEwen, Karen Howat, Carole Johnston, Dierdre Wilson, Diana Aitchison, Susan Fleming, Ruth Leckie, Adele Fraser, Fiona Lloyd, Suzanne McClelland, Meryl Rannie, Elspeth Reid, Kathryn Scott, Susan Phillips, Karen Phillips, Jackie Ross.

Pirates and Policemen: Patrick Brown, Douglas Kerr, Graham McEwen, Ross McLelland, Colin Penny, Colin Band, Graham Duguid, Jeffrey McGeachie, Stuart MacNicol, Simon Moore, Graeme Nicholson, Bruce Cartwright, Timothy Copeland, Clive MacKenzie, Colin Brodie, David Brunton, Paul Beat, Ewan McKobbie, Hamish Stewart, Ewan Campbell, Alex. Stewart.

We are indebted to Mr W. F. T. Anderson, a noted amateur singer and devotee of "G. & S.", for the following report.

"The Pirates of Penzance" was an admirable choice for the third Gilbert and Sullivan opera to be presented in Academy Hall in recent years, and the first to make full use of the abilities of the boys in both chorus and principal parts. It was splendid to see and hear the ample numbers of pirates and policemen acting and singing with such enthusiasm — not that they overshadowed in any way the chorus of Major-General Stanley's daughters, who were delightful. In the Savoy operas the chorus is of great importance in its own right, not just as a background to the principals, and the three public performances of "Pirates" justified the hard work that each individual member had contributed.

There were two Major-Generals — Robin Boyle played two nights, and Graham Clark the other. Each of them brought his own brand of drollery to the part, and each articulated sufficiently clearly to be heard at the back of the hall. Fiona MacIntyre played the heroine's part of Mabel confidently and sang well; while Clare Ragsdale, Barbara Rodger and Fiona Reid, as Edith, Kate and Isabel, were stylish and reliable. Pamela Ross as Ruth, the Piratical Maid of All Work, made a positive character of what is not an obviously easy part for a girl to play, and had a good feeling for the words both in dialogue and music. Stuart Lothian had perhaps the greatest task. Schoolboy tenors are rare, and Frederick is a long part, set fairly high. He had problems with the production and pitching of his voice, but he was fluent in the part and did not lack courage. Douglas Meakin as the Pirate King and James Main as Samuel, the most experienced of the boys, gave convincing performances; and George Frier "brought the house down" in the approved manner as the Sergeant of Police.

The sets, designed by Mr Boyle and executed by the Art Department, were effective, as were the costumes supervised by Mrs Halley. The orchestra, which was led by Mr Fleming, contained several pupils as well as players from outside, and gave excellent and skilled support to the cast. Mr Carson's assistance was as usual invaluable. The quality of the whole performance was due to Mrs Hunter — musical director and general inspirer-of-all.

Evening of Music and Drama — March, 1981

The evening of music and drama which took place on 26th March began with a polished performance of three folksongs arranged by Britten and sung with obvious enjoyment and enthusiasm by the Primary Choir. This high standard of singing was maintained throughout the evening by both Chamber and Senior Choirs in their items of British music.

The quality of instrumental music was mixed, the solo items being well presented, but in ensemble playing the weakness of the strings was apparent. This weakness was well concealed by Mr Robb when he directed the full instrumental ensemble in three Intradas. Mr Robb was also responsible for a sparkling innovation: his own vocal arrangement of ABBA songs, performed by a senior group — “Censored Silence”.

Although the musical evening was the result of the combined effort of all concerned, a special mention is due to Jackie Knox for her piano solo, to Alison Anderson for her oboe solo, and to Mr Andrews for his sympathetic accompaniments, which have become a feature of these musical evenings.

PIPE BAND

Pipe-Major: I. G. M. Duguid

In contrast to last session, the Band has been very active since the last report. Having gained plenty of experience over the last two years, we attended the Glasgow Schools' Competition, entries being made for both the Band and the Individual Piping and Drumming Sections. The Band was placed third, behind Dollar Academy and Stewart's-Melville Colleges, and Drummer W. D. Cartwright attained first place in the Senior Drumming section: both were very pleasing results.

We were invited to play at the Open Days at Perth Fire Station and, in somewhat contrasted weather conditions, at Ochil Tower School in Auchterarder. The first of our three appearances in James Square was in late June, when we played a mixed programme of marches, strathspeys, reels and slow airs. The Crieff Tourist Board asked us to welcome the Colorado Honor Band as they arrived in Crieff to give their concert in Macrosty Park. Our other performance was during the Knock Race. School functions included the traditional Sports Day and Speech Day appearances, and the C.C.F. Inspection and Parents' Evening. The last of our public performances was at the Muthill Gala Day.

The donations received after our appearances, together with a generous donation from the Governors, enabled us to purchase a number of new kilts. This summer all the Band will thus be wearing the Morrison tartan. We are very grateful for all these donations.

The annual Individual Competition was judged by Pipe-Major J. MacGregor from Glenalmond and Mr Bill Bradley from the Strathearn Pipe Band. In the Senior Piping Competition Pipe-Major I. G. M. Duguid won the Robertson-Dobie Trophy, with Piper G. K. S. Leckie as runner-up. Pipers T. Y. Griffiths and A. D. MacInnes were winner and runner-up respectively in the Junior Section. The McGregor Drumming Cup was won for the second year by Drummer W. D. Cartwright, with Drummer D. L. Tai as runner-up. Still on an individual note, a number of our pipers have participated in ceilidhs at St Ninian's arranged for Danish parties visiting Crieff.

We are again fortunate to have two instructors of the calibre and dedication of Mr D. Donaldson and Mr H. Sinclair. To both of them, and to Mr McGregor, go our sincere thanks for their great efforts.

SAILING CLUB

Last season was not one of our better seasons. Slightly less sailing took place, partly due to some lack of interest, but mainly due to the very poor weather. However, the usual competitive racing took place, and in the Schools' Races on Loch Earn, the two Alans (Dingley and Findlay — a fearsome combination!) sailed quite well to come fourth overall. In our own "private" races within the Club, Alan Dingley took the honours, winning the Jean Brown Cup.

New members of the Club are always welcome, and the signs so far at the beginning of the season are encouraging. We are determined that this will be a good season.

27th PERTSHIRE SCOUT GROUP

The troop had a highly successful camping term in the summer term of last session. The outdoor training and teaching during the Easter Term of 1980 was put to good use when we sent two patrols to the County Championship. The patrols did extremely well, finishing second and fourth, the former winning a silver trophy. Our own troop camp was held at Braincroft Farm (near Comrie), and all the boys had enormous fun, despite the fact that it rained for most of the second day and night!

The end of session meant that our troop leader, James Main, had to leave, and his place was taken by Eric Mair at the beginning of the 1980-81 session. This session also brought in about thirty new boys, and numbers were boosted to about fifty; seven patrols in all. The boys were all keen to be scouts, and under the guidance of Mr Harry Beattie, Eric Mair and the seven patrol leaders — Rory Cunningham, Alan Gould, Mark Henry, Andrew McBean, Donald Macdonald, Angus McNab and Keith Webster — the troop was to achieve many ideals.

The first of these was the sponsored walk, which was held at the beginning of November. The boys walked sixteen miles (with ages ranging from 11 to 16) and the sum of over £200 was raised, half of which was donated to our very worthy charity in Crieff, B.L.E.S.M.A.

The cheque was presented at the Scout Show which was put on at the end of the Christmas Term. The show was a tremendous success, and over the two nights (the first being a dress rehearsal) over two hundred people came to see it. The boys showed off their skill and efficiency, and the evenings were given an extra touch of humour with a short sketch entitled "The Operation". We must extend our thanks to all those parents who supported us, as well as to the Rector, who gave the boys some words of encouragement at the end.

Easter Term, 1981, has seen the boys training in preparation for camps next term. A points system was started with the main activities of Inspection and football tournaments. The points to date (out of a possible 114) are:

Falcons—89	Kestrels—83½
Hounds—82½	Eagles—94½
Lions—81½	Panthers—97½
Wolves—87½	

A very interesting talk on Orienteering by Mr Smith, Principal Teacher of Maths, certainly whetted the boys' appetites for the Summer Term.

A disco for the patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders, and one for the junior scouts, were held at the end of the Easter Term, and both were very successful. Thanks go to Mr Thomson for allowing these to take place.

We can now start to think about camps, and we can only hope that they will be as successful as in previous years.

THE SCRIPTURE UNION

This session has been a busy and active one for the S.U. group. Our meetings have taken many varied forms, from a "Call My Bluff" game to a visit to the old people at Richmond House.

A main theme the group has pursued at meetings is "The Christian's Attitude", and we have discussed such controversial subjects as the Bible, superstition, death and evangelism. Our guest speakers have been invaluable in explaining difficult subjects in interesting and entertaining manners. Our speakers this session have been Dr Jarvie, who talked to us on standards; Mr Tom Burt, who brought along a film strip to our annual autumn coffee evening; Miss Esme Duncan from S.U. Headquarters; Rev. George Maitland; Rev. H. A. G. Tait, who talked to us about superstitions; the students in Evangelism from St Ninian's; and the Rev. Tom Scott, who spoke to us about death. We have also hosted speakers from within the school: Dr MacQueen gave a book talk and Mr Thomson gave a Bible Study.

As well as organising weekly meetings, the S.U. group also organised weekly visits to the Crieff Cottage Hospital, which terminated at Christmas with a visit to the hospital by the whole group. Then we sang carols and delivered presents. We raised the money to buy the presents from a "Bring and Buy Sale", which we had held a few weeks earlier.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Gardiner for all the time and effort she puts into the group, and we would like to extend an open invitation to all fellow-pupils in S3 to S6 to join our meetings on Friday afternoons.

Junior Scripture Union

This year Junior S.U. had a very enjoyable time. There have been over thirty regular members, which is an excellent turnout. Included in the programme was a Bible Quiz; and we had a very interesting talk and varied filmstrip on T.E.A.R. Fund from Mr and Mrs Stevens. We also had two visits from three of the trainees at St Ninian's. We learned many new songs throughout the year, and our thanks go to Shirley Macintosh, whose guitar was well played: she will be missed when she leaves next year.

Our thanks must also go to Miss Gardiner, without whom Junior S.U. would not be possible.

Primary Quest

Every Wednesday for one hour after school, the Primary Quest group meets in the G.P. Room. We are led by Miss Gardiner, assisted by Miss Fordyce.

We start with a game, followed by songs and choruses, with Miss Smith playing the piano. We often have "Who am I?" quizzes and Bible searches. Miss Fordyce reads a Bible story and there is occasionally a film strip. The meetings close with a prayer.

Special occasions see us ducking for apples at Hallowe'en, singing carols at Christmas, and painting hard-boiled eggs for Easter.

All are welcome, so come and join us!

Former Pupils' Section

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES

EDINBURGH

1st Year

Fiona MacRae has just opened a pancake-and-hot-scone stall at the top of Liberton Brae for retired postmen (private joke) but still finds time to do Law. Also doing Law is Gillian Macneil, just back from Switzerland, and now living in a mixed flat — Very mixed, by all accounts.

Andrew Niven and Lionel Fretz (both B.Com.) are often to be found sleeping in the Law Library.

On the dramatic side — she may be — Clare Ragsdale (Biology) has just played in a production of "The Gondoliers".

When unharnessed, Colin Penny hopes to become a Vet, as does Neil Todd, while his wee pal James Main does Dentistry. Anne Aitken, living in the classy New Town, does French and something else and by all accounts seems happy. Also doing something else, this time with Maths, is Fiona Reid.

Jackie Alexander always gives me a smile in the passing, and that seems about as far as I'm going to get.

Roddy Thomson has joined the Law Faculty after doing a B.Com. — it must be the magnetic appeal of student life.

Fiona MacIntyre, doing Chinese Civilization, tells me she's off to Peking in the summer. Let me just say that this report would have been a lot easier if all of the above mentioned had done the same last summer.

2nd Year

John Inglis has now come out of his cell (sorry *shell*), and enjoys social work. Kenneth Murray has just edited the Tory Party's version of 'Das Kapital' and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Ian Findlay has grown a beard and Billy Morrow (Dentistry) has tried to. Although they say it shouldn't happen to a Vet, by all accounts it did to John Macfarlane during a rugby weekend in London.

Morag Macdonald, studying German, has moved into a flat and is always a safe bet for a party.

When not training with Edinburgh Wanderers, Gordon Cunningham (Law) can usually be found weight lifting.

Laura Stuart (B.Com.) has done very well in the Accounting Class, and thus has no hope of joining the staff at the Treasury. June Thomson, also B.Com., shares a flat with two lawyers, but is taking tablets for it.

To dispel all rumours to the contrary, Rod 'I'm not an activist' Wishart has not retired; he's only resting. Ian Kirkwood is still at Art College learning to paint the town red sorry!

Stop Press: Would pupils in Primary 6 at the moment, thinking of coming to Edinburgh, please contact Andrew Biggart, as he will still be here when they come.

3rd Year

Grant "Goldilocks" Gorrie, having successfully finished a B.Com., is thinking of joining the truck manufacturing industry as it's the only way he's liable to make a pick-up. David Hawkins (Medicine) won his girlfriend in a raffle while on holiday in Texas — sorry, I'll start again: David and his girlfriend won a holiday to Texas in a raffle, and is now browned-off.

Valerie Johnston-Jones, doing English, is as lively as ever. Mike Parker (B.Com.) seems set for an early liquidation, although his girlfriend maintains that his current assets do exceed his liabilities. Judy Erskine seems to survive on a diet of creme eggs while Elspeth Gray drives around in a sports-car called Oscar.

Sheila Macintyre is doing French and enjoys life. Gillian Duffy has flitted again and does Molecular Biology — very useful subject, so I'm told. The Auchterarder contingent is further enforced by Susie Playfair and Ann Wright, who are also here.

Colin McIntosh (Engineering) has been refused planning permission to open a sex-shop in Comrie because of objections from the Local Residents' Association — they wanted a *supermarket*.

J. G. C.

GLASGOW

A surprisingly large number of exiles is settled in the West this year — is the "Easterhouse University" myth being laid to rest? Dave Bilsland, now a third-year Medic, brandishes a stethoscope in University Avenue. Hamish Caldwell has made it to second-year Civil Engineering — well done, Hamish. Akinola Ogundiya has forsaken his deerstalker (only temporarily, we hope) and smiles serenely. David Frier, after a year in Germany, continues to globetrot in Junior Honours Spanish and German, and masters a new language every term. He can no longer speak English. Mark Imrie, footballer extraordinaire and part-time Civil Engineer, has acquired a taste for ravioli. George Frier, having upset people by forsaking the medical for the legal profession, is well settled to life "at the bar" — his dreams of a car are as yet unfulfilled. Thankfully, the same applies to John Barrie, so the streets are safe. He is a would-be accountant. "P.C." Brown, Mechanical Engineer, has become one of "The Professionals" in the O.T.C. — Cultybraggan, here we come! Graeme Wilson trots around the Arts Faculty and changes the colour of his hair regularly. Kenneth "Breaktime" Whitehead is of unknown vocation but is thought to be happy.

The fair sex are fewer in number. Julia Knowles (English and History) is always smiling and may head to America next year. Ishbel Huggins did not wish to be mentioned; Catriona McGoogan and Fiona McKechnie may also be found.

Though not at "ra Yooni", Alistair "Tiggr" Brown seems to enjoy life in Glasgow, practising his talents at the Art School.

My apologies for any offence given, whether by inclusion or exclusion.
G. W. F.

HERIOT-WATT

Life at Heriot-Watt continued at a fair pace this year, despite the dismal female support. There were no rejections, so all the old hands remain.

Raymond Oliphant, having moved into a flat on campus, retains his allegiance to Crieff, returning there at a moment's notice; while Ron Davidson, only venturing out of his flat to test another car, was actually caught in the Sports Centre twice this year — though word has it he was just looking. David Robertson and Mark McNicol, one must assume, are still around somewhere; and the continuing saga of Don F. Findlay has taken a sharp turn this year, for I believe this most eligible of bachelors has finally been chained down by a member of the fair sex. Guy Harvey has moved into a flat and now, skiing for the University, has set his sights on the next Winter Olympics. J. D. "Aitkenhead" Naismith has now completed the second leg of his tour of the educational establishments of Edinburgh.

As for the notorious ex-Academy House clan, Julian Ragless, cycling seven miles to the campus most days, has little energy left for studying (books, at least), while Gregg Davidson moved on to campus and sleeps very well, thank you. Simon Wake now terrorises road-users and pedestrians alike on his new motor-bike (what's left of it, that is); and Iain Peacock, now doing Business Organisation, shares digs with J. R. above (enough said). Chris Marshall, a newcomer to the scene, has settled down well, working and socialising as hard as any.

Duncan Lord, now sharing a flat with three other Old Boys (remaining nameless, since two have the misfortune to attend the other University (?) in Edinburgh), still works, although he has seen more of Edinburgh this year.

Bruce Graham, soon to be finishing his Third Year of Actuarial Maths, works hard, despite sharing a flat with D. D. F.

D. L. L.

STIRLING

1st Year

Maureen Foster joined us this year, and is taking on both German and Spanish Faculties.

2nd Year

Kirsten Fleming is of the Biology ilk, combining it with Education.

3rd Year

Fiona McIntosh is working away quietly on her Honours Psychology programme. Neil Brown is our Honours Ecology student (litter bugs, beware).

4th Year

"Ali" Nicol is the only Morrisonian to graduate this year — B.A. in Accountancy and Business Law. He is to go straight into Chartered Accountancy training, no less.

Best of luck to Alistair, and we all hope to see more Morrisonians here next year.

N. J. B.

STRATHCLYDE

This year, due to the vigorous recruiting by Alan Glen in last year's "Morrisonian", there has been a 100% rise in attendance by former pupils.

In Fourth Year Tom Dalziel is studying Biology and the art of beard-growing. We all wish him good luck in the future.

Second Year now holds its members at three. Alan Glen is studying Marketing and Business Administration. Marjorie Ellis and Fiona Souter are both still doing Hotel and Catering Management. We are all waiting to see Alan put the world economy back on its feet again. Marjorie and Fiona should soon be appearing in Egon Ronay's "Good Food Guide".

In First Year we have had three recruits. Catherine Neil and Elaine Wyper are studying Business Administration and Modern Languages, and Marketing and Modern Languages respectively. They both seem to be enjoying University life and all its trimmings. Douglas Kerr is going underground with Mining and Petroleum Engineering.

Finally we would like to hear of anyone attending next year, or who is here already but has been missed by our sleuths.

D. I. K.

GRADUATIONS AND DISTINCTIONS

We report with pleasure the following University and College successes and distinctions:

ABERDEEN

Robert Gordon's College:

Averil Jane Blair — B.A. in Librarianship.

Alison Rachel Smith — B.Sc. in Home Economics.

DUNDEE

Dundee University:

Ian S. Crerar — B.L.

Ian A. Fotheringham — B.L.

Douglas B. Meakin, who left school in 1980, has been awarded a National Engineering Scholarship, a new award sponsored by the government and a group of firms to encourage suitable youngsters to study engineering. Twenty-six came to Scotland. Douglas is reading Engineering at Dundee University.

Monthly meetings continue to be held on the second Monday of each month at 6.30 p.m. in the Marquis of Granby pub, just off Trafalgar Square, and any old boys, or girl for that matter, are most welcome to visit us. Information is available from Gary Chalmers, 21a Edgwarebury Road, Edgware, Middlesex (Tel.: 01 958 6026 or 01 278 2345).

(News about some London Morrisonians is included in the general section. — Ed.)

CRIEFF

There are two forthcoming events which the Crieff Club would like to bring to everyone's notice:—

Sports Day, Saturday, 27th June

On the evening of Sports Day, the now customary disco dance will be held at the Murraypark Hotel at 9 p.m. Tickets will be available from Ann Scott at the Hotel and also at Dallerie on Sports Day from Barclay Inglis.

Sunday, 2nd August

The Committee has planned a family outing to Doune Motor Museum on this date. All are welcome to attend and the plan is to meet at the Museum at 12 noon and to combine the visit with a picnic, hopefully in the open air. The Austin 7 Car Club Rally is being held at the Museum on that day to provide an additional attraction. The standard admission charge of £1 will be reduced if numbers are sufficient to as little as 40p with children aged 5 to 14 being admitted for 20p and children under 5 free. While this is an open invitation to anyone to come on the outing, it would be helpful to know likely numbers so please contact Barclay Inglis on Sports Day or any member of the Committee at any time.

The Club Officials and Committee are:—

President: Robert Bolton.

Vice-President: Mrs Lorna Muir.

Secretary: Barclay Inglis, C.A.

Treasurer: Miss Joyce Fordyce.

Committee Members: Mrs Ann Scott, Mrs Patricia Ruxton, Stuart McLaren, Ken McKechnie.

The subscription remains £2, which can be paid to any Committee member or direct to the Treasurer at Abbey Hill, Auchterarder.

Sporting Activities

RUGBY

Ian Rankin has now taken over from Tom Macaskill organising rugby. All correspondence relating to rugby should be sent to him at: Edenwood Farm, Cupar, Fife (Tel.: Cupar 53044).

In the coming season, as well as the usual games against Dollar Accies (at Crieff) and the School, there is hope of another two or three games being played. Last year we narrowly lost 27-21 vs. Dollar, and even more narrowly beat the School 12-10.

It is disappointing that so few of the School's rugby players move into club rugby when they leave school. Those who do so seem to do very well. The following list of players are all Morrisonians playing club rugby and the majority of them are in the 1st XV:

Edinburgh

Division 1 Heriot's—Neil Marshall.

Division 2 Leith—Ian Macaskill.

Edinburgh Accies—Peter Cochrane.

Division 3 Edinburgh Wanderers—Very strong connection here. Three are in the present 1st XV: Ian Rankin (captain last year), Ewan Gillies, Billy Allan. Others included Stuart Cameron, Mike Cochrane, Nairn McEwan (several years ago).

Glasgow

Division 2 Clarkston—John Campbell.

Division 3 Ayr—Nicholas Buchanan.

Borders

Division 1 Jedforest—Martin Coombes.
Gala—Murray Lyle.

Midlands

Division 2 Highland—Nairn McEwan.

Division 3 Howe of Fife—Roderick Davidson, Tom Macaskill.

Division 6 Dundee High School—Bill Balfour.

Division 7 Crieff—There are not many Morrisonians who have not played for Crieff at some point—probably never less than 75% of players are Morrisonians.

Excellent social club and they are now enjoying success on the field, having gained promotion to Division 7 this year.

Captain—Bob Bolton.

Apologies to any players and clubs missed out.

If any rugby player leaving school, or just looking for a game during holidays, is near any of these clubs, don't hesitate to contact them. It is much easier to join a club if you know someone there as a contact.

GOLF

Brian McLean continues to organise this, although he is looking around for a successor. Last year the Club drew with the School over Sports Weekend, so that the School retained the Cameron Cup, which they had won the previous year. In the Queen Elizabeth Schools' tournament at Barnton we lost in our first game, to Kelvinside.

CRICKET

Our organiser is Rod Davidson, 2 Brighton Place, Ceres, Fife. Last year the game was rained off.

OTHERS

The Club is looking for volunteers to organise other sporting events either against School sides or other F.P. sides. So far Chic Allardyce has offered to look after squash and shooting for next year, any other suggestions to the secretary please.

Annual Dance

Last year the dance was organised by the Crieff Club and was held in December in the Crieff Hydro, and a good night was had by all. The magnificent sum of £400 was raised and donated to the recently inaugurated Dux Medal Fund.

This year the dance reverts to Dunblane Hydro, with Jim McLeod and his band. The price will be £9 per ticket (including buffet) and the event will be on Friday, 30th October, 1981. Tickets from Russell Hall, 9 Victoria Park Street, Glasgow (041 954 7161) or any local secretary.

Personal Notes

MIKE (WUM) McNIE (1951-58) is on the overseas staff of Barclays and is presently Advances Manager in Botswana. He and his family have been living in Gaberoni since 1976. He hopes to be in U.K. in August/September and will make contact with the London Club. NIGEL McNIE is also overseas, in Hong Kong.

HAMISH CALDWELL (1974-79), former Glenearn boy, is taking Civil Engineering at Glasgow University. He plays rugby for West of Scotland.

ROBIN TELFER (1957-1966) is a chartered accountant and has been living in Quebec for six years. He married an English girl in 1977 and works with Gillette Canada.

CRAIG ARMIT (1967-1973) is area quantity surveyor for Tarmac Roadstone based in Corby, Northants. He would like to hear from George (Pablo) Stalker, Donald Wooley and Andrew (Jasper) Campbell—contact Craig at 139 Black Prince Ave., Market Deeping, Peterborough.

DOUGLAS WEST (1963-73) is still teaching Physical Education at Daniel Stewart's and Melville Colleges and has been playing rugby for their F.Ps.

DENIS LAWSON (left 1965), younger brother of Carol McGregor (Lawson), is starring in "Pal Joey" in the Albery Theatre in London's West End. An LP of the musical numbers from the show has been made, including Denis's tap dancing. The show opened in September, 1980, and is still running. Denis won the Drama Critics' Award for the Most Promising Actor in 1980.

ANGUS INGLIS (1965-72) graduated in honours French and German from St Andrews University and is presently lecturing in Lille, France, while reading for a doctorate in contemporary French Literature.

DR CHRIS EDWARDS (1958-68) is presently holidaying in U.K. from Rio de Janeiro via South Africa. He recently met GEORGE STALKER in Rio. George is working in South Brazil. Chris was awarded a Ph.D. by Birmingham University last year for his thesis on geological research on Alexander Island in the Antarctic. He is now doing research work in Brazil for British Petroleum.

MARY FORSYTH (1927-30) left school and worked in shops and offices until the War. During the War she worked on Rolls Royce Merlin engines for the Spitfires. She then joined Blood Transfusion, followed by fifteen summer seasons as a courier on Continental holiday tours. She then emigrated to U.S.A. and worked during winters as an upstairs maid in a wealthy home, alternating with her courier duties in the summers. A slipped disc put an end to this hectic way of life and she returned to Blood Transfusion Service in 1970 until her retirement in 1979.

ALISON SUTCLIFFE (BLACK) (1969-75) graduated B.Sc. in Botany from Aberdeen University in 1979 and married in that year. She now lives in Langside, Glasgow.

NIGEL AUSTEN is studying for a B.Sc. in applied sciences with the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, having returned from a tour of duty in Germany with the Royal Signals.

RUTH A. FOTHERINGHAM (MURRAY) (1969-75) gave birth to a boy in May, 1981.

LINDA CUMMING, AMANDA JOHNSTON and LESLEY McGREGOR are nursing in the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh.

CHARLES MURRAY (1946-57), a stickit teacher, is looking forward to a refresher course at Jordanhill to give strength to his application for a teaching post to start August, 1981.

FARLANE MACKENZIE, having returned from Cuilfail Hotel, has moved uphill to the Old Schoolhouse, Kilmelford, from where he has a glorious view of the Argyll countryside.

SANDY MACKENZIE was last seen in Oban (yellow wellies and all) in between traveller/rep. jobs. He has two daughters.

LEWIS DICK (1962-69) moved to Swansea in 1976 as new business representative for a finance company and then to Cheltenham as branch manager. He still plays rugby for the local XV and would be pleased to hear from any Morrisonians in the West Country. He married a French girl in 1977.

MARGARET MENZIES (PATTERSON) (1965-70) is now living in Fife. She had a baby boy last summer.

ROSEMARY PULLAN (1962-75) is studying at Barony Agricultural College, Parkgate, Dumfries.

MAUREEN CARSON (1971-77) is in her final year in Geography at Edinburgh. She may go ahead on completion.

JANE HOURIGAN (1978) is working as secretary to a solicitor in Stirling, having attended college for a year.

MORAG STIMPSON (1965-74) completed hotel management training with THF group, and last year was assistant manager at the Great White Horse Hotel, Ipswich.

Mrs J. ORBORNE (CAIRNS) (1961-67) went to Stirling University from school and graduated B.A. in History, taught for five years at Notre Dame High for Girls, Dumbarton. She is now married with two small children. Her younger sister GAIE CRAWFORD (CAIRNS) (1963-69) graduated as a doctor from Glasgow University in 1975. She married a doctor and they emigrated to Auckland, New Zealand. They now have two young children.

RICHARD HANNAH, M.B.E., F.R.C.S. (1928-32), went to Edinburgh University where he qualified as a doctor, trained in neuro-surgery at Oxford and then served six War years in the R.A.M.C. In 1947 he became consultant neuro-surgeon in Liverpool. He retired from the Health Service in 1979.

CATRIONA REID (HOUSTON) (1961-66) went to Robert Gordon's Institute in Aberdeen, where she studied for H.N.D. in Institutional Management. She married a solicitor in 1971 and is now an Edinburgh housewife and a mother of three boys and a girl.

LYNNE E. A. STIMPSON, Head Girl in 1974-75, graduated from the University of Aberystwyth in 1978 with a Joint Honours degree (B.Lib.) in English and Librarianship. She worked for a time as a librarian in Berkhamsted. Last June she married David James, and she is now in charge of mobile libraries in Dunbartonshire.

FIONA M. STIMPSON is working in Corsica for six months as a villa cook.

JULIA MATHER is enjoying her first year in Aberdeen, as a librarian at Robert Gordon's College.

ANDREW MACKINLAY (1972-75) is now working as a programmer in the specialised division of AFA-MINERVA, a subsidiary of E.M.I. in London.

SHARON MACKINLAY (1972-78) is now working on Children's Programmes at the B.B.C. Television Centre in Shepherd's Bush, London.

BERTRAM LESLIE is a Chartered Engineer, is married and is a Director of Cape Industries. His home address is Aberlyn House, 130 Ashlawn Road, Rugby CV22 5EP, Warwicks. Tel.: Rugby 62901.

DOUGLAS LESLIE is a Chartered Surveyor, is married and is Controller of British Rails estate in Scotland. He has recently been promoted and has moved to London. He can be contacted through his brother, Bertram.

DAVID M. HALL (1962-68) is at present out in the Seychelles as a Planning Officer for two years. He returns this Christmas.

JOHN R. HALL (1965-71) is teaching Biology and Physical Education at Seaford College, Petworth, Sussex, and is also a Housemaster of one of the School's boarding houses.

NAOMI L. WHITELAW was recently engaged to Steven C. Griffin.

GRAHAM ELLIS (1970-76) is presently doing a Ph.D. at the University of East Anglia, where he took his first degree, a B.Sc. in Chemical Sciences (2:1). For his doctorate he is researching into the field of reactivity-selectivity relationships in Physical Organic Chemistry. He is engaged to Kathi Bayhulle, and they plan to marry in September, 1981.

SOME LONDON MORRISONIANS

GARY CHALMERS continues to work his way up the Thompson Publications ladder and is now Advertising Manager for "Consulting Engineer", or is it "Farmers' Monthly"?

ALAN FERGUSON has recently had a second addition to his family — so dispelling rumours that the first was a fluke. Alan is shortly to leave us as he has taken a post in Holland with a Shell subsidiary.

FRAZER KIRCALDY has moved jobs and house since last year and now lives on the outskirts of town rather than deepest Soho. He has recently taken to wearing rather sharp suits — his 'architectural image'.

ALASTAIR MARSHALL has a job one month and not the next. He appears to have worked for most insurance houses in London — including his own — and is currently formulating plans to make his first million; of what we are not quite sure.

KEITH MACKENZIE drops by from time to time to tell us of another Morrisonian that he has bumped into. He appears to be getting better at accounting and even better at squash.

ROBBIE McCALL has rejoined Bowering Risk Management Ltd. and now travels to such widely exotic places as Iraq and Carlisle. He remains a fervent supporter of London Scottish where his touchline comments are becoming well known.

DAVID McCALL still employs himself, on a freelance consultancy advisory basis. In spite of the 'difficult times' he has entered the property market and now has a quiet week-end retreat on the Norfolk coast.

DAVID MILLAR is still with J. Walter Thompson and continues to keep the population informed on the need to purchase brand leader consumer goods. He retains his interest in education and is a Governor of the Hammersmith and Fulham Adult Education Institute.

MUIR MOFFAT left London last year for the greener pastures of Bristol, where as Managing Director of NEXOS he set up his corporate headquarters. Our taxes, through the N.E.B., continue to keep Muir going.

DON MUNRO remains a cross between 'The Sweeney' and 'The Professionals' in his crime fighting career and generally has to leave meetings early in order to be 'on observation' at some unearthly hour in the morning.

BAYNE SHAW, as always, carries the heaviest briefcase in the country with the potential danger of his right arm stretching to touch the ground. We are pleased to note that Bayne now has time to manage more than a 'swift half' before rushing to catch his train.

GEORGE TODD has recently reappeared as a regular member and in his new capacity (stolen cheque card squad) advises the members on the prevention of fraud. Off the record advice earns him a drink!

WARD VERNON remains an enigma whom we haven't seen for a while.

Fighter Pilot Remembers

Group Captain Duncan Smith, D.S.O. and Bar, D.F.C. and two Bars, has written a book of war-time memoirs called "Spitfire into Battle", which is due to be published in July. This has received very favourable advance notices, including one which recommends it to anyone, old or young, who wants to know how men really fought against one another in the air in World War Two.

Personal Reminiscences

April, 1981

The Editors,
THE MORRISONIAN,
Crieff.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mr John Williamson's comprehensive History of Morrison's makes nostalgic reading for one of my generation, evoking warm memories of long-forgotten events and people. It is in the hope that, should you find room to print this, others may also take a stroll down memory lane in your pages.

That decisions could be rescinded is evident from the statement (page 41) that "In 1923 when Mr Donaldson succeeded Mr Wright the Governors decided that there should no longer be boarders in the Rector's residence." I was a boarder there in the middle 1920s under "Je Donne" — perhaps I should write "over", for our dosses were at the top of the building — with Mr Charles A. Hutchison as Tutor. His idea of a Sunday afternoon stroll was to the Blue Crags or to the top of Turleum, back in time for tea and evening service at the South Church as an encore to the morning's marathon sermon at the same establishment. The top hats and Eton collars of an earlier age had given way, for Sunday wear, to bowlers and blue serge suits: I recall many an improvised three-quarter line having passing practice with my bowler hat as we cantered down to the West gate on the way to Sunday morning service.

By this time, Mr James Williamson (Spugs) had boarders privately at The Heugh, and "The Beak" housed a further number. But we in Academy House set considerable store, especially on cold, wet mornings, by the fact that our walk to school entailed no more than the opening of a green baize door.

The History states (page 32) that "In 1927 a new sports ground was acquired at Turret Bridge." Perhaps before this date it was rented, but one rugby pitch was certainly in use there in the early 1920s, with a small wooden hut as a pavilion.

In those days, before the post-Hitler years had established uniformity as a desirable objective, what a wealth of individualism was arrayed before us — Spugs, Wee Bain, The Beak, Bobo Fletcher, Hubby, Josie Turner, and many others. Hundreds besides myself must remember Wee Bain conducting an English class in the Doric (or, more correctly, in Lallan Scots) and Spugs devoting much of a Monday's Maths class to demonstrating on the blackboard the moves we ought to have made in Saturday's rugby match.

*Eheu fugaces, Postume, Postume,
Labuntur anni.*

But does anyone today read Horace?
I have the honour, Sirs and Madams, to remain

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Personality Spot

GAVIN STRANG, M.P.

Gavin Strang left Morrison's Academy at the end of his Fifth Year in 1960 (he was elected Macrosty Medallist that year) and went straight on to Edinburgh University to study for a degree in agriculture. His intention at that stage was to return to work with his father on the family farm in Perthshire. In the course of his first year at Edinburgh, he switched to pure science. After graduating B.Sc. with Honours in Genetics, he obtained an agricultural scholarship to study for a diploma in Agricultural Science in Cambridge. After receiving his diploma, he then returned to Edinburgh to work on genetic aspects of litter productivity. He obtained a Ph.D. in 1968 and worked as a scientist with the Agricultural Research Council in Edinburgh prior to becoming a full-time Labour M.P. in Edinburgh East after the 1970 General Election.

He joined the Labour Party as a student when he was 18. He was Chairman of Perth Labour Party Young Socialists and Treasurer of Edinburgh University Labour Club. He was active in the party in East Edinburgh for some years before being selected as the candidate in 1968 to succeed the sitting Labour M.P., who was retiring. He was a Minister in the 1974/79 Labour Government between the February and October 1974 Elections; he was Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Energy. From October onwards he was Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture.

Deaths

It is with particular sadness that we record the deaths in the past year of five young people :

J. Eric Hastrick (1973-77) (Academy House) in the U.S.A.

Christopher M. Lloyd (1966-76) in the Himalayas.

Ian J. Morris (1971-77) (Academy House) in Dunbar.

Virginia A. Taylor (1964-72) (Newstead) in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Peter B. Younger (1968-78) in Glasgow.

We should like to offer our deep sympathy to the parents, relatives and friends of these fine young people, who are sorely missed.

Maxwell Duncan Kippen, who died in May, 1981, was not an Old Boy himself, but his father and mother both attended Morrison's, and his son, Andrew M. Kippen, was House Captain of Dalnchor, and a School Prefect. Soon after Andrew left school, Mr Kippen endowed the A. D. Kippen Prize in the Boys' School and, together with his mother's family, the Robert Lawrence Prize in the Girls' School. The family have a long connection with Morrison's, being among the first pupils in 1860.

Other deaths intimated to the Secretary of the Club during the year are noted with regret:

Gerald ("Pop") Cummings in London; Thomas Justice in Dundee; J. G. Brown in Alloway; Mrs E. W. Kinnes in Dundee; Miss L. Pettigrew in Edinburgh; H. D. Halley in Crieff; Philip Reid in Muirhead; Mrs Sophie Irving (Stewart) in Fife; Dr I. Sandeman (1950-54) in Middlesex; James MacLeod, J.P. (1918-20) in Glasgow; Miss Margaret H. S. Thomson (1943-50) in Edinburgh.

To all those bereaved we offer our sincere sympathy.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Copy for the 1982 "Morrisonian"

We are grateful to all the people who send information about former pupils and any other news relating to the School. We should like to start a Births and Marriages column, if there is sufficient information to justify a separate section on these items. It would be helpful and informative for our readers if we had the school dates and boarding house (if applicable) of anyone who is mentioned in any of these Notes: identification is thus easier.

Copy date for 1982 is, as always, 1st May.

EDITOR.

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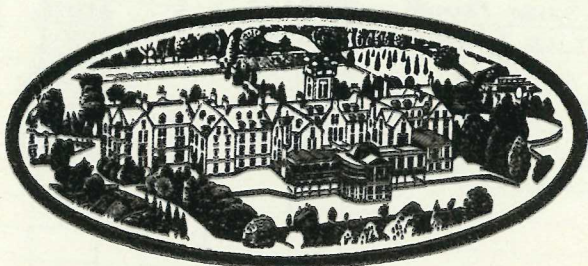
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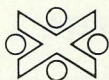
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