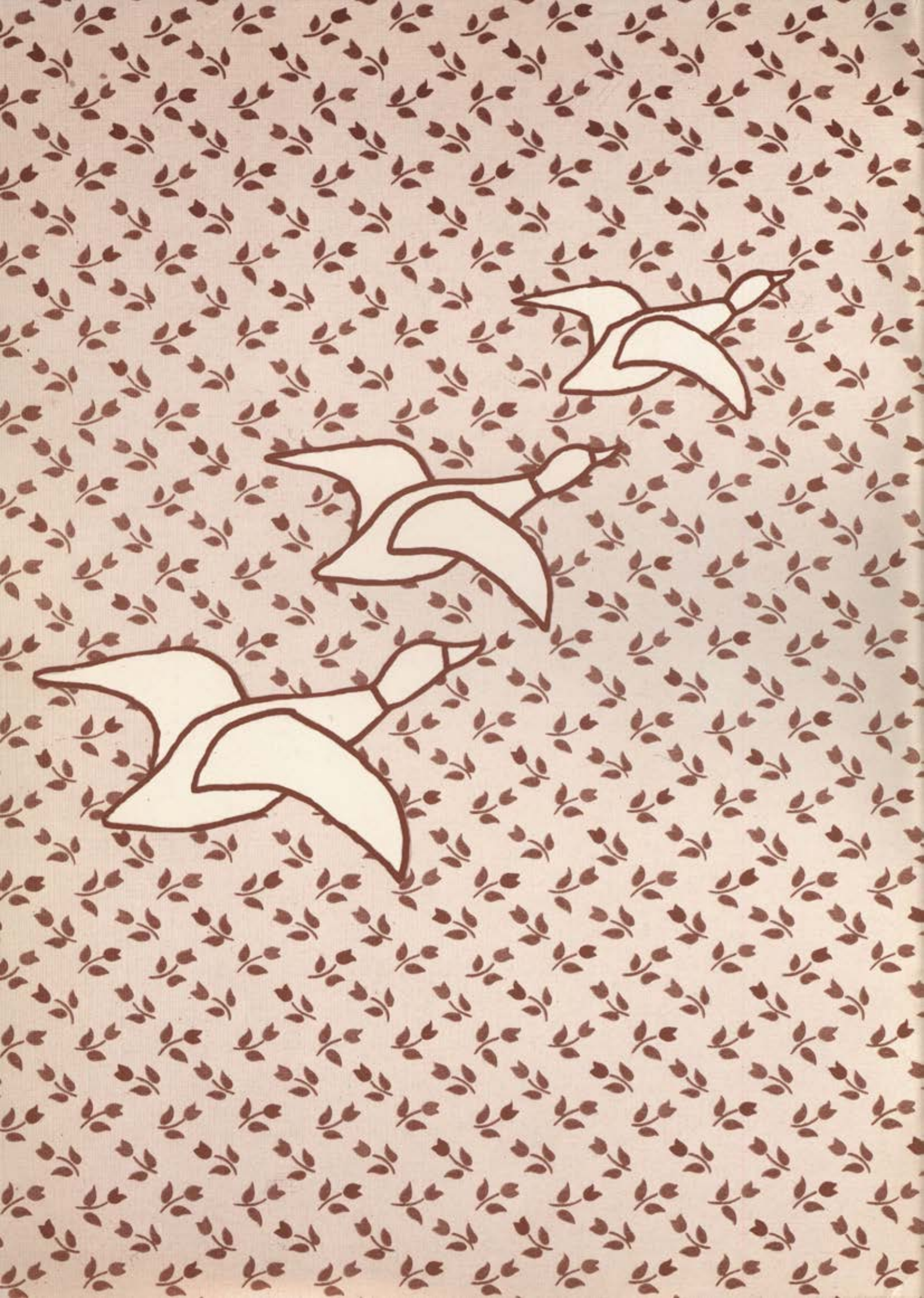
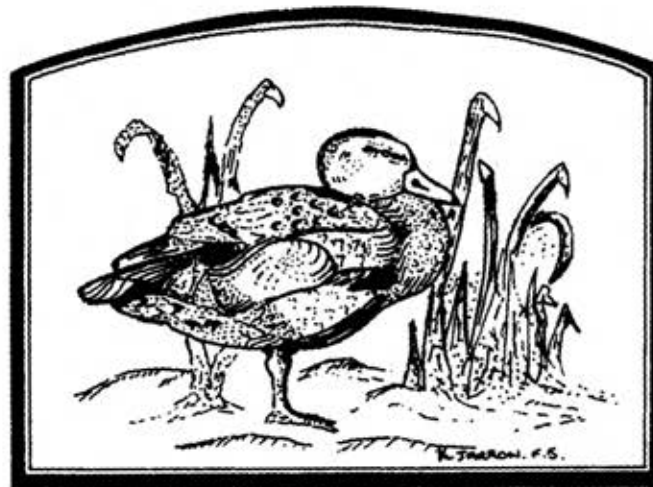


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SEVENTY YEARS OF THE MAG

The appearance of the restyled school magazine last September was greeted with much enthusiasm and all who were associated with its production took pleasure in its success. It was also particularly gratifying to learn that one of its articles—Three for the Bolshoi by Alison Kennedy—was awarded the prize for ‘the best prose article’ in ‘The Scotsman’ School Magazine Competition. The warmth of that reception has encouraged all who have been involved in the production of the present volume.

The new format was widely admired and the restructured contents would seem to have achieved their aim of appealing to a wider readership. One of the features which, not surprisingly, attracted widespread interest was the expanded section on former pupils. This is a part of the magazine we are keen to develop and for this to be possible we are dependent on people writing in to supply us with information or to suggest additional ways in which interest might be further increased. Another feature, originally included as a whim of the editors, aroused much interested curiosity—I refer, of course, to the photograph of the Calcutta Dinner in 1929. The photograph elicited several responses which were as comprehensive as they were fascinating. They not only provided a complete seating plan for the dinner, but also a photograph of the 1930 Calcutta Dinner. The editors felt relieved that they had not been rash enough to award prizes for correct answers! Such a response prompts the thought that there must be many old

photographs of former glories and activities, programmes and other memorabilia of the school around. If so, we would ask you not simply to discard them, when they become no longer of use, but to pass them on to the school either on loan or for inclusion in the as yet modest school collection.

The present magazine of course, has two tasks to perform. In the first place, it seeks to reflect the life and work of the school, reporting what is traditional and chronicling what is new, and thereby attempting to catch that uniqueness which is the essence of every session. In addition, since this is no ordinary session, but the one in which we commemorate the establishment of the school on its present site with the opening of the Main Building in 1834, the contents are able to have a special flavour as they record a special chapter in the annals of the school. It is an awe-inspiring thought that the school, which was founded in 1239, is almost 750 years old. Within such a time scale it is a relatively modest anniversary that we mark—only 150 years. These years have, however, as we all appreciate, seen some of the most tremendous changes in our history. This modest volume seeks to highlight mainly the last fifty of these years.

It is hoped the present magazine will give as much pleasure as the last one and elicit a similar enthusiastic response. It will certainly not be for lack of effort on the part of the contributors and production team, to all of whom we express our very warm thanks. ■

The Rector

Delighted at the success of this section in the last edition of the magazine. We are greatly indebted to all those who have assisted in the compilation of the following notes for the current edition.

Mr. W. P. Vannet, retired Assistant Rector, who acts as School Correspondent in the gathering of information is very pleased with the assistance he receives. To ensure the continued success of this section we need former pupils to write to us, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to drop a line to Mr. Vannet, c/o High School of Dundee, P.O. Box 16, Euclid Crescent, Dundee DD1 9BP.

It gives great pleasure to the School to learn how its former pupils have fared since leaving school: where they have got to, what they are doing, and how they have got on. In this way we are building up a picture of the varied contributions to society made by former pupils at home and abroad.



ANDERSON, Alexander — was Dux of the School in 1941 and went on to the University of Edinburgh where he graduated M.A. in 1945. He was elected FLA (Fellow of Library Association) in 1952 and took another M.A. Degree at Southampton University in 1962. During the Second World War he served with the R.A.S.C. during which time he was posted to the Library of the Military College of Science. Thereafter, he held posts in Libraries in Norwich, Fife and Southampton University. He was Deputy Librarian, Exeter University Library 1966–67 and University Librarian, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh from 1967 until his retirement in 1983. Since retiring, he has continued as Honorary Keeper of the University's Historical Records and of the Scottish Brewing Archive, both of which he set up in recent years and he is working on a History of the University and its predecessors back to the School of Arts founded in 1821.

DOIG, James Alexander (Sandy) — Left School in 1944 and graduated M.B., Ch.B. at St. Andrews University in 1949. He served in the Royal Army Medical Corps in North Africa with the rank of Major. He was admitted a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and in 1960, was appointed consultant in Otolaryngology at Glasgow Royal Infirmary and honorary clinical lecturer at Glasgow University. More recently, he was admitted a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow and appointed consultant in administrative charge of his department, honorary consultant to Strathclyde University and a member of the court of examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow and the West African College of Surgeons.

DRUMMOND, G. Gordon — graduated in Mechanical Engineering at the University and then joined the Gas Board. In 1957, he joined the British Aluminium Company as Assistant Engineer, at Kinlochleven where he became Deputy Chief Engineer two years later. There then followed various senior management appointments at the London Head Office and he was manager of the Kinlochleven and Warrington factories. He was responsible for setting up and running the BAC's Invergordon Smelter since his appointment as Manager of that plant in 1968. A Companion of the British Institute of Management, he chairs the Scottish Board of the Institute, also he is vice-chairman of the Cromarty Firth Port Authority. A full time member of the Highlands and Islands Development Board since 1977, he was chairman of various working parties and committees connected with the Board.

DUNCAN, John — he was educated at Edinburgh University. In 1941, he entered the Sudan Political Service, served in HM Forces 1941–43 and was awarded the M.B.E. in 1953. He became Private Secretary to the Governor-General of the Sudan in 1954 and was appointed to the Foreign (subsequently Diplomatic) Service in 1956. The following year, he was seconded to the Joint Services Staff College and from 1959–63, he became Depute Director-General of the British Information Service in New York. For the next two years, he was Consul-General, Muscat and after this period, he was appointed Head of the Personnel Department of the Diplomatic Service (1966–68). In 1967, he was made a Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George and between 1969 and 1978, he was High Commissioner, Canberra; High Commissioner, Zambia and Ambassador to Morocco. When he retired in 1981, he was High Commissioner in the Bahamas. John's father was the Rev. Dr. J. H. Duncan, Minister of Dundee Parish Church (St. Mary's) from 1936 to 51.

DUNCAN, Dr. Kenneth P. — graduated B.Sc. (1944) and MB.Ch.B. (1947) at the University of St. Andrews. Until 1952, he did hospital work, service in the Army and entered general practice. After senior posts with British Rail, the Gas Board, Industrial Group AEA and the British Steel Corporation, he was appointed Director of Medical Services, Health and Safety Executive (1975–82). In 1975, he was elected F.R.C.P. (Edinburgh) and F.R.C.P. (London) in 1980. His other appointments include — Visiting Professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Examiner in Occupational Medicine, Royal College of Physicians and Society of Apothecaries and Membership of the Medical Research Council. In 1982, he became Deputy Director-General, Health and Safety Executive. His brother John is also included in this section of the magazine.

EDINGTON, Martin G. R. — graduated LL.B. at the University of Dundee in 1977. After serving his apprenticeship in Edinburgh, he moved to the Borders in 1981 and became a partner in the old-established firm of Turnbull, Simson and Sturrock of Jedburgh in July, 1983.

ELDER, Joyce (Mrs. Richards)—left D.H.S. in 1939 and attended the Dundee Institute of Art and Technology, first in the School of Architecture then in the College of Art. In 1942, Joy joined the A.T.S. and followed an Army Career until 1946 as a Technical Instructor Fire Control and a Regimental Instructor of Radar in Anti-Aircraft Command, Royal Artillery. When her husband was demobbed in 1945, they emigrated to Canada. She spent many years as a theatre costumer and has taught costume construction at the University of Victoria (Theatre Department) besides working with local professional theatre companies. Joy is now in the process of starting her own business.

GRAY, Professor J. R. — attended D.H.S. from 1931 to 1943 graduating B.Sc. (Mathematics) at the University of Edinburgh in 1947 where he was awarded the Diploma in Actuarial Mathematics in 1948. He was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries and a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society. From 1949 to 1962, he lectured in Mathematics and Statistics and established the Department of Statistics at St. Andrews University. In 1971, he became Professor and Head of the Department of Actuarial Mathematics and Statistics at Heriot-Watt University, this being the first U.K. Chair and First U.K. Department of Actuarial Science. In 1983, Professor Gray was elected Vice-President of the Faculty of Actuaries. He is also a Statistical Consultant to the Law Society of Scotland and the Convener of the Lecture Committee of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society. Other offices held include the Chairmanship of the Scottish Branch of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, Dean of the Faculty of Science, Heriot-Watt University and Deputy Convener of the Scottish Universities Council on Entrance.

GRAY, Robert S. — joined the family firm of Charles Gray (Builders) Ltd., Dundee in 1965 as an executive director and helped form the Dundee Plant Co. He was appointed managing director of Charles Gray (1974) and in 1975 became chairman and managing director. In 1979, he was President of the Dundee Building Trades Employers' Association and has been a member of the Board and the executive committee of the S.B.E.F. Mr. Gray was elected President of the Scottish Building Employers' Federation in 1984.

HENDRY, A. P. — Educated at D.H.S. he spent some time with local companies before moving to London in 1979. Mr. Hendry was appointed Managing Director of the Roydon Publishing Company Limited (based in London) in 1983 and was previously Export Manager of W. H. Smith's Publishing Division. He will continue to represent W. H. Smith's publishing interests abroad.

HAMILTON, Bill M. — After leaving School he started work as a trainee reporter with the Fife Herald and Fife News in Cupar in 1962. The following year he moved South joining the staff of the Northern Daily Mail in Hartlepool becoming Sports Editor three years later. In 1966, Bill landed his first job with Tyne Tees Television and for the next seventeen years,

he served in the broadcasting industry with B.B.C. Radio, B.B.C. Television News in London. He is now Home Affairs Correspondent for B.B.C. T.V. News. In the past he has had many foreign assignments. While still a pupil at D.H.S., Bill became Scotland's youngest qualified Association Football Referee.

ISLES, Ian — Left D.H.S. in 1934 and joined the Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society whose General Manager he became from 1962 until retirement in 1977. He is still a non-executive director. During World War II, he served with the Derbyshire Yeomanry from 1940–46 being awarded the Military Cross in Tunisia and after the War, he qualified as a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries of which body he was a Vice-President from 1977–1981.

JONES, Robert L. D. — Left D.H.S. in 1970 and graduated B.Sc. (Medical Science) at the University of St. Andrews in 1974. After moving to Manchester University to complete clinical medical studies, Robert joined the Royal Army Medical Corps as an officer cadet and in 1977, he graduated M.B., Ch.B., Manchester. He served in Catterick and Aldershot obtaining the Certificate of G.P. Vocational Training in 1982. In that year also, he was awarded the Diploma of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Robert was promoted Major in February, 1984 and is Senior Medical Officer to Krefeld Garrison in West Germany. Robert's younger brother Kenneth (an F.P.) also serves with the R.A.M.C.

LAWSON, Dr. John A. R. — Left D.H.S. in 1933, having played rugby and cricket and been C.S.M. in the Cadet Corps. At St. Andrews University, he entered Medical School graduating in 1943. While at University, he won a blue at hockey and cricket. He then served in the Army as a medical officer in Burma and Japan during World War II, before returning to Dundee for further experience in Dundee Royal Infirmary prior to entering General Practice in April, 1948. He was Regional Adviser in General Practice for Tayside Region for ten years and has been a tutor in General Practice in the Department of General Practice in Dundee University for many years. A founder member of the Royal College of General Practitioners, he was elected a Fellow in 1967 and was Chairman of the College Council from 1973 to 1976. In 1982, he was elected President of the College and serves in this office for three years. In 1979, he was awarded the O.B.E.

McNICOLL, Flight-Lieutenant Iain. — Left D.H.S. in 1971 and entered Edinburgh University reading Engineering Science. In 1975, Iain graduated from Edinburgh University with an Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering and in 1976 he entered the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell as a Directly Commissioned Graduate Entrant. He completed his initial officer training and basic flying training winning top place and being awarded the R.M. Groves Memorial Prize, the Argentine Air Force Sword and the Queen's Medal. Iain was posted to R.A.F. Laarbruch, West Germany in 1978. By 1981, he had completed his first operational tour, and became an Instructor Pilot on the 'Tornado', in 1983.

MACKIE, June (Mrs. Millar) — Left D.H.S. in 1938, entered Dundee College of Art and moved to Edinburgh in 1940. After a secretarial course, June joined the W.R.A.F., spending four years in uniform. Later she entered Atholl Crescent Domestic Science College, Edinburgh, and took an Institutional Management Degree becoming Housekeeper at Hamilton Hall of Residence, St. Andrews University. June married Surgeon-Lieutenant(d) Ronald Miller, R.N. (also a former pupil) who now practises in Petersfield near Portsmouth as a dentist.

MAXWELL, David — Attended D.H.S. (1919–28) where he was Dux of the School and medallist in four subjects. He was a member of the Cadet Corps and in Rifle Shooting, Junior Champion and runner-up in the Senior Championship. At Edinburgh University he graduated M.A. with First Class Honours in Classics (1932) and LL.B. (1935) being awarded nine class medals in Arts and Law and two scholarships and was Senior President of the Law Faculty Society. In 1936, he was called to the Scots Bar and engaged in practice in civil and criminal causes. During the Second World War, he served in the Royal Artillery in Anti-Aircraft Command. After the war, he resumed practice in Law and was appointed lecturer in Mercantile Law in Edinburgh University (1947–69). He became a Queen's Counsel in 1955 and in 1980 there was published his work 'The Practice of the Court of Session'.

MERRYLEES, Neil — Leaving D.H.S. in 1980, Neil went on to read Physics at St. Catherine's College, Oxford taking his Finals in June, 1983 receiving a B.A. Degree with First Class Honours. He has also worked for V.S.O. teaching Physics and Mathematics in Northern Malawi.

NICOL, Martin — Was Captain of the High School F.P. Cricket XI from 1965–71 and in 1980. Martin was a member of the team that shared the Championship with Abroath United in 1978 and that won the Three Counties Cup in 1977 and 1978. He won the union's T.W.L. Bell Cup for the fastest century of the season on two occasions. At present, he is Assistant Rector at Perth Academy and was elected President of the Strathmore Cricket Union in November, 1983.

PATRICK, G. M. — Left D.H.S. in 1939 to read Chemistry at St. Andrews University. In 1940, he joined the Fleet Air Arm and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. At the end of the War, he became involved in government administration. He joined the Ministry of Works and was involved in the organisation for the Victory Parade in London. He was also given the task of heading the Administrative team of the Ministry to prepare for the Coronation. He then moved to the Scottish H.Q. of the Ministry in Edinburgh where he was involved in the management of Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings throughout Scotland and in the building needs of the National Museums and Galleries. In 1965, he was sent to Aden as Middle East Director of the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works. On his return from Aden at the end of 1967, he was appointed a Companion of the Order of St. Michael

and St. George. In 1971, Mr. Patrick was sent to be Regional Director of the new Department of the Environment for the South West of England. Later, he returned to his former work as Scottish Director of what had become the Property Services Agency, which included the responsibility for the maintenance of Holyrood House. In 1981 shortly before he retired, he was appointed a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

PEACOCK, Professor Alan — Left School in 1939. During his war-service, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. In 1947, he graduated with First Class Honours in Economics and Political Science at St. Andrews University, where he lectured for one year before being appointed to a similar post at the London School of Economics. In 1956, he was invited by the University of Edinburgh to be Professor of Economic Science succeeding Sir Alexander Gray himself a former pupil of D.H.S. which he left in 1898. Later, Professor Peacock was appointed to the University of York as its first Professor of Economics and Deputy Vice-Chancellor. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1979. From 1973 to 1976, he was Chief Economic Adviser to the Department of Trade and Industry. He served on the Royal Commission on the Constitution (Kilbrandon Commission) on devolution. In 1978, Professor Peacock succeeded Max (now Lord) Beloff as Principal of the Independent University College at Buckingham and led a development resulting in the creation of the only independent university in the U.K. of which he is now Vice-Chancellor.

PRITCHARD, Stewart — In February it was announced that Stewart Pritchard, a final year B.Sc.(Hons) student in Botany/Ecology at St Andrew's University, is to be helping three eminent ornithologists to carry out a seabird survey in the Azores this summer.

REA, Christopher — Was Head Boy in 1963 and graduated M.A. at the University of St. Andrews in 1966 having gained a rugger 'Blue' and having captained the British Universities against the French Universities. Chris trained in hospital management before joining the B.B.C. in Leeds as an administrator in 1970. Joining the B.B.C. Radio Sports Staff in 1972, he became the Rugby Correspondent five years later covering the British Lions tours to New Zealand in 1977 and to South Africa in 1980. He joined 'The Scotsman' as Rugby and Golf Correspondent the following year and continues to work on a freelance basis as a B.B.C. rugby commentator. Chris won his first Cap for Scotland against Australia in 1968 and gained a total of thirteen caps before retiring from the game in 1971. The 'try' which he scored in that year in the Scotland versus England game enabled Scotland to beat England at Twickenham for the first time since 1938. Chris played for the Barbarians and was a member of the British Lions side which beat New Zealand in a test series for the first time.

RITCHIE, James S. — Left D.H.S. in 1934, read Classics at Edinburgh University and Peterhouse and served in the Royal Scots and the Royal Army

Education Corps from 1940 to 1946. After the War, he joined the staff of the National Library of Scotland where he worked until he retired in 1983 from the post of Keeper of Manuscripts.

SCOTT, Eileen (Mrs. Fotheringham) — Attended D.H.S. from 1928–34 and graduated M.A. at St. Andrew's University in 1941. For the next five years, she saw service in the WRNS and in 1949 graduated M.A.(Hons) at the University of Edinburgh. From 1949–54, she served with the Medical Research Council in Aberdeen as a Psychologist and in 1954 was awarded a Ph.D.(Edinburgh). Since 1973, Dr. Fotheringham has been a clinical Psychologist at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh.

SMITH, R. — Graduated in 1957 from the School of Architecture in Dundee. He emigrated to Canada that same year and joined a firm of architects in Timmins, Ontario. In 1963, he formed his own firm. He became a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1957 and a Fellow in 1966. In 1963 he became a member of the Ontario Association of Architects and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. He was admitted to the College of Fellows of the Canadian Institute in 1980. He served as President of the Ontario Association of Architects in 1974 and as Vice-President of the National body in 1976. He is currently a member of the Ontario Building Code Commission.

STALKER, David M. G. — Left the High School of Dundee in 1927, graduated M.A. with First Class Honours in Classics at the University of Edinburgh, was awarded a Mackenzie Scholarship, graduated B.D. (with distinction in Old Testament Language and Literature) and studied at Marburg and Balliol, Oxford between 1927 and 1936. He was Assistant Minister, Glasgow Cathedral, Minister of St. John's Parish, Ardrrossan and then of Aberdour and Dalgety, Fife (1937–48). At the University of Edinburgh, he was Senior Lecturer in Bible Studies (Faculty of Arts) from 1948 to 1979 and was appointed Kerr Lecturer at the University of Glasgow in 1958.

SPANKIE, Jimmy — He left school in 1954 having been an active member of Aystree during the time when this House won the Inter-House Shield in 1952, 1953 and 1954. He learned to play the bagpipes and his instructor was the much-loved Pipie McLeish who had given lessons to the Pipes and Drums of the Cadet Corps over many years. Three months of Jimmy's two years National Service were spent on a tour of 64 cities and towns in U.S.A. and Canada with the Pipes and Drums, Military Band and Highland Dancers of the 1st Battalion, The Black Watch (R.H.R.). Between 1961 and 1978, Jimmy was well-known to television viewers in the north-east of Scotland because of his appearances on Grampian Television. Then, after 18 months freelance broadcasting for Grampian and Scottish Television, he joined the Independent Broadcasting Authority. He now works for Cinécosse, and Audio-Visual Production Company.

SYKES, Donald A. Left D.H.S. in 1948. At the University of St Andrews, he graduated with an Honours

Degree in Classics (M.A.) and was awarded a Guthrie Scholarship. At Mansfield College, Oxford he gained an Honours B.A. Degree in Theology in 1958; an M.A. Degree in 1961 and a D.Phil. in 1967. He returned to Glasgow for a Diploma in Education and was recalled to Mansfield where he became a Fellow in Theology and Senior Tutor, 1970–77. It was in 1977, that he was appointed Principal of Mansfield College. In 1969–70, Dr. Sykes became Visiting Professor of Religion at St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minnesota and was awarded an Hon. D.D. His area of research has been mainly into the 4th Century A.D.

TAYLOR, Dr. Wilfrid — As a journalist now retired, he is still writing a few hundred thousand words a year for publication. Most of his work has been in daily journalism, nearly all of it being presented on the leader page of 'The Scotsman' newspaper. On that page, Dr. Taylor has written as a general leader writer, a daily Columnist and a special writer. In 1976, he was presented with the Munro Award for 'highest achievement in journalism' and in the same year, the Honorary Degree of D.Litt. was conferred on him by the University of St. Andrew's where he studied Philosophy in his student days.

WALLACE, Catherine (Mrs. Belton) — Left D.H.S. in 1938 and entered Glasgow College of Domestic Science where she was awarded a Cordon Bleu Medal in Domestic Science. In September, 1939, Catherine joined the W.A.A.F. and became a Catering Officer serving in Maintenance and Coastal Command until demobbed in January, 1946. She was mentioned in Despatches. After her marriage, in September 1946, she moved to London where she was employed in the School Meals Service eventually becoming an Educational Catering Officer with the London Borough of Barnet for 18 years. Now retired, she helps the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

YOUNG, Lieutenant Commander Andrew D. M. — He attended D.H.S. from 1946–59, was C.S.M. of the Cadet Corps, played Rugby for the 1st XV and was Junior and Intermediate Athletics Champion. On leaving school, he joined the Royal Navy as a General List Officer entering the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth in 1960 and was commissioned Acting/Sub-Lieutenant two years later. After service in various ships and establishments, he specialized as a Helicopter Pilot and flew for nearly eight years in the Fleet Air Arm. Andrew also served as the Merchant Navy Defence Instructor for Scotland and Northern Ireland. In 1978, he left the Royal Navy commencing civilian life in the offshore Oil Industry working on such projects as the Shell Fulmar and BP Magnus Field Developments. He is now employed ashore as the Aberdeen Manager of a Norwegian Company — Kongsberg Vapenfabrikk — who design and produce a range of high technology products from missiles to automobile parts.

ANDERSON, James C. — A former pupil of D.H.S., Mr. James Christie Anderson, O.B.E., T.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.S.E. has died in Perth, Western Australia in his 80's. He was a senior consultant surgeon at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield until his retirement in the 1950's when he bought a farm in Lincolnshire. In the mid-sixties, he moved to Australia to be with his family.

CHALMERS, Dorothy — Was educated at D.H.S., Lowther College, North Wales and thereafter took a course in car mechanics in Glasgow. At the age of 18, she gained her R.A.C. Certificate and drove ambulances for the Red Cross in the First World War. After the War, she took up a teaching appointment at Lowther College and during her ten years there, she designed a private golf course for the College and was later commissioned to design an adult course in the area. In the Second World War, Miss Chalmers, holding the rank of sergeant-major lectured in car mechanics to the A.T.S. and returned to Dundee after the war teaching at the former Linraig Nursery until moving on to Mid Craigie Primary School in 1958. An accomplished golfer, she had represented the County and twice won the Caird Park Championship.

FOX, William J. — Was educated at D.H.S. and after completing his apprenticeship with the Caledon Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, he entered their Drawing Office. Joining the Blue Funnel Line, he served for ten years on their ships taking all his 'tickets' including extra chief. In 1934, he became an engineer surveyor and in 1937, was appointed Head of the School of Marine Engineering based in Dundee College of Technology, a post he held for thirty years. He was a former president of the Association of Marine Engineering Schools and of the Dundee Institute of Engineers.

McLAREN, Ian — After attending Barry School and the High School of Dundee, he studied at the Royal Veterinary College in Edinburgh and qualified M.R.C.V.S. in 1932. Joining the Royal Army Veterinary Corps he went to India in 1934 where he served in the North West Frontier Province. He returned to Britain having seen War Service in North Africa, Italy and Greece. Later, he served in Germany, Austria and Italy. He saw more armed service in Cyprus, the Middle East and the Canal Zone before retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1958. Returning to Carnoustie, he became well-known as a Veterinary Surgeon. He was a keen golfer winning many trophies among them the Army Championship in India before the War.

MATHERS, David — Was educated at D.H.S. and trained in engineering before going into the hotel business with his father in 1929. Mr. Mathers was managing director of the Mathers Hotel, Whitehall Crescent until 1969 when he retired.

MONCUR, William — Was educated at D.H.S. and in 1924, joined the jute firm Andrew Yule & Co. in Calcutta and became head of the Jute Department. He was a former chairman of the India Jute Mills Association and their representative in Europe and America after he retired from India. Before taking

up residence in St. Andrews he lived in Pitlochry where he was captain of the Pitlochry Golf Club and President of the Operatic Society. An accomplished organist Mr. Moncur took part in musical activities in Dundee and St Andrews.

RATTRAY, Douglas — Was educated at D.H.S. and during World War II, served in the Ministry of Food and in the West End of Dundee he was Chief Air Raid Warden. He was a member of Dundee Property Owners' and Factors' Association for over 50 years and a former president. A founder-member of Dundee Ratepayers' Association, Mr. Rattray was a partner in the family firm of John Rattray & Son, Dundee.

REID, Cath. — After attending D.H.S. Miss Reid joined the staff of D. C. Thomson & Co. Ltd., in 1925, where she remained for 44 years in the subscriptions department of the firm's Bank Street Offices serving as Supervisor for many of these years. She retired in 1969.

ROBBIE, Phyllis Prain — After D.H.S., she embarked upon her nursing career, training at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh and at Dundee Royal Infirmary. She was awarded the Florence Nightingale Scholarship in the 1950's enabling her to go on a lecture tour of Canada. At a later date, she won the Robert Wood Johnson travelling scholarship from the British Empire and Commonwealth Nurses' War Memorial Fund, making it possible for her to visit the United States of America. In 1962, she returned to Dundee to help establish a baby unit at D.R.I. and eventually moved with it to Ninewells Hospital.

ROBERTSON, Peter H. — A Valuation Surveyor, Mr. Robertson came from Daniel Stewart's College, Edinburgh to complete his education at D.H.S. and then served his apprenticeship with Lickley Proctor & Burnett. After qualifying F.R.I.C.S., he worked in Edinburgh before joining John G. Hardie & Son, Chartered Surveyors, Dunfermline, where he became senior partner. Mr. Robertson was 43 years of age and was keenly interested in horses and horse-breeding.

WHYTE, Isabella — Attended D.H.S. and for many years was Principal of Summerbank School, Broughty Ferry. Miss Whyte and her sister ran a small boarding school for girls before moving to Summerbank in 1940, which in time became a day school, then, a school for boys and girls. It had a nursery section which prepared pupils for D.H.S. while the School itself also prepared pupils for English Boarding Schools. Miss Whyte loved her school which was her whole life.

YOUNG, Dr. Ruth — Born in Dundee, she was educated at D.H.S., where she was the first Captain of the Girls' Hockey Team, and the University of St. Andrews. In 1910, she became a lecturer at the Women's Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab, and in 1916 Professor Surgery in Lady Hardine Medical College, Delhi, of which she was later Principal. Her long association with India lasted over thirty years. She was director of the Maternity and Child Welfare Bureau of the India Red Cross Society

from 1931 to 1935 and in 1928, she was awarded an M.B.E. and became a C.B.E. in 1941. Prior to her retirement in 1951, she was medical adviser to the Women's Foreign Mission of the Church of Scotland. She was ninety-nine years of age. ■

1. **D.H.S. Former Pupils' Association in the R.A.F.**
The Secretary, Squadron Leader Ralph Gibb, will be delighted to hear from prospective members. Please write c/o the School.
2. **The Services.**
The Rector would be pleased to learn of any former pupils in any of the Services.
3. **Public Schools Club, London.**
Former Pupils of D.H.S. are eligible for membership of the Public Schools Club, London. Details may be obtained from the Rector at the School.

FORMER PUPILS : SUCCESSES (as known)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY:

Andrew W. Roscoe (1975) – Royal Society Research Fellow in Mathematics at St. Edmund Hall has been appointed Tutorial Fellow in Computation at University College, Oxford.

Neil Merrylees (1983) – St. Catherine's College Oxford, was awarded First Class Honours in Physics.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY:

Hugh Cowley (1983) awarded B.A. (Hons) Pharmacology

Anne Henderson (1983) awarded B.A. (Hons) Pathology

Robert Wilson (1983) awarded B.A. (Hons) Metallurgy and Materials Science

ST. ANDREW'S UNIVERSITY:

A.G. Blackburn (1983) : B.Sc. (Hons)

G.S. Buick (1983) : M.A. (Hons)

E.M. Lenman (1983) : B.Sc.

J.M. Martin (1983) : M.A. (Hons)

J.C. Morrison (1983) : M.A. (Hons)

C.M. Speirs (1983) : M.A. (Hons)

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY:

R.M. Clarkston (1983) awarded First Class Honours in Law. The Society of Advocates Law Prize for most distinguished graduate in Law.

DUNDEE UNIVERSITY:

Terry R.N. Allison and Colion A. Brown won N.C.R. prizes in Mathematical Sciences.

Combine Harvester

Hungry, grabbing with rake-like witches fingers;
Sharp shark's teeth slice life out of all around,
Turning and separately quickly the golden, yellow wheat
Spat out as dry, brittle straw, and bound!

Rosalie Rutherford, Form 11

OLD BOYS' CLUB

The annual report on the activities of the Club will appear in the Notice of Annual General Meeting which is issued in November, but it may be of interest to members and to friends of the school to learn that the Old Boys' Club has arranged to mark in several ways the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Main Building.

Together with the Old Girls' Club we have gifted to the School two Norwegian Maple trees to replace diseased trees recently removed from the front playground of the Boys' School. The presidents of both clubs were invited to participate in the official tree-planting ceremony in April. Rooted in and nurtured by the School, as these trees grow in stature they may be seen to symbolise the flow of life that is the mutual strength of the School and the Former-Pupil Clubs

The Clubs intend also, to mark this anniversary year by jointly organising a fund-raising Wine and Cheese Evening in October. A warm invitation to attend this social function is extended to all friends of school. The proceeds from this event will be directed into the School Tours Fund, somewhat depleted after the pioneering Rugby/Hockey Tour of Ontario in May/June 1984.

Meantime the Executive Committee plans to organise an Old Boys' Dinner in Edinburgh to bring together in fellowship our many "exiles" in that region. It is hoped that this social gathering might be well attended and that it may even become an annual event in our calendar. Those interested in attending the proposed Edinburgh Dinner, possibly on Friday, 12th October, 1984, should contact Mr. Richard J.W. Stiven, LL.B., of Shield and Kyd, 22 Rutland Street, Edinburgh (Tel. 031-228 2381).

Other forthcoming events include the Social Evening at Mayfield in September which aims to bring together a good number of our recent former-pupils immediately before they go their various ways to the universities and colleges. Likewise the committee looks forward to welcoming many Club members, old and new, to the Annual Dinner on Friday, 7th December, 1984 when the principal guest and speaker will be a former pupil of 1961, Mr. Bill Hamilton, currently Home Affairs Correspondent with BBC Television News.

In conclusion, I would take this opportunity of commending the many activities of our numerous former-pupil clubs, details of which are shown elsewhere in this magazine.

G. C. Stewart
President

DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL OLD GIRLS' CLUB REPORT

At the 52nd Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 12th March 1984, the following office bearers were elected.

President	Mrs. Jane Peggie
Vice-President	Mrs. Margaret Thomson
Junior Vice-President	Miss Margaret Stewart
Secretary	Mrs. Heather Stiven, 1 Addison Road, Broughty Ferry.
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. Pat Reid
Treasurer	Miss Margaret Stewart, 1 Ambrose Street, Broughty Ferry.
New Members of Committee	Mrs. Jill Stewart Mrs. Jennifer Petrie Mrs. Rita Forrest Mrs. Moyra Ross Mrs. Glenys Paton Mrs. Jennifer Scott Mrs. Fiona Cram Mrs. Sheila Ritchie Mrs. Sally Knight
Ex. Officio	

I am pleased to present the report of the Old Girls' Club for the year of Mrs. Ishbel Adams Presidency. In May we held our Annual Leavers' Tea Party which was well attended, many of those girls present joining our Club. In June, the Sports Day Tea Pavilion and Cake and Candy Stall kept us busy. This was followed in October by the Old Girls helping Jaeger to present a Fashion Show, the proceeds of which went to the School, and in November we were responsible for having an oak board made for the Robertson Shield for rifle shooting for girl cadets. On Friday, 11th November the Club held its Annual Dinner in the Invercarse Hotel. Former Member of staff, Miss Dorothy Dobson, gave a most entertaining speech in verse form which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. In addition to these functions, our President also attended the School Swimming Gala, the Junior and Senior Prize givings, the Remembrance Service, and the Christmas Carol Service.

The Old Girls' Thrift Shop has had a successful year and anyone willing to help in the shop in Bonar House on an occasional Monday afternoon, please contact the Secretary.

We are sorry to record that the following members have died in the past year; Mrs. J.B. Stevenson, Mrs. E. Patterson, Mrs. M. Foote, Mrs. C.H. Todd, Mrs. C.E. Guthrie, Mrs. I.M. Ramsay, Mrs. A.K. Young, Miss Mudie and Mrs. W. Smith.

The Annual Reunion Dinner will be held this year on Friday, 2nd November 1984 in the Invercarse Hotel. We are to be entertained by Mrs. Sturrock of the School Music Department and the High School Folk Group. Any member outside a 30 mile radius of Dundee wishing to attend should contact the Secretary by the end of September.

Next year's A.G.M. will be held on the 11th of March.

This year we have circularised all our members informing them of the availability to Life Members of the School Magazine free of charge. Those Life Members wishing to avail themselves of this for 1985 please complete the attached form and return to the Secretary by 11th March 1985.



DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL FP LADIES HOCKEY CLUB REPORT SEASON 1983/84

This season has so far proved to be very successful for the Club, in its second year in Midlands 1st Division. Despite suffering a draw and a loss in the first two league games, performances have improved steadily and with just one league match remaining, the Club is lying in second place in the league. In addition, three finals and a semi-final have been reached in other competitions. Seven-a-side tournaments in particular, appear to be our forte, with two finals out of two being contested. Some excellent performances in the Midlands Seven-a-side Tournament resulted in an appearance in the final and an enjoyable afternoon was rounded off with a fine victory over Menzieshill. In the Bell Baxter Invitation Tournament we reached the final, only to be narrowly beaten by Grange. Our own Eleven-a-side Invitation Tournament, held at Dalnacraig in December, was disrupted by bad weather, however, after some hurried rearrangements, the whole event was again a huge success. This was made even more enjoyable by an FP's victory in the final. For the second successive season the Club reached the semi-finals of the Midlands Knock-out Cup, only to go down to a single goal from Perthshire. Hopefully we shall go one stage further next season!

Off the field, a Cheese and Wine Evening was held at Mayfield in September and this again was an enormous success. It is intended to hold this annually from now on.

None of the foregoing could possibly take place without the cooperation of the School and I would like to thank, on behalf of the Club, Mr. Nimmo for allowing us the use of Dalnacraig, Mayfield and the School gym, and also the groundsmen for keeping the pitches playable in sometimes atrocious conditions.

P. ROY (Secretary)

Please tick appropriate box and return by 11th March, 1985.

- A ☐ willing to collect from School.
B ☐ enclosing postage of £1.00

Name

Address

(Cheques made payable to Dundee High School Old Girls' Club.

The Appeal Fund was first established in 1969 in the face of the policy of Government to withdraw all Grant in Aid which at the time constituted over 60% of the fee income of the School. In the course of the last fifteen years Grant in Aid has been gradually phased out and will disappear entirely in the next year. Parents have over that period assumed the sole responsibility for payment of fees for their children's education during a time of high inflation. The burden has been heavy but it is apparent that all have felt that it was money well spent.

In the face of this splendid response from parents and in the light of inflation and the increased cost of running the School the Appeal Fund has not been able to carry out its originally intended function of replacing the Grant income of the School. Nevertheless a reasonably substantial Fund has been established. It is now the policy of the Trustees to disburse a substantial part of the Income of the Fund in each year for the benefit of specific projects for the School. In the long term strategy of the School the Trust Fund has a most important role to play. If the School is to continue to offer the best in education in this area it must offer a wide range of courses, up to date equipment and a large number of facilities not required in a previous generation. The provision and maintenance of all these things requires heavy expenditure in each year and this involves choosing some things in priority to others. A source of additional funds from the Trust is an important element in the forward planning of the Directors, and the Trustees annually request an indication of intended projects planned by the School which are suitable for support from the Fund. The Fund is also the only endowment fund for general purposes held in reserve for the School. In the event of the unexpected necessity the Fund will be available to meet the contingency.

Since inception the Trust has invested in many projects, e.g. resurfacing of Mayfield Tennis Courts, refurbishing and equipping of the Home Economics and Technical Departments providing scientific equipment, audio/visual aids, grand piano, technical education modules, multi-gym units, new cricket nets and a substantial amount of computers and computer equipment; assisting in repairing and renewing the School central heating system and Mayfield pavilion roof.

The Trustees would like to continue to provide for the School in this way but in order to do so there is a continuing need to build up the Fund. Your support is needed, and if you are not already contributing why not get in touch with the Secretary or Treasurer. Any contribution is most gratefully received but the most effective method is by a Deed of Covenant for four years or more. It need not cost very much but it can go a long way towards assisting the School.

Treasurer.

R. Winter,
10 Bellefield Avenue,
Dundee.
Tel. 644770

Secretary.

G.F. Ritchie,
21 South Tay Street,
Dundee.
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The Humble Stone

The outside of a stone is usually the only part which seen — seen by the passer-by who may kick it along the road. But he is only seeing the boring, plain part of the stone. If he were to take it home and split it open, he would find an Alladin's Cave of jewels, a feast of beauty.

Looking around the rim of this cross section, he would see many tiny layers of felspar — a lovely mineral coloured in bright pink, brown and red. These layers have gradually formed and increased over thousands of years, producing patterns of stunning quality.

Moving inwards, he would find sparkling, diamond-like quartz, giving an effect of jewels within stone. If this quartz is held to the light, then it will sparkle in a magnificent kaleidoscope of colour.

And then, a hole — an empty space. Yet, once, this hole which seems harmless enough now, was full of water heated to a fantastic temperature by being enclosed in the rock. Little pockets of gas were also to be found here. Indeed, it was this combination of gas and water which formed the marvellous felspar and quartz, as well as other hidden minerals such as beryl and tourmaline.

So, the next time you kick a stone along the ground, think of what you are missing!

Angus Vincent, Form I

The Seasons

When winter arrives,
The birds fly
To warmer lands over the horizon.
Winter spreads her carpet of snow
Over fields, houses
And rivers, which still flow,
Under the thick frozen barrier.

It is Spring that brings those birds
Back again, over field in which flowers
Now grow in abundance.
The swifts and swallows
Make their nests in the hollows
And eaves of the sun beaten houses.

Now Summer is back;
That nights are dark no longer.
The rustling of leaves in the fresh
Summer breeze and sound of
Birds calling high above,
Lulls a dreamer into a world of his own.

Euan Burford, Form I

THE LATE WILLIAM P. VANNETT, M.B.E.

It was with great sadness that we learned during the summer vacation of the death, which took place unexpectedly in hospital, of William P. Vannet, former Assistant Rector of the school, who retired in 1980.

Mr. Vannet joined the staff of the Art Department on completing his art teacher's course in Dundee Training College in 1947. Previously he had gained his art diploma at the Dundee College of Art in 1939 and during the war years he had served with distinction as an officer in the Royal Navy, for which service he was awarded the M.B.E. (military division). He was made second master in the art department in 1950 and became Head of Arts in 1965. In 1975 he was appointed Assistant Rector.

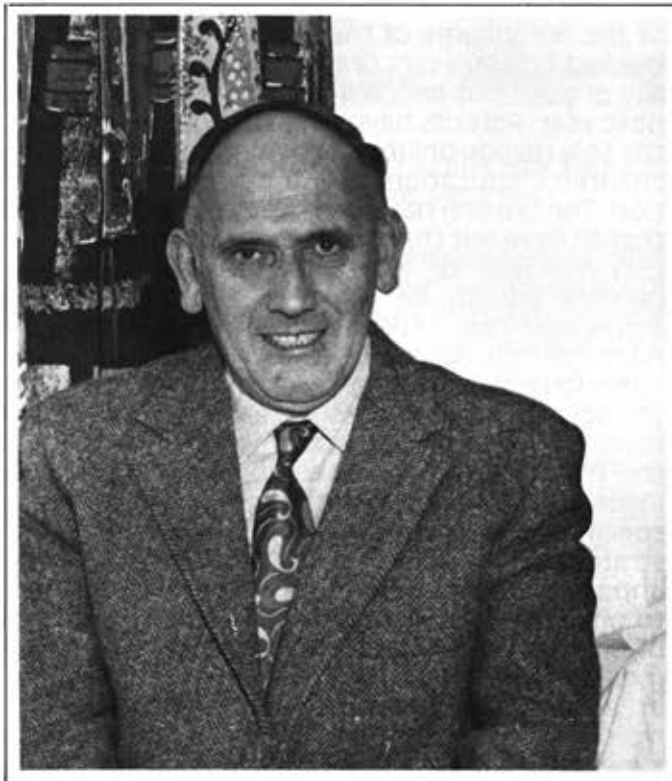
A noted artist in his own right (he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 1969) he used his exceptional talents to inspire in generations of pupils a love of art and drawing. His encouragement to achieve high artistic standards benefited all his pupils, not only the Art specialists, and helped many develop an awareness of visual communication which was to stand them in good stead in their careers.

As well as being an effective teacher Bill Vannet took a great interest in all who passed through the DHS school community, both pupils and staff. His innate friendliness led him to share the happiness of those who were happy and the sorrow of those who were sad. He felt genuine pride in the successes and honours obtained by so many former pupils and was a mine of information about their achievements. It was a natural step for him on retirement, to set about compiling the FP section of the school magazine.

Bill Vannet always played a full part in the life of the school. For many years he was an officer in the Cadet Contingent and a keen member of the angling club. Latterly, as Assistant Rector, he gave himself whole-heartedly to a wide variety of extra-curricular duties. In particular his pen drawings of the different buildings the school has occupied throughout its history are masterpieces of their kind, the latest additions having been completed in time for the 150th Anniversary of the Main Building.

The commitment and loyalty that Bill Vannet showed throughout a career devoted entirely to the school will be long remembered. He took such great pride in the school he loved and will be sadly missed.

R.N.



THE LATE MISS INEZ A. McNAUGHTON, M.A.

The school community was saddened to learn of the death of Miss Inez McNaughton on 14th July, 1984.

Miss McNaughton was educated at Morgan Academy and, after graduating M.A. at St. Andrews University in 1928, she was appointed to Dundee High School, which she served loyally for thirty-five years.

The Infants' class of girls was always Miss McNaughton's favourite stage, though older pupils also benefited from her sound teaching. In 1949 she became Head of the Preparatory Department.

An enthusiastic leader she was always ready to accept the challenge of changing educational methods and she put her many talents to good use in the production of plays and in the adjudication of public-speaking contests.

A faithful member of the Old Girls' Committee since its inception she served on the committee for a number of years, becoming President in 1972.

Miss McNaughton's deep understanding of young children, her enthusiasm, sense of humour and her charming personality are the qualities we shall remember most. With her passing the school has lost a loyal and staunch supporter.

M.R.K.

STAFF NEWS

In the course of session 1983-84 a number of changes took place in the staff of the school.

To those colleagues to whom we bade farewell we offer our thanks for their contribution to the life and work of the school during their stay with us; to Dr. D.A. Robertson (Biology), Mrs. C.P.C. Speed (French), Mrs. M.M. Hart (Business Studies) and Mrs. S.M. Bartlett (Junior School). To all we express our best wishes for their future success and happiness. And to colleagues retiring after many years service to the school, Mrs. J.M. Flook (Music) and Miss M.E. Lawson (Head of the Junior Department) we offer our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

During last session and at the beginning of the current session we welcomed new colleagues to the staff, Miss Stewart (Assistant Secretary), Mrs. A. MacDonald (History), Mrs. H. Boyle (Music), Mr. A. Blackburn (Mathematics) and Miss I.M. Grant (Head of the Junior Department). Moreover, as a result of staff restructuring we see Mr. J.T.G. Baxter move to the new post of Head of Religious Studies and Guidance and Mr. I.E.R. Wilson become Head of History. In addition, Mr. W.D. Allardice, Assistant Rector, has intimated his retiral as from the end of October. In his place, Mr. Alexander Smith, Head of Classics, has been appointed Assistant Rector. To our new colleagues we extend a warm welcome and to all we express the hope that they will be happy in their new posts.

R.N.

Mrs. C. M. BURNES

Mrs. Burness who leaves school in June joined the staff of the English Department in August 1974 and will be much missed by colleagues and pupils alike. She has been a spirited member of the ladies' staff-room and a very capable and conscientious teacher. With her inspiration the Friday 9 Rep. Club group has been very successful. Our good wishes go to her for the future.

G.G.W.

Mrs. S. M. BARTLETT, B.A.

Mrs. Bartlett joined her staff of the Junior Department as a full-time teacher ten years ago, having already taught there part-time for the previous three years.

Throughout those years, Mrs. Bartlett was responsible for senior classes in the Junior Department. Drawing on her own wide experience and many interests, she involved the children in a rich and varied programme of work.

Tireless and painstaking in her own preparation, Mrs. Bartlett demanded the same high standards from her pupils. Yet, she was ever sensitive to the needs of the individual child and was quick to give a warm word of praise or encouragement where merited, while she was equally prepared to mete out the gentle reproof when necessary. Mrs. Bartlett always had time to listen to children, and

parents were most appreciative of her kindly and genuine concern for the welfare of the boys and girls in her care.

Many pupils throughout the school have good reason to be grateful to Mrs. Bartlett for the many unseen hours she gave so willingly to organising the Junior School Chess Club. Young beginners were made most welcome and patiently instructed in the game, while the more experienced players had the opportunity to compete against children from other schools, simply because Mrs. Bartlett was prepared to arrange matches outside school hours and to accompany pupils to meet within the city and often farther afield. On many occasions, Mrs. Bartlett was hostess to large groups of Chess players, this involving much work carried out quietly and unassumingly behind the scenes.

In the many other extra-curricular activities of the department, Mrs. Bartlett also played a full part.

We thank Mrs. Bartlett most warmly for all her hard work in the classroom and for her valuable contribution to the wider life of the High School, and we wish her every happiness in the pursuit of the many interests she will now have the leisure time to enjoy to the full.

M.E.L.

Mrs. M. HART

Mrs. Hart is leaving after ten years service in the Economics Department. During these years she has carried out much work within the Department, particularly in Accounting and Secretarial Studies, a subject she helped to establish in the School.

These years also have seen valuable contributions to the many extra-curricular 'Friday 9' activities — groups for Current Affairs films, shorthand classes, Bridge etc. However, of particular note was Mrs. Hart's time in charge of Social Service when she spent many hours of hard work with the pupils organising activities such as Christmas Parcels for the less fortunate, visits to the sick and elderly, fund raising for the Guide Dogs' Association — to mention but a few.

For all those contributions to the Department and School we thank Mrs. Hart and wish her well in the future.

R.S.



MARY E. LAWSON
(Head of Junior Department)

It was a happy idea to invite May Lawson to apply for a post in the Junior Department in 1953, for it brought to the school a teacher of exceptional merit who over the last 31 years has become one of the most loyal and devoted servants the school has known.

Educated at Grove Academy and a graduate of the University of St. Andrews, May Lawson completed her training at the College of Education before taking up a post in Rosebank Primary School. It was there that under a very demanding Headmaster, Mr Charles Mouat, as a young teacher, she learned the rudiments of her craft and became imbued with a concern for high standards and a willingness to become involved in extra-curricular activities, qualities which have characterised her career ever since. Happy in her chosen profession, she might have been there still, had she not received a call to D.H.S.

When she first joined the staff as a teacher of LVI Boys, the school was vastly different from what it is today. Classes of 40-45 were common place in the days before the Teachers' Contract. Participation in the teaching of History and Geography as well as assistance at Field with the Senior School were expected of Junior School staff of the time. In moving to LVII she enjoyed the challenge of preparing pupils for the Senior School during the period when the large numbers of pupils in the educational system made selection more acute than it is today. Miss Lawson continued to teach LVII girls until Miss Turnbull retired. When Mr. Smith became Head, he taught all the Mathematics to LVII and she taught all the English to boys as well as girls. In those days girls used to be taken out to visit Jute Factories, 'The Courier', Mylnefield etc. as preparation for project work, long before the concept became so popular in primary education.

During the period of Mr. Smith's headmastership there were many new developments and May Lawson played an important part in bringing them about. The Junior School Library was started and Junior Science got off the ground. Work-sheets were produced and a small theatre was created for the presentation of plays. This latter activity grew

to embrace the regular production of nativity plays. It was a natural succession, when on the sudden death of Mr. Smith, May Lawson was invited to take over as Head of the Junior Department.

When she took charge of the department primary education was undergoing some profound changes and it has been her energy and zeal that have adapted the department to meet those new challenges. She planned and supervised the refurbishment of the classrooms to produce a modern, comfortable and relaxed environment for learning. To the extra-curricular activities she has added the LVII Top of the Form Quiz Competition and arranged such memorable productions in the Music Centre as a 'Christmas Carol' and scenes from 'Hans Christian Anderson'. Latterly, she has been responsible for the introduction of computers into the primary curriculum. Possessed of a lively, creative mind she has been a prolific innovator and worked tirelessly to provide a rich and varied education for all the girls and boys in her charge.

Many of her pupils present and past have had good reason to be thankful for the firm foundation they received in the Junior School for their subsequent education and are ready to acknowledge their debt even from the positions of eminence they have attained in later life. Her relaxed and happy manner combined with her insistence on the attainment of a pupil's highest standards made learning an enjoyable as well as a demanding activity. When, two years ago, during the general inspection of the school, it was stated that 'pupils attained standards unsurpassed anywhere in the country,' the accolade was well merited.

Ever a pleasant colleague with a ready sense of fun she ungrudgingly placed service to the school above self as she unselfconsciously exemplified the highest ideals of the teaching profession. She will be greatly missed. For all she has done for D.H.S. throughout the years we thank her most sincerely and wish her health and happiness in her retirement.

R. NIMMO



DONALD MCLEOD, B.E.M.

"Ah, I heard the Pipes and ken t'was Donald."
A. T. Poolewe

For almost three decades the name of Donald McLeod has been synonymous with the High School Cadet Pipes and Drums but, as Donald prepares to celebrate his 89th birthday, alas he has decided to retire.

He was initially persuaded by the late Colonel Eric Larg to 'help out for six months'. However, young pipers showed talent and friendships developed and soon the Pipes and Drums became an important part of Donald's life. Keen young pipers were soon to settle regularly round his dining table, chanters at the ready, eager to relish his every word of advice and encouragement, not to mention his tales of the past and his vivid recollections of life with the Black watch in the First World War in France.

But Donald's task was not just to enthuse and teach young pipers for there was the constant problem of turning out a full Pipes and Drums with annually changing personnel. This he has magnificently achieved and the award of the B.E.M. in the 1979 New Years Honours List is perhaps the most fitting testimony to his services to Piping. His distinctive style has made him a living legend.

We wish Donald a happy and healthy retirement and, in doing so, thank him not only for passing on his skills to so many High School Cadets, but also for the undoubted pleasure he has given to so many people far and wide who have heard the results of his hard endeavours.

Mrs. Flook was born and educated in Southend-on-Sea, Essex. Her professional studies were undertaken at the Royal Academy of Music in London, from which she graduated L.R.A.M. in 1948.

Her teaching experience included piano teaching in various London schools and in private practice before moving north to St Andrews in 1951, with her husband who subsequently became Senior Lecturer in Psychology at Dundee University. Her association with D.H.S. began when her daughters, Jenny and Lesley were educated here — Lesley was one of the late Nancy Elder's fine oboe players.

Mrs. Flook's career at the High School began in 1968 in a part-time capacity, later to be appointed to the full-time staff. As a teacher of piano she has enjoyed throughout the years, many successes with her pupils in Associated Board Exams, Trinity College exams and at the Dundee Schools' Music Festivals. Indeed, her comprehensive teaching throughout the school has brought and inspired great pleasure and skill to most of her charges.

In other areas of school development, Mrs. Flook has made an invaluable contribution to the work of the Music Department and, in particular to the recent extensions of the Piano and instrumental sections in respect of time-table/fee structures, music competitions and recitals when her quiet efficiency was noted with great respect.

Her quiet, but lively, personality helps her to include amongst her leisure time activities hill-walking, reading, playing piano accompaniment and attending concerts. She is also a loyal member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Broughty Ferry.

It is hoped that she will find some time in her retirement which she eagerly anticipates, to be able in some small measure to continue her association with the school with some part-time piano teaching as the school demand dictates.

Her colleagues in the Music Department join in wishing her long life, happiness and great contentment in her retirement she so richly deserves.

R.F.C.



Thanks to Stef charming every High School parent remotely connected with a business into purchasing a half-page advert we have once more succeeded in funding the second edition of the new style school magazine — *'The Review'*. Having heard at least a hundred separate (and varied) 'reviews' on last years production, from pupils, parents, F.P.'s and friends of the school, it was only fair that we try once more to accommodate the demands of *'The Reviews'* wide range of readers. It is in fact a difficult task to keep the 5-year-olds interested and yet the 50-year-olds amused (that's hard at the best of times).

I am sure however if one asked the Review's committee how things had gone this year they would agree that there is little that can't be improved by the addition of stereo systems and air-conditioning to the rooms and a gift of inspiration, many more articles and a lot more time. If we get our way, next year's *Review* will have tripled in cost, as well as quality.

The job of selecting and gathering articles as

well as housing the Friday 9 flock of budding editors, was this year taken by Mr. Baxter (who although snowed under by articles this year would like a blizzard or white-out next year).

Our thanks of course go to Mr. Baxter, Mr. Durrheim and also to Mr. Gray who once more directed, advised, encouraged and even on the odd occasion amused the crew of 'Walt Disney's' and 'Leonardo's' that hunched over his desks in the art rooms.

This year also saw the inclusion of a Year Planner in every copy of *'The Review'*. The decision whether to use red, green, yellow or blue and half-tone kept us amused for the good part of the year and if anybody wishes to complain we would direct you to Paul Barnett — who is always to be found at 'the end of the stick', both literally and metaphorically, as he took the most teasing but unenviable task of doing the most ruling up of the 'Planner': thanks Paul!

So this is it. We hope you read it, enjoyed it, and keep it — to 'review' in several years to come.

SCHOOL LIFE IN

1984

At 8.55 a.m. the warning bell heralds the start of another school day and so to registration, one of the changes in the school system within the last decade. Each year is divided into two groups, boys and girls, and then into three further groups, alphabetically, making six registration groups per year in all. A teacher is allocated to each group who is responsible for registering the pupils twice a day, informing them of school events, dates and examinations, and generally being a source of advice for the pupils. There is assembly every day of the week, one day for each year, and this is conducted by the Rector, with the prefects taking it in turn to read.

The school offers a wide range of subjects, to study, the most recent additions being Food and Nutrition, due to the installation of two kitchens, and Computer Studies, with the conversion of a mathematics room in to a computer laboratory. The academic year is based on term examinations in November, SCE preliminary examinations in February and the SCE Higher/'O' Grade examinations in May, the latter being the exams which each pupil works towards gaining.

There are two breaks during the day, one of 15 minutes at 11.10 and one of one hour at 12.45 p.m. The lunch hour proves not only to be a time for consuming food for most pupils, though it does for some, but a time to broaden one's horizons following one of the leisure pursuits available. Examples of these are the many choirs that cater for pupils of all ages, the Chess Club, the Radio Club, Literary and Debating Society meetings, weight training for the boys in the new multigym, Scripture Union, basketball and indoor hockey to name but a few. The common rooms provided for fifth year girls and the whole of sixth year are a popular meeting place for those wishing to relax and listen to the radio, chat over a mug of coffee or catch up on some long lost homework.

After the afternoon lessons, school does not finish for some who stay behind to train with sports teams or represent the school in chess matches and debates or rehearse with the chorus for the forthcoming opera.

School life is continued into the weekend with rugby and hockey teams turning out each Saturday morning at Dalnacraig and Mayfield throughout the autumn and winter terms. In the summer it is the turn of the cricket, tennis and athletics teams, and there are also school teams in basketball, indoor hockey, golf and ski-ing. Ski-ing is the sport

which has probably grown the most in popularity over the past few years in the school, due to the annual trips abroad for 3rd and 4th year pupils and a trip this year for 5th and 6th year pupils.

There is a ninth period on a Friday due to the shortening of the afternoon periods. During this ninth period, there is a large choice of interests for pupils to follow including Cadets, Guides, Magazine, Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme, Radio Club, War Games, Rep Club, Copper enamelling, photography, naming but a few. Occasionally on a Friday night the school holds discos in Bonar House using the school's own disco equipment. These discos are usually for first to third year but are well attended by the sixth years, who come on the pretext of doing duties, but end up enjoying themselves as much as their younger counterparts on the dance floor.

The house system continues to thrive with rivalry between the four houses, Airlie, Lindores, Aystree and Wallace occurring on the playing field as well as on the basketball, netball and tennis courts, not to mention sports day, annual gala and the inter-house debates.

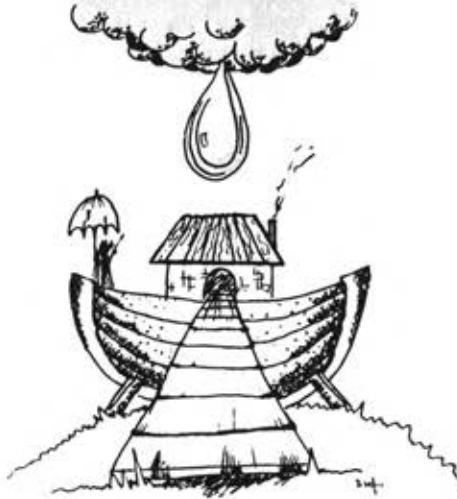
Christmas is an enjoyable time for staff and pupils alike, especially the sixth years, who attend most of the Christmas parties as well as the Annual Senior Dance in the College of Education, which is one of the highlights of the seasonal year, with the boys in dinner suits and the girls in long dresses. There are many carol concerts, and pupils are even treated to the choir the sixth year common room, decorated in tinsel and holly and all. One noticeable feature of the school in the last decade is the large increase in the number of trips it offers its pupils with this year being no exception. This year already has seen pupils of fifth year and sixth year ski-ing in Les Arcs, while third and fourth year will spend Easter ski-ing in Switzerland. There is a rugby/hockey tour at the end of May to Canada, and a French trip to Paris at the same time.

The school year draws to a close in the summer term with the rugby/hockey dinner dance, the biennial opera, leavers day, the summer dance, and the annual prize giving where those who are leaving are clapped out first by the rest of the school, a fitting end to what has hopefully been an enjoyable and rewarding school life for everyone concerned.

BARBARA SIM

Noah's Ark

A long time ago God said to Noah I'm going to make a flood all over the world. You will have to make a boat. Noah agreed. For weeks and weeks the flood never came. Then one day there were drips on the roof.

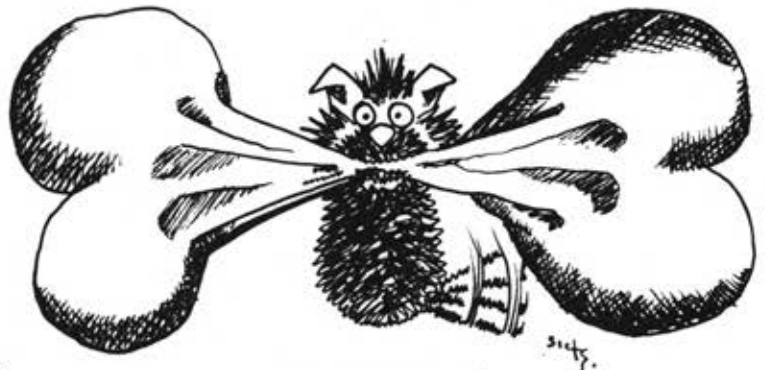


Grant Peterkin L.2.S.

The Shepherd's Story

I was looking after my flock when suddenly I saw a star, a great big star with an angel and I might have known that God was hanging it because he was trying to tell me something. God was trying to tell me that a baby was born in a stable.

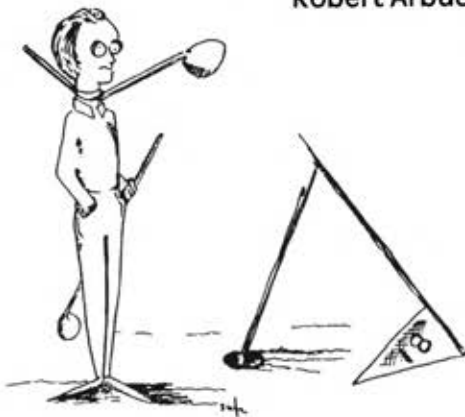
Michelle Palmer L.2.S.



My Friend

Colin plays golf at the park with me and I win.

Robert Arbuckle L.1.S.



Bones the Dog

Bones the dog belongs to the lady next door. She got him when he was just a puppy and had no name. One day my friend and I took the puppy out for a walk. The butcher's van stopped at the end of the road. When the butcher was serving Mrs. Brown the puppy dashed into the van and stole a big bone. When we got home we told the lady next door that we thought of a name for the puppy. It was Bones!

Mark Fletcher L.2.M.



Witch's Spell

The very bad witch had a big black cooking pot. She wanted to cast a spell on a pretty little girl with a sweet little kitten. Today she started her horrible spell. First she put a snake's tongue in the cauldron and mixed it round with oil and she put frog's legs in the cauldron and last of all she put in a pussy cat's tail and thistles and started mixing it round again. It was soon finished and she left it burning by the fire. The witch suddenly felt a funny feeling and she suddenly changed into a mouse. It served her right didn't it?

Elaine Watson L.3.H.

Pets

I have a pet goldfish called Sam. He is called Sam because he is a boy. My fish is fat with golden fins and a golden tail with a wide open mouth and big staring eyes. He has no nose or ears. But he is lovely with his golden body and fins. When it is hungry it darts after the food. We get the pet food from the local pet shop.

Gareth Watt L.3.H.

Algol: Are Ladies getting the Opportunity to Learn?

We are living in a period of the fastest change ever known in technology, with every industry and walk of life having to adapt to advancing computers; our school has recently been invaded by a fleet of computers commanded by two instructors!

Education is certainly recognising the need for computer literacy: all schools, even at primary level are having computers installed. Young people are the main targets; for computer 'whizz-kids' are multiplying (and when computers can only add...) In a *Reader's Digest* article, 'Children who program for success', one 17-year-old is quoted as earning £10,000 a year for his programs.

What struck me about this article was that these 'whizz-kids' were all male. Certainly I have not the slightest interest in computers, and this made me question whether this is the general attitude among females. It is an indication that women are not taking an interest or even, in this age of 'sexual equality', not getting the opportunity to take an interest?

Fear

Computers do not just bore me: I feel threatened by them. Am I worried about erosion of the human aspects of life? Perhaps a greater fear is that they will increase our modern day scourge, unemployment. What can explain the satisfaction computer addicts get from cutting a girl's working day to six minutes on a machine?

To satisfy my curiosity, I carried out some research, distributing a questionnaire to 3rd year, the first pupils to have a computing studies option.

27 boys own their own computers; 28 do not.

8 girls have their own computer; 54 do not.

Startling statistics? Here are some more:

Of those without computers, more boys than girls wanted to learn more. The boys would

rather have a home computer for a present than, for instance, a video, clothes or a record player, while the girls voted for clothes.

Males with computers spend more time using them than females.

Most importantly: in a significant number of cases, the father or brother was the direct lead to computer interest.

These results are not flukes, as figures from the College of Technology and College of Commerce show. There, men hold the monopoly in computing and science courses.

Survey

The evidence is further corroborated in a survey by Acorn computers and they attempt to reason why, concluding that there is a lack of female teachers, parents give computers to sons rather than daughters and boys monopolise the computers in the classroom. This would appear to be true when we look at Richard Sharpe of the Times' point that boys achieve 73% of 'O' level computer study passes and 81% of 'A' levels. It is more disturbing still to learn that women actually in computers program ideas of their male superiors rather than initiating ideas themselves.

Many believe women prefer people to abstracts and that this explains their mistrust of computers. But surely, if we want to maintain a place in the modern world, a respect to which we have become accustomed, we cannot afford to ignore them?

Ask yourselves the following question to see how far these ideas above manifest themselves in your lives.

Do you personally own a computer?

How many of you women have husbands who own or work with computers?

How many of you have given computers to your sons rather than your daughters?

AVRIL JACK

Messing about on the River

Oh, it brought it all back! The excitement, the glamour, the adventures, the joys of boating!

I laid down my well-worn copy of 'Swallows and Amazons' and sighed. Of course, I have done a spot of boating in my time. First, I tried punting — but you can't imagine me in a blazer, and boater, can you? No, neither can I. I had to give up my dreams of romantic days on rippling rivers when I lost the pole. I also lost my balance. Lemon tea, blankets and bowls of hot water...

Then, I did some rowing. I wasn't very successful — the boat sprang a leak. 'Faulty vessel!' I told the chap who lent it to me, though he thought it was something to do with the way I crashed into the rocky bank, just before the water came in. Lemon tea again!

As for canoeing, I was incredibly good at the 'Eskimo roll' but had one small problem — I couldn't stay upright for more than 83 seconds. The instructor timed it.

But my barging holiday was going to be different (and it was that all right!) I planned it all very carefully and marked the route in red pen on my map. We motored down to the boatyard and (one spare tyre later) arrived full of confidence. Soon I was planning how I would spend the fiver Bert Jones bet me that I would fall in.

The first day of the week passed fairly peacefully. Naturally, I steered and did very well, only knocking the stern through the locks one or two times. Sunday dawned, bright and fair and we continued on our way, travelling through the beautiful countryside. The overhanging trees arched the canal and the clear blue water. I should have mentioned that the water was extremely shallow as well as clear and blue. My wife was stationed at the front of the boat, poking obstructions aside with a barge pole. I, resplendent in my admiral's cap, was at the back solving word searches... I mean steering! So it can't have been me to blame when the Severn Sinker, (our barge) hit something, lurched and stopped!

Well we pushed and we pulled and all to no avail. Eventually the wife said, 'It's no good, dear. You'll have to go in and push us free.'

Who, me? But, being the kind, brave, manly soul I am, I took a deep breath, hastily recalled all my club swimming badge training, and, with fingers over nostrils, I jumped in. What a fool I felt. The two feet of water barely reached the top of my wellies.

'Push hard, dear!' shrieked my wife.

But there was no need. A miraculous thing happened. The Severn Sinker moved! The shame of it all; I don't weigh that much! I splashed aboard to be congratulated on my strength and modestly told her that it was nothing. Once I had dried off, I proudly turned the ignition key... but after all that tugging and hauling, the engine had surrendered. Yes, we had broken down.

After the curses and horrified cries, my wife and I jumped ashore and headed for the nearest phone box. I rang the boatyard engineer and got an answering machine. I told it of our dilemma.

Next morning, we were woken by the engineer competing with the radio for the loudest voice award. he won.

'Morning, sir!' he shouted. 'Now wot exactly is the problem?'

I explained while my wife whizzed over to the kettle and brewed a cuppa.

'Thank you, dear,' I grinned.

'It's not for you, its for the engineer,' she retorted.



When he had finished slurping his tea, he went to have a look at the engine. He thrashed about with a spanner before pronouncing it fit.

'You can start up now. Tara!' and with that, he was gone. What a relief to find his radio was too.

Several hours later, we were winding our way through the water and all the way back, because the tunnel ahead was closed. Our route revised and map ripped to pieces, we manouvered through the Birmingham canal. To say that it was dirty and smelly would be an understatement!

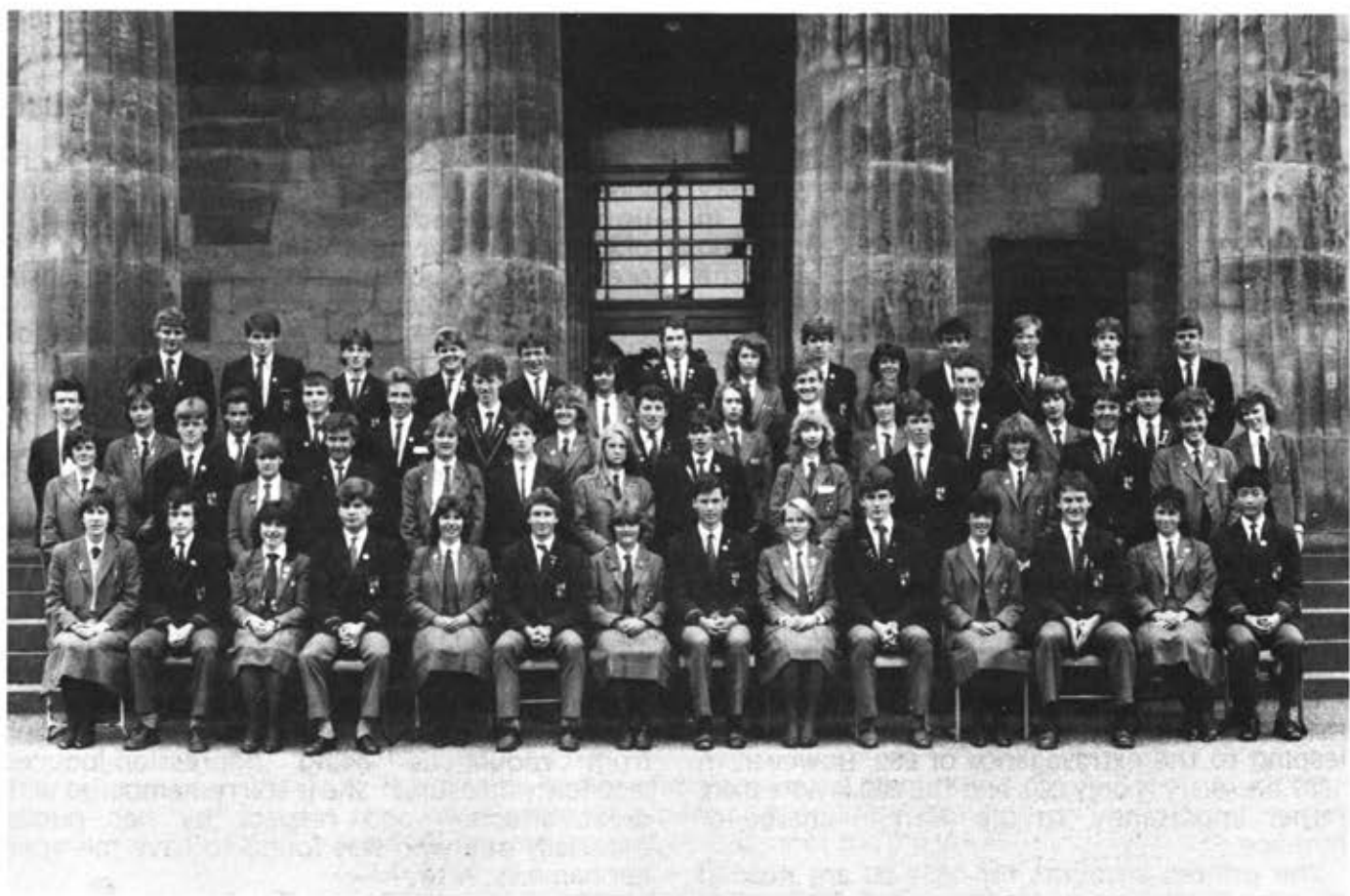
The way home was not without mishaps either. We confronted the great Tardebigge flight which is a succession of about one thousand locks and, in true style, I was in such a hurry that the lock key spun round in the windlass and hit me on the nose. Is there a doctor on the boat? My wife, typically sympathetic, said she could deal with a mere nose-bleed. I still think it's broken, though.

What a holiday! At least I won the bet. I didn't fall in once, I fell in twice.

Rachael Holmes, Form I



SCHOOL PREFECTS 1983-84



SIXTH YEAR 1983-1984

..... did you know!

The Bursar has been looking through his archives and found several interesting items of information about School life including evidence that the School once planned to build an observatory.

He found an architect's plan, beautifully drawn in colour, dated 9th August, 1899 showing a telescope mounted under a copper dome to be constructed on the roof of the 'Chemical Laboratory'. Access is by a ladder from the Lab floor. The ladder is not graced with a handrail or other protection, so if the School now wished to implement the project it would doubtless find the idea condemned by the Health and Safety at Work Executive.

The dome is a special feature being a shaped copper sheet revolving on a ring (no electric motors then so one does not see how the dome revolved except by muscle-power) and a sliding hatch, also of copper, allows the telescope access to the skies. Details are given in impeccable manuscript.

The rest is silence except for the payment of a one guinea fee to the Architect (whose granddaughter is now in F.3) in January, 1900. Possibly the death of the project is not unconnected with the spending later on that year of £230.11.10½d (a lot of money then) upon the 'Buildings and Fittings of the Physical Laboratory'. Clearly a battle for Capital Expenditure was fought and the Headmaster, Physics, won.

The old accounts, carefully bound in leather, reveal flashes of information glimpsed through dusty chinks but the overall impression is that very little money indeed was spent other than in putting up the building and paying salaries and wages. In 1853, for instance, Dr. Low, as Head of the Grammar School, receives £10 from the 'General Account' and £40 (less Income Tax £1.3.4d) from the Special Fund for Teachers in the Classical and Mathematical Department.

Tuition fees do not appear in the School account as presumably parents paid them either directly, or through a separate account, to the subject teachers of their choice, for only later, around 1882 when the rectorship of Dr. Merry commenced (after an outlay of 8 guineas upon 'Travelling expenses of Candidate for Rectorship'), was a core curriculum introduced. As to teaching salaries, light comes to us in the mid 1880's as will be seen below.

In 1853, the Janitor's salary is £36 per annum, rising by £4 annually, to £52 where he remains until leaping to the extravagance of £62. However, in 1887 his salary is only £60, and the £62 is now paid, rather importantly, to the 'Man in charge of Furnace'.

The printed accounts for 1859-60 are headed 'Dundee Public Seminaries now the High School of Dundee incorporated by Royal Charter' and changes in format and accounting procedure become evident in the following years.

Figures now appear for 'Received from Teachers for General Expenses' and in 1878-9 income appears described as 'Transferred from Fees Account'. Deep in the 1880-81 account there is a 'Common Fund of Fees' and Teachers receive pay from three sources—Salaries, Capitation Fees, and Share of Surplus, i.e. basic salary, piece-rates and bonus. Even after all this bounty, the take home pay ranges between £70 and £471 a year. In 1884-85 a salary list appears and the Rector, Dr. G. R. Merry, receives £600. This level of pay lasted well into the period of the Great War reaching £700 paid in 1917 to Mr. John MacLennan. Even then, many salaries are still less than £100 per annum and the 'Cook', unnamed, receives £29. It is, perhaps, forgotten that up to 1939, wages of under £2 a week were not uncommon.

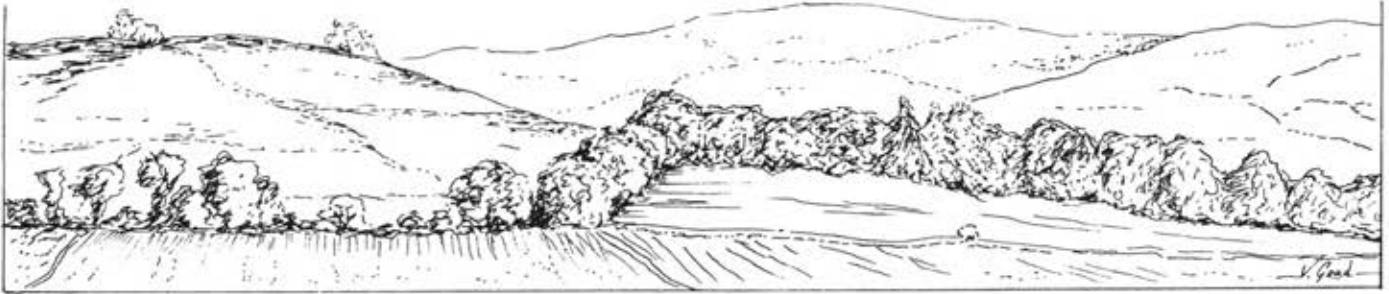
Other expenses are minimal. Coals, gas and water in 1873-4 cost £96 and the insurance upon buildings valued at £8,000 cost just over £5. Today's heating costs £44,000 and the insurance premium is £12,000 for cover over School buildings valued at £11 million. The Auditors are content with fees of either 5 or 10 guineas and one is left to wonder whether the higher fee derives from an increase in revenue or a decrease in accounting standards.

Despite this parsimony, deficiencies occur and in 1902-3 the 'Balance being Deficit' of £732.4.3d is partly offset by a list of names under the heading of 'Special Contributions' and over a total of £501.18.8d. In other words, a 'whip-round'.

During the 1850's some levity, or else laxity, indeed seems to have crept in for there are sums up to £9 described as 'Promiscuous Expenses'. This practice ceases in 1858 when prudence and tact prevail and the account slot is filled by expenses now termed 'Miscellaneous'.

Other records show the extraordinary devotion of long-serving staff. One example is Miss Jessie J. Peat, L.L.A. (an academic qualification interpreted by some as 'Lady Literate in Art') who sometime after 1912 wrote 'I have served in no School but Dundee High School. I was a pupil of that School, then a pupil governess, then a member of the permanent staff, and for several years past have been Infant Mistress on the Boys' Side'. She is recorded as joining the staff in 1888 when 18; two years later she became an Assistant Teacher enjoying a salary scale of £40; £45; to £50 per annum and, after probably 60 years in School as pupil and teacher, she retired in 1935; a period when her salary, just under £400 per annum, was suffering from reductions being Depression-induced 'economy measures'. She is still remembered with great affection and respect by her pupils, especially one who was found to have mis-spelt her name as 'Pete'.

Perhaps this has a lesson for us today. ■



The tree-planting ceremony is one of several events being held this term to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Main Building of the High School of Dundee. The ring of trees surrounding the playground has recently been spruced up by James Laurie & Son, Nurserymen and Landscape Gardeners, Dundee, and two ailing trees removed. In their place two young trees have been gifted to the School by the Old Boys' and the Old Girls' Clubs. The trees are being planted by Mrs. Jane Peggie, President of the Old Girls' Club and Mr. Gordon Stewart, President of the Old Boys' Club. Also in the picture are Mr. D. Arnot Shepherd, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Mr. Hamish Laurie, Chairman of the D.H.S. Trust Fund; Mr. R. Nimmo, Rector; Mr. G. J. Robbie, Secretary of the Board of Directors; Mr. G. H. Hutchinson, Bursar; Mr. M. Colgan, Head Janitor and Miss Molra Knight, Head of the Preparatory Department, with the pupils of Primary 1 who will be able to watch the trees grow until 1996, when they are due to complete their education.

Plant a Tree — for 1996!

The bright Spring sunshine making the playground look at its best, highlighted the tree-planting ceremony which took place during the first week of the summer term as one of several events planned to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Main Building of the school.

During the winter months the ring of trees surrounding the playground was trimmed and shaped by James Laurie & Son, Nurserymen and Landscape Gardeners, Dundee, and two ailing trees were removed. In their place two young trees were gifted to the school by the Old Boys' and the Old Girls' Clubs.

The picture shows the trees being planted by Mrs. Jane Peggie, President of the Old Girls' Club and Mr. Gordon Stewart, President of the Old Boys' Club.

Also in the picture are directors and staff as well as the pupils of L1 who will be able to watch the trees grow until 1996 — the year when they are due to complete their education at the school.

seventies

As many colleagues will no doubt confirm, it is a unique experience to re-enter one's old school as a member of staff. Memories of people and places I knew in the seventies are, to some degree, overlaid by the observations made now in the eighties. On returning, there were faces I knew so well (looking somewhat horrified at another of their former pupils joining them in the staff room), corridors I had trailed along, steps I had worn down, and yet so many things had changed in slight or significant ways. This seems to me to illustrate one of the strengths of this school — being a living community, it can change to satisfy the demands of its role and still remain constant in essentials.

The nineteen seventies were most definitely a period of change in the life of the school. It continued to expand physically; the new dining hall on Constitution Road seemed to make lunch taste so much better, the huts in the playground were replaced by three proper classrooms, now re-equipped as the Home Economics department. The Prep. department moved to new quarters while the staff common rooms were established above it. Towards the end of the decade, Bonar House was acquired and its extra accommodation was welcomed with relief. Earlier, the school had added Mayfield to its properties, a magnificent acquisition both for the facilities of its pavilion and its proximity to Dalnacraigh.

But the school is not merely a collection of buildings. By nineteen seventy-nine there had been several changes in staff; Mr. D. W. Erskine was succeeded by his deputy, Mr. E. M. Stewart who was Rector for seven years. During this time the school moved towards complete independence, benefitting from the Trust Fund Appeal. When I started Senior school, Miss Aileen Gray was the 'Lady Superindendant' but soon afterwards her title became Assistant Rector. Her role, however, altered little — first and foremost the welfare of the girls and indeed much of the school was her concern, and she will always be remembered with deep affection. Very sadly, she died soon after I had left school, marking the end of a very long commitment to the High School of Dundee. Mr. 'Bing' Paton retired after a long career and Mr. Gordon Stewart became Depute Rector. In nineteen seventy-seven, Mr. R. Nimmo was appointed Rector and it was under his leadership that the school entered a new decade.

The curriculum of the seventies reflected the trends of the time; Classics gradually became less central to our timetable — although in my fifth year, I think about half of the year sat Higher Latin. Science subjects were increasing in popularity and the Biology department became properly established. A major breakthrough occurred when girls

were allowed to take Technical Education (although few did initially!), but boys in the Domestic Science rooms were almost unknown.

Outside of classes, we had our Friday 9 activities, not as varied as today's breadth of choice, but still a very painless way to close the week. Cadets (for boys only of course), Guides, choirs, drama groups, the Lit. and Deb., Scripture Union, Chess, Rifle Club were some of the spheres in which we enjoyed ourselves. To these, the Ski Club was added and is flourishing a dozen years later. Both the Brownie Packs began in the seventies and continue to run on Friday afternoons.

On a more frivolous note, the early seventies saw the eventual downfall of the mini-skirt! But before that we used to roll our skirts over at the waist to show off the length of leg that fashion demanded. Miss Gray spent a great deal of time suggesting that they be lengthened while Mr. Gordon Stewart was requiring long hair and sideburns be shortened. Summer dresses for Senior school girls eventually died a death and the short grey gym skirt was introduced to spare our chillblains or blushes.

By our final year, we were granted a good deal more freedom and responsibility as well as a more individual timetable, although the highly organised sixth year summer timetable was still in the future. As we took part in all the traditional events during our last year, there was a slightly sentimental air throughout. Armistice, the Senior Dance and the Carol Service at Christmas, the Sports, Leavers Day and the Prize-giving in Summer were experiences shared by the sixth years of the nineteen sixties and now are shared by the sixth years of the eighties. The children in L1 who will leave in the late nineteen nineties, will look back at a school career fitting them for a new century. It is to be hoped that they will be able to benefit from the changes appropriate to that time, but enjoy the same feeling of constancy. ■

P.L.K.



SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZEWINNERS



JUNIOR AND PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT 1983-1984



NICOLA DINNIE IN ACTION AT SCHOOL GALA

THE SMITHS

BY MELISSA THOMSON
AND SAMANTHA COOK F3

AN INTERVIEW

ON MONDAY, 18TH JUNE, THERE WAS A TENSE AND EXCITING ATMOSPHERE IN THE CAIRO HALL. INSIDE, THE ROAD CREW WERE FIXING AND SETTING UP ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR 'THE SMITHS' CONCERT, A BUDDING NEW GROUP FROM MANCHESTER.

THE GROUP FORMED IN 1982 WHEN MORRISSEY, VOCALIST AND LYRICIST MET GUITARIST/MUSIC WRITER JOHNNY MARR WHO NEEDED HELP TO GO WITH HIS MELODIC TUNES, AND MORRISSEY'S POETRY WAS JUST WHAT WAS NEEDED. LATER THEY WERE JOINED BY ANDY ROURKE ON BASS AND DRUMMER, MIKE JOYCE, THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN BANDS.

THEY HAD BEGUN THEIR STRUGGLE TO STAND OUT BY PERFORMING LIVE, OCCASIONALLY BUT THEY WERE TOTALLY UNKNOWN UNTIL AFTER THEIR SEVENTH GIG, WHEN THEY PERFORMED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, WHERE THEY WERE WATCHED BY JOHN PEEL, RADIO ONE DISC JOCKEY, AND ALSO THE STAFF OF THE RECORD COMPANY, 'ROUGH TRADE'. AFTER THEIR PERFORMANCE, THE GROUP WERE QUICKLY SET UP FOR A RECORD DEAL, AND WERE BOOKED TO GO ON 'THE JOHN PEEL RADIO SHOW' AND 'THE SMITHS' WERE NOW HAPPILY IN THE LIMELIGHT.

NOW WE WERE STANDING IN THE EMPTY, STONY CORRIDORS OF THE CAIRO HALL, READY TO INTERVIEW 'THE SMITHS'. WE COULD HEAR THE SOUND CHECK OF THE BACKING GROUP ECHOING THROUGH THE ENTIRE BUILDING, WHICH WAS SOON FOLLOWED BY 'THE SMITHS'. AND ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A SLIGHT HITCH IN THE SOUND CHECK, EVERYTHING WAS GOING AS PLANNED.

AROUND 6:40PM WE WERE COLLECTED BY THE PROMOTION OFFICER OF 'THE SMITHS' AND LED THROUGH A MAZE OF CORRIDORS, UNTIL WE ARRIVED AT A SMALL RECEPTION ROOM, TUCKED AWAY AT THE VERY BACK OF THE CAIRO HALL.

NO SOONER HAD WE ALL MET, THAN I WAS BEING LED INTO A SMALL ADJACENT ROOM BY MORRISSEY. AFTER WE HAD SETTLED DOWN, HE BEGAN TO TELL ME ABOUT HIMSELF.

"I NEVER HAD A HAPPY CHILDHOOD AND MY SCHOOL LIFE WAS HORRIBLE. I THINK MY ONLY CHILDHOOD AMBITIONS WERE TO SING AND WRITE. I HAD NO PREVIOUS JOBS BEFORE I BECAME A PART OF 'THE SMITHS'. I DIDN'T WANT TO WORK BUT I WANTED TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL IN A VERY ARTISTIC WAY."

"I'D ALWAYS HAD A FEELING I WOULD BE IN A GROUP AND WHEN I BECAME A PART OF 'THE SMITHS', I'D ALWAYS EXPECTED WE'D BECOME SUCCESSFUL, ALTHOUGH THERE CAME A TIME WHEN I THOUGHT WE WOULDN'T. I FEEL MY LIFESTYLE HAS ENTIRELY TURNED ROUND SINCE WE'VE BECOME SUCCESSFUL. EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT NOW, SINCE I HAVE MONEY, BECAUSE I'VE NEVER HAD IT BEFORE, SO I FEEL ITS A SERIOUS CHANGE."

"AFTER TOURING THROUGH SCOTLAND FOR THE SECOND TIME IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR PLACE YOU WOULD LIKE TO REVISIT?" I ASKED.

"OH YES DEFINITELY. IT WOULD REALLY HAVE TO BE ELGIN, WHICH ALTHOUGH, I HAD ONLY PASSED THROUGH IT WHILE TOURING, I FOUND REALLY SPECIAL. IT'S THE SORT OF PLACE WHERE I'D LIKE TO GO TO BE ALONE AND TO ESCAPE FROM EVERYONE ELSE. I FOUND IT VERY ISOLATED, QUIET, AND EXTREMELY BEAUTIFUL. I'D NEVER HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT GOING BACK."

EVEN WHEN ASKED ABOUT WHAT HE LOOKED FOR MOST IN A PERSON, HE FELT VERY STRONGLY ABOUT HIS VIEWS.

"I THINK ABOVE ALL, HONESTY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO LOOK FOR. IT DOESN'T MATTER ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE, AS LONG AS ONE IS TRUTHFUL AND HONEST, IT'S THE THING THAT COUNTS MOST IN A PERSON. IT SHOWS THEIR TRUE PERSONALITY, AND I FIND THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT."

'THE SMITHS' POPULARITY HAS BEEN QUICKLY AND CONTINUALLY RISING UP HILL SINCE THEIR FIRST BIG HIT SINGLE 'WHAT

DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE' AND THEY HAVE HAD A DEBUT L.P. RELEASED, WHICH IS SIMPLY CALLED 'THE SMITHS'. THIS LP CAN BE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR ANYONE, AS THEIR TUNEFUL AND STRAIGHTFORWARD SONGS ARE SO EASY TO LISTEN TO, THAT IT'S EVEN A DELIGHT JUST TO SIT BACK AND CAPTURE THE BEAUTY OF THEIR EXCELLANT LYRICS. OF COURSE HARD WORK AND GOOD PARTNERSHIPS IN GROUPS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND MORRISSEY FOUND EVERYTHING WAS PROGRESSING VERY WELL AND VERY QUICKLY.

"AS I WRITE LYRICS AND JOHNNY MARR WRITES MUSIC EVERYTHING IS DONE VERY VERY QUICKLY, AND WE WORK TOGETHER VERY WELL. OUR FIRST ALBUM WAS COMPLETED QUICKLY AND MY FAVOURITE TRACK IS 'SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN' IT'S MY FAVOURITE BECAUSE I WROTE THIS SONG WHEN I WAS EXTREMELY YOUNG AND I'D ALWAYS HAD HOPES OF IT BEING PUT ON RECORD, AS THIS SONG IS VERY SPECIAL TO ME."

ALONG THE CORRIDOR, MEANWHILE, MIKE JOYCE, YOUNG DRUMMER OF 'THE SMITHS' EXPLAINED TO SAMANTHA HOW HE FIRST MET THE OTHER MEMBERS OF 'THE SMITHS'.

"I FIRST MET JOHNNY AT A BARGE PARTY BUT I'D ALWAYS SEEN HIM AROUND TOWN IN MANCHESTER. WHEN WE WERE INTRODUCED, WE JUST GOT TALKING AND HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO GET A BAND TOGETHER AND HE WANTED ME TO PLAY DRUMS. HE LET ME HEAR A DEMO TAPE AND I THOUGHT IT WAS INCREDIBLE. AFTER THERE SEEMED TO BE A BOND BETWEEN US. IT WASN'T LIKE PEOPLE TRYING TO SET UP A BAND, IT WAS MUCH STRONGER. THEN I MET ANDY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE STUDIO AND MORRISSEY, AND I KNEW THEN WE WERE REALLY GETTING ON OUR WAY."

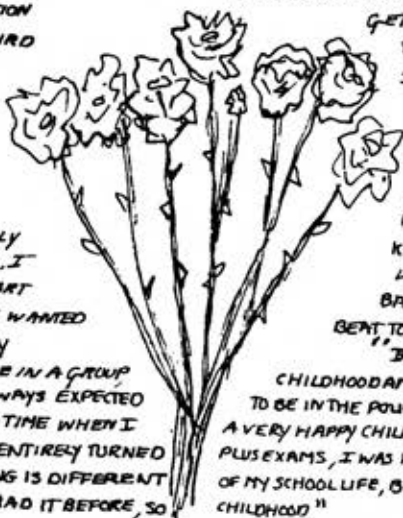
WHEN ASKED ABOUT WHEN HE FIRST BECAME INTERESTED IN DRUMS HE LAUGHED AND SAID.. "WELL, WHEN I WAS ABOUT TWELVE I USED TO HIT MY MUMS SOFA WITH HER KNITTING NEEDLES CONTINUOUSLY, SO ONE DAY SHE BOUGHT ME MY FIRST DRUM KIT. IT WAS RIDICULOUS, AS I USED TO TAKE THEM OUT, SET THE KIT UP ALL THE WRONG WAY, AND JUST BASH AT IT. LATER I JOINED A FEW NONDESCRIPT PUNK BANDS BUT I NEVER PLAYED WITH ANY REAL BENT TO IT."

"BEING A DRUMMER HAD ALWAYS BEEN MY CHILDHOOD AMBITION BUT WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG, I WANTED TO BE IN THE POLICE FORCE BECAUSE MY ELDEST SISTER WAS. I HAD A VERY HAPPY CHILDHOOD BUT AT THE TIME OF TAKING MY ELEVEN-PLUS EXAMS, I WAS KNOCKED DOWN BY A CAR, SO THAT DISRUPTED MOST OF MY SCHOOL LIFE, BUT APART FROM THAT I HAD A VERY HAPPY CHILDHOOD."

WHEN ASKED IF HE GOT NERVOUS BEFORE GOING ON STAGE HE FELT MOSTLY FRIGHTENED BUT THOUGHT IT WAS MOSTLY THE EXCITEMENT OF THE MOMENT. "IT FEELS REALLY STRANGE, WHEN THERE'S MAYBE TWO THOUSAND FANS WATCHING US, WHEN THERE'S JUST FOUR OF US. I'M THE ONE THAT KEEPS EVERYTHING TOGETHER BEING THE DRUMMER, AND INSIDE ME, I DO GET VERY NERVOUS. WHEN I STOP GETTING NERVOUS I KNOW IT WILL BE THE TIME FOR ME TO STOP PLAYING AS IT WOULD JUST BE LIKE DOING AN ORDINARY JOB, AND IT COULD NEVER BE LIKE THAT FOR ME."

THAT NIGHT, THE CONCERT WAS ELECTRIC AND STIMULATING. ALL THE MEMBERS OF 'THE SMITHS' PLAYED AT THEIR PEAK WITH THEIR ECSTATIC FANS CHEERING THEM ON.

AS THE LIGHTS DIMMED ON THE STAGE OF THE CAIRO HALL, IT BROUGHT TO AN END, A VERY MEMORABLE AND HAPPY DAY.



MARATHON

Mr. Stewart of the Junior Department and Miss Sim of the P.E. Department indulging in one of the nations largest crazes — Marathon Running. Photographed here at the finish of the Dundee Marathon in the creditable times of 4 hrs. 1 min. for Mr. A. 'Salazaar' Stewart and 4 hr. 13 min. for Miss E. 'Weitz' Sim.



THE PAST **fifty** YEARS

As 1984 is the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Boys' School, we thought it appropriate to interview several former teachers of the school and they most kindly offered us hospitality and many interesting anecdotes. We should like, therefore, to express our thanks to Miss McNaughton, Miss M. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Halliday.

Of great interest to us were their stories of wartime conditions. As well as blackout conditions, there was fire watching in a room which was protected by sandbags. The ladies' duty was from six until ten in the evening, and the men's was through the rest of the night. No sign of sex equality then. The vigilance (or stamina) of the men was rewarded by a huge breakfast. In case of a fire, there was a huge water tank in the playground. The railings were removed, and temporarily replaced. There was a scarcity of paper too, and the questions for exams often had to be written on the blackboard. For the girls there was berry picking during the summer holidays, starting each day at 6 a.m. However, as this was during Double Summer Time, it was really only 4 a.m. by the sun. Early birds indeed!

The end of the war was in sight and at midnight the National Anthem was played as a signal for the end of the day's broadcasting. Miss Smith remembers standing to attention with the flag ready to put up in the morning. Once the war was over Mr. Halliday made a statue of a typical High School boy for the new war memorial.

Many ex-pupils and teachers had been called up to fight. Only the heads of departments and those over forty were exempt among the men. However, during the 1930s many of the strict headmasters had left and there was now a more relaxed feeling in the school with regard to discipline.

Mr. Halliday told us of an Art class which was always exceptionally well behaved. However, on one occasion two of the boys had been misbehaving terribly. Eventually he discovered that both had been wanting the belt from him to decide who was the winner of the contest — to see how many times a boy could get the belt in one week — the winner had been given it 24 times!

There were very few who stayed on to Sixth Form at this time and no teacher was allocated to them. Fifth Year pupils sat their Highers or Lowers in March, depending on their grading. As for Prelims., it was up to the class teacher what was to be done. It was much more of a practice for the actual exam than an important test, and was fitted into a double period whenever convenient.

The Literary and Debating Society was run by pupils with masters and mistresses in charge. Girls and boys met separately. Tales were recounted of a Lit. concert in the School Hall which was very successful. Two plays were put on — one a comedy by pupils and the other by Staff with Mr. Smith taking part.

For services at St. Mary's, the traffic was stopped and the cadets and guides marched down to the Church. This also happened when cadets went to camp — they marched to the station. This had to be discontinued when traffic became too heavy.

Changes came, too, in the Lower School with the teaching of French, the use of arithmetic rods. There were single desks and carpets on the floors. The Dining Hall, originally in the top floor of the Junior Department moved to Ireland's Lane before ending up in its present site in Constitution Road.

Sports fields were at Dalnacraig and later at Monymusk as well. Mayfield later replaced Monymusk. In 1950 the Girls' Hockey Club celebrated its Golden Jubilee with a match against the Morrisons Academy which had provided the original opponents in 1900. A coffee morning was held as part of the celebrations and four original members of the Hockey Club were able to turn up. Then as now the Staff played a part in the sporting life of the School and played against the pupils at Hockey and Tennis.

In 1950 the girls were put into the Houses which had existed only for Boys and Miss Smith became House mistress of Wallace a position which she held for more than 25 years.

Many other events took place in the expansion of the School — new Science Labs opened; there were exhibitions of needlework; kitchens for Domestic Science were created; and in the Lower School class outings were introduced as well as the Top of the Form and Poetry Competitions. The Infant Department where Miss McNaughton taught for many years has seen great expansion both in space and in numbers.

Indeed, the School, as a whole, has prospered during the last fifty years, coming through the difficult times of the war and the following period to the state in which we find it today. Perhaps an indication of the education it provides is reflected in the large numbers of pupils who choose to stay on for a Sixth Form to study extra subjects and pursue different interests.

Many thanks are extended once more to those who helped provide material for this article. We are very grateful to them. Meeting them and listening to their experiences was a pleasure and a privilege.

LYNNE MEEKISON, JILL STEVENSON
and DEBBIE STIVEN F.V.

The Last Twenty Five Years

Sixty years ago Jessie Norrie prefaced her 'Memories of the Old High School (1880-89)' with the thoughtful lines:

*'The path we came by, thorn and flower,
Is shadowed by the growing hour,
Lest life should fall in looking back.'*

Now as then, such a meditation will surely strike a chord of memory in all those who in one way or another have known the High School during the last twenty-five years.

As always in reminiscence, it is the people we have known who loom large out of the shadows of time past and the High School has ever been rich in its human resources. This last quarter century has witnessed an almost complete change of cast as the older generation of staff has retired from centre stage to be succeeded — not replaced — by the present players. The only member of the Board of Directors of 1959 still serving is Mr. J. S. Anderson, chairman of the Board 1975-82. In his time he has helped faithfully to direct the fortunes of the school during the three rectorships which span the period — those of D. W. Erskine, E. M. Stewart and R. Nimmo.

Former pupils will recall also with esteem and affection the many fine teachers and wonderful characters who, like the giants they were, stood astride the schooldays of generations of High School boys and girls. In my personal perspective, W. L. Marshall, Miss Whytock, Miss McNaughton, Tom McLaren, T. S. Halliday and W. More stand out as influential senior staff of my early years. The decade which followed was marked indelibly by impressive personalities like E. M. Stewart, Douglas R. Paton, A. P. Howat, Sandy Wardlaw, George Ritchie, Miss Dickie and Miss May Smith, ladies and gentlemen who gave the school aeons of service before retiring in the 1970s. Among more recently retired friends we recall memorable characters such as Tom Porteous, Mrs. Nancy Elder, J. Stevenson, A. D. Alexander and W. P. Vannet. We remember also those members of staff whose untimely deaths plucked them from our midst and saddened our days — Bob Biggar, Joseph Jacuk, Walter Smith, Jim Connor and the tireless Aileen Gray. Former colleagues rich in wisdom and humanity who spent and were spent in the service of the School.

With equal readiness, memory calls up the faces and the names of hosts of former pupils — the brilliant scholars, the outstanding games players, the leaders of our school community — and over all the years, most memorable still, the scores of young people of sterling character and attractive personality who brought something of themselves, something special, into our school days.

In physical terms the school today is very much larger and better equipped than it was when, towards the end of 1959, the Rector reported the successful completion of the first phase of the Great Reconstruction. This had gutted the centre of the Main Building to provide a suite of modern science laboratories, a Rector's Study, Board Room

and War Memorial Library and launched what was to be a more-or-less continuous building programme over the next two decades. The restrictions imposed by a city-centre site caused the school to swallow up its own internal living-space to provide numerous new classrooms for the increasing number of pupils in the Secondary Department and to permit the extension of the curriculum to include Spanish, Russian, Italian, Modern Studies, Economics and Business Studies, Food and Nutrition. To keep pace with the boom in the sciences, in the early sixties the West Wing of the Main Building was reconstructed to house another suite of



science laboratories and at the same time the Art Department was relocated in more suitable accommodation. No one was unhappy to see the demolition of the old Dining Hut in Ireland's Lane when it was replaced by the vastly superior modern Dining Hall.

In the later 1970s premises adjacent to the Girls' School were purchased to provide in stages a new, self-contained Preparatory Department, a very well equipped Department of Economics and Business Studies and an attractive Reception and Staff Common Room area. In 1979 Bonar House was a major acquisition providing much needed accommodation in the form of examination, audio-visual and Games Halls as well as a Careers Library, Bursar's Office and additional classrooms. In these spacious days a modern Home Economics unit was another valuable addition. The most recent developments have been the modernisation and re-equipment of the Technical Department and the installation of up-to-date Language and Computer Laboratories.

Nothing less than this impressive development programme would have permitted the school to take advantage of the opportunities presented during this era of educational expansion. The immediate objectives of the directors were to meet the ever-increasing demand for places and to cater for the changing distribution of pupils between the Junior School and the Secondary Department. Over the period to 1984 Junior School numbers have been reduced: initially to meet the S.E.D. requirements of reduced class-size and to allow a more comfortable pupil-teacher ratio. In contrast, the Secondary Department with nearly 750 pupils has increased by more than 50% and the secondary staff has grown in even greater proportion. In 1959 major departments such as English had 4 members of staff and a teaching capacity of English, History, Geography and French; today such departments are staffed by 8 subject specialists. Formerly the single Science department was manned by 4 gentlemen, 11 teachers now service three separate departments of science. Whereas the management team of 1959 consisted of the Rector, Second Master, Lady Warden and the institution that was Jack Stark, following the introduction of the New Guidance Structure in 1972 the rectorial staff currently numbers five.

The school is considerably larger than it was 25 years ago — and this despite the marked decline nationally in the number of pupils of school-age and in the face of steeply rising fees. These increases in fee levels (from £31 10/- p.a. in 1959) were sharpened by the coincidence of the phased withdrawal of grant-in-aid with a lengthy period of spiralling inflation. In 1959 Direct Grant covered some 60% of running costs: today the Assisted Places scheme, while serving a useful purpose, accounts only for a small fraction of our costs.

The increased demand for school-places followed largely from the major change in educational philosophy which came to affect the mainstream of Scottish education in the 1960s. At that time the Education Act of 1944 came under heavy political attack for its elitist principle of selection of pupils for courses 'suitable to age, ability and aptitude'. The new philosophy stressed equality rather than equal opportunity and, when the politicians turned to pursue a policy of educational uniformity, secondary education was polarised into state and independent sectors. The High School of Dundee, determined to maintain selective academic education, had no alternative but to opt for independence.

With some 65-70% of the year group proceeding to the universities (and almost 100% to tertiary education) this decision was inevitable. In the 1960s the introduction of the Sixth Year Studies syllabuses had encouraged further the development of a strong Sixth Year and following in the tradition of earlier scholars this new generation of Sixth Formers soon proceeded to build a considerable record of academic success. In an era of continuous achievement, session 1973/74 was

something of an 'annus mirabilis' with the school presenting six successful candidates in the Oxford and Cambridge Entrance and Scholarship Examinations and our scholars also winning first places in the Edinburgh Open, the Glasgow Open, the Dundee Open, a top award to St. Andrews and another to Aberdeen. It has been a reflection of the strength of the school that over the years nearly all subject departments have contributed to the stream of academic success.

During this period the school has earned also a high reputation for achievement in sport. Our playing fields have never been busier, our programme never so varied and our sportsmen and women never more eminent with pupils and former pupils winning international honours in rugby, hockey, cricket, tennis, athletics, golf, squash, swimming, ski-ing and shooting. Excellent grounds at Dalnacroraig and, since 1976 at Mayfield with its first class amenities, have provided the strong base for this thriving activity but it is to mentors like W. D. Allardice and other committed staff that the school owes its outstanding record of sportsmanship.

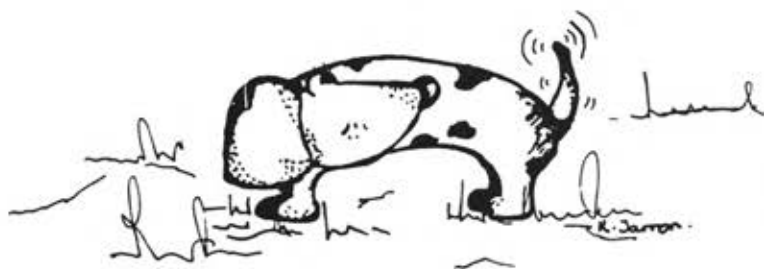
One of the strengths of the school has been its aims to offer young people the widest opportunities to excel and it has been a joy to see our boys and girls develop all their varied talents. Very many pupils have found pleasure and satisfaction in a lively musical dimension where orchestra, opera, chamber group, folk group and numerous choirs have sustained high levels of performance. Likewise, the arts and crafts have been developed to offer a widening range of interest and, on Friday, Period 9, the pupils of today are no longer directed to 'Cadet/Guides or Prep' but may choose from over forty hobby and interest activities.

The CCF has continued to flourish both in numbers and in 'esprit de corps' — perhaps the presence of girls in the ranks has promoted the cause! Meantime the Pipes and Drums remain a male preserve where Pipe Major Donald McLeod, now in his 89th year is still as active and interested as ever in the work and welfare of his pipers without whom so many Armistice Parades, Sports Days and Summer Camps would somehow have been less memorable.

While it is to be expected that an historian's contribution to this anniversary edition of the school magazine would take the retrospective view rather than Orwell's prospective view of this ominous year, what we really seek at such a time is a perspective. Thus we have looked back over those years not in order to bask in the evening light of former glories — although that is pleasant enough — but rather in the sharp light of experience to take stock of our present situation and reassure ourselves that we are not merely marking time but always moving forward.

In 1984 with Scottish education on the brink of sweeping reforms the High School of Dundee stands ready to take up with confidence the opportunities which the next quarter-century will undoubtedly offer. ■
G.C.S.

Puppy Walking



The Penguin

*The penguin waddles round and round,
It looks peculiar on the ground.
But oh, how grand it looks in water,
Dipping and darting, it does not falter.
Catching fishing and anything it spies
With its small darting eyes.*

Edward Elderston, Form II

The pawnbroker's shop

The pawnbroker's shop was situated in the centre of some old, rather dilapidated houses. The three balls were clearly hung above the old, sun-blistered door which was wedged open by a block of wood. Beside the imitation gold door was the replete window, brimful with odds and ends. Nothing extra special filled it — some old objects of sentimental value were there, but nothing extremely valuable.

The interior was a dark, musty smelling place with books spread higgledy-piggledy over the crammed shelves. Some ancient ornaments lay between some imitation jewellery and an old, broken watch. The counter was covered with everything from toy soldiers to battered hats. Amongst the jumble were found a few old, crumpled and creased, suits and dresses. A pram virtually blocked the exit and a dull-looking doll had her home there. Cobwebs could be found in every corner of the gradually rotting woodwork.

Paul Nimmo, L.V.I.S



The Mouse

*Hidden in the corner of a derelict house,
Cold and hungry, sits a mouse;
Feeding on anything it can find—
Stale bread, apple cores and bacon rind.
With its twitching nose and curious eyes,
It looks into a hole twice its size.
Inside, with luck, it finds some meat;
It settles down, begins to eat.
Finished, it scurries back over the floor.
Tomorrow it must hunt for food once more.*

Jennifer Dalgety, Form I

The object of puppy walking and rearing for the Guide Dog Association is to ensure a regular supply of dogs for the blind. Our family took on our first puppy eleven months ago, partly because we were longing for a puppy but also because one day, if she is good enough, she will be a pair of eyes for a blind person.

I will remember the day we got Petra for the rest of my life. Although extremely naughty at times, she has been the most wonderful dog anyone can imagine. It was a blissful day that tiny, cuddly puppy with gorgeous floppy ears arrived on our doorstep. Our old dog, a Westie, had died a few weeks before, having lived to the age of fifteen. I had never known the house without a dog and was full

of excitement the day she was due to arrive.

'She's here!' I screamed and dashed at high speed up the hill to our house. Ever since then, Petra has been living, sleeping and eating with us. She has demolished two beds and three blankets, two of which she still has and adores. She went through a period of carrying them around with her everywhere she went. She trailed fluff all round the house and looked so stupid with two great blankets stuffed in her face. She is only allowed them in the back kitchen now.

All in all, I can easily say that Petra (we did not choose the name) has been lovely to have in the house, although she ripped up the kitchen floor, almost completely destroying half of it when she was left alone for three hours. We will miss her dreadfully when she goes away back to Forfar in a couple of weeks. Hopefully, when she does go, she will pass her tests and become a real guide dog (hard to imagine though that is!) If she does pass, we are sent a mounted photo of her with her new owner.

SUSIE TUNSTALL PEDOE,
Form I



'Sign against your name, please, Mr. Weakley,' said the examiner. I took the proffered pen, noting as I did so a vague trembling in his hand. Hoping that this did not mean that he was on the verge of a nervous breakdown as a result of being in cars with homicidal learners all day, I treated the paper to my customary scrawl, and then followed him out of the test centre...

'Move off when you are ready, Mr. Weakley,' droned the voice by my side. I groaned inwardly. Up to this point things had been simple — I had read the licence plate off a blue Volvo parked up the street, and led the way to my car. But now I recalled the words of my instructor — 'More people fail in the first few minutes of a test than at any other stage'. I groaned inwardly again, and went through the routine of moving off, as follows:

Handbrake on, gears in neutral. Turn on ignition, pray. (Come on, start, you brute. Ah, thank goodness for that). Check mirrors, look over shoulder, indicate, clutch down, into first gear, check over shoulder again, handbrake off, slight accelerator pressure, clutch up, car moves forward.

'Turn right at the end of the road,' murmured the examiner lethargically. I sneaked a glance at him out of the corner of my eye. He seemed to be barely awake, having draped himself comfortably over the passenger seat. This was presumably to put me at my ease. It worked, a good thing because barely two hundred yards from the Test Centre, a problem appeared.

The examiner wanted me to turn right from King Street into Westfield Road. The problem was a white Datsun, liberally plastered with go-faster stripes sitting in front of me, wanting to turn right from Westfield Road into King Street. For some reason, he wanted me to cross in front of him. Luckily, I remembered my instructor telling me never to obey signals from anyone, so I stayed put. The other driver did the same, and beckoned more enthusiastically than ever. Knowing that moving forward would mean failing the test, I remained where I was.

Then I became aware that my examiner looked less lethargic. In fact he looked positively dynamic. Winding down the passenger window, he shook his clip-board at the other driver and bellowed, 'Go on, then!' at him in stentorian tones.

He then screeched his car round in front of me and down King Street with great revving of his engine. The examiner turned to me, groaning

'Some people think they know how to drive,' he gurgled and wheezed with laughter. He then composed himself, and returned to his previous state of advanced rigor mortis. 'Turn right please, Mr. Weakley.'

The rest of the test seemed to go on for hours, although twenty-five minutes was the reality. My neck was beginning to ache from endlessly repeating the 'observation' routine — giving exaggerated movements of the head when passing side roads, and pointedly looking in the mirror every ten seconds, especially when approaching junctions.

Fortunately, the three 'manoeuvres' of the test presented no difficulties. My emergency stop was perfection itself, the G-forces puckering the examiners face beyond all recognition, his seatbelt nearly snapping with the strain. The reverse round the corner was a classic, the examiner watching my progress in the near-side door mirror whilst rubbing his chest in a reflective manner, doubtless wondering how many ribs he had cracked in the emergency stop. The three-point turn was a joy to behold, breathtaking in its sheer simplicity, but the examiner remained impassive.

The test was coming to an end. I came to a halt at the traffic lights in Queen Street, preparatory to turning right into Fort Street. A slight movement beside me caught my eye. The examiner had surreptitiously put a cross on the test sheet! A tense, prickling feeling washed over me. Had I forgotten to check my mirror before stopping? The lights changed, and I returned to the matter at hand, the thought then occurring to me that if I answered a Highway Code question wrongly, the two errors would be enough to fail me.

I reversed the car into a space near the Test Centre, and switched off the engine.

'I should now like to ask you some questions on the Highway Code, Mr. Weakley,' purred the examiner. Expecting him to get me to list forty things not to do when driving on cross-ply tyres, I waited in fretful anticipation. It came as something of an anti-climax to be asked such brain-teasers as what 'Stop' signs and 'Give Way' signs mean. (I was not going to complain, however).

To the best of my knowledge, I answered all the questions correctly. But the little cross on the examiner clip-board still hung over me like an axe. In five seconds I would know whether I had spent the £13 test fee in vain.

The thirteen best words in the British language are, 'I am pleased to say that you have passed your test, Mr. Weakley.'

I was rather pleased about it as well!

By JACQUIE REID

An Interview with

AS I stepped out of the train at Glasgow Queen Street, I felt the world was good.

This was it. I exuded confidence and cool assurance. My first real interview — and with no less a celebrity than Sir Alexander Gibson, conductor of the S.N.O. for 25 years! *Photograph courtesy of the 'Courier'*

Ten minutes later, when the girl from the S.N.O. had still not turned up, any pretence at assurance had long since vanished. I realised I had no idea where to go, when, or how (first rule of journalism — always know where you're going and how you're going to get there), and it was a shivering, gibbering neurotic who was eventually rescued by Hilary Ritchie, publicity assistant with the S.N.O. an F.P. of D.H.S. about half my height but radiating Organization and Efficiency from every pore.

After pacifying me over a tuna and mayonnaise sandwich, she hurried off to Organise Dave Brubeck, appearing at the S.N.O's Glasgow Proms, leaving me with a small map of Central Glasgow and explicit instructions on how to reach the Theatre Royal.

SCARED STIFF

Actually, I did find it, but by that time I was once more scared stiff. Summoning up my very meagre supply of courage, I asked at the box office for instructions. A very nice lady told me to ask at the stage door. So a small, lop-sided figure — lop-sided due to the necessity of carrying an extremely heavy tape-recorder in a suitably commodious shoulder-bag — did not inspire all that much confidence in the door-keeper.

"I thought he said it was Anderson, and there was two of you," he muttered darkly, eyeing the bag as though he suspected the second mysterious Anderson was concealed within.

"No, no — really — it's just me . . . Reid . . ."

Photograph courtesy of the 'Courier'



Jacques!" After much bright twittering and many fixed smiles later, I eventually managed to persuade him to let me wait in the Green Room. I was met there by Sir Alex's secretary and taken through a complex maze of passages to a small, smoke-filled room. It was there that I met Sir Alexander Gibson.

CHARISMA

My first impression was
of authority and power.

This was not due to his physical size – he is of average height – nor yet to his attitude. Indeed, he was very kind to a young and obviously terrified

"My mother was Welsh — all the Welsh are singers — so she sang in church concerts and so on. And my father enjoyed playing the harmonium and later, when they acquired a piano for me, he liked strumming away at that."

Musicians have a precarious life. What was his parents' attitude to his love of music?

"Yes, they encouraged me — very much so, my mother more than my father. When it came to choosing special music instead of a language, as well as piano lessons, organ lessons and percussion band, he felt that music was perhaps taking up more of my time than was wise. But I can't really say he didn't encourage me."

TALENT

Talent was spotted at an early age by Miss Isobel Taggart when, at his first music lesson, he was picked out of his class, and chosen to sing a solo — "because I sang in tune and had some kind of voice!" — and, under the guidance of the perceptive Miss Taggart, little Alex Gibson was encouraged to take part-singing and theory lessons.

Soon he was so far beyond his class that he had to be moved in with a much older group, which he confesses he found an embarrassing experience. From there he moved from strength to strength, gaining distinction in his Grade 1 piano, and playing in a percussion band with Duncan Robertson, the distinguished tenor. However, he admits . . . "I began to enjoy my music, apart from the routine of practising, which is always a bore!"

During this time, he also took regular organ lessons from the organist of Glasgow Cathedral — all this while coping with a



Sir Alexander Gibson

full school curriculum of Higher and Lower — the forerunners of O-Grades!

When did he first realise that his future might lie in conducting? "I kept it very much a secret for a very long time. But I suppose it was conducting at the school concert — a chorus from *Carmen* — and organising things like that with the people who sang in Gilbert and Sullivan operas. I think I felt it then."

Although he admits that it is almost impossible to encapsulate it into one sentence, his advice to any aspiring young musician is:

"Believe in your talent. Recognize your talent, which becomes obvious to you when you only have a facility on the keyboard or an instrument, but a feeling that you want to express something with it, however inadequate your technique may be at that point, and that you want to develop it in order to do something. If you feel you are musical, and that music means something to you, one should always bear in mind that it is not just a private pleasure, it is also one for other people."

Sir Alex's children all took piano lessons, but of the four it is his youngest son, Johnnie, who is making most of music. At present, he is studying at the Royal College in London, before going on to read economics at York — "Not with a view to a concert career," his father added, "but towards some involvement in music, whether it's for his own pleasure in later life, or who knows...?"

YOUNG FAMILY

Having a young family around him, Sir Alex says he can't avoid pop music. "I've always enjoyed jazz, blues, evergreens, big bands and Beatle songs.

But pop music as such, because of my age and my involvement in another kind of music, sometimes strikes me as being a little bit monotonous in actual content. But that's just my loss. I don't lecture my children about pop — I'm not a fuddy-duddy in that respect.

"Pop music in schools? Anything that gets children interested in music can only be good, provided it doesn't get gimmicky. Anything that becomes gimmicky is bad."

Sir Alex also finds children can form a more interested, receptive audience than many musically literate adults for such music as Stravinsky, Bartok and Stockhausen, usually because of rhythmic motifs which children value more highly than melody.

Lately there has been a great deal of interest in the BBC Young Musician of the Year. What does Sir Alex feel about competitive music making? He was, in fact chairman of the last BBC competition.

"As the pianist John Lill said to me, 'You can't compare an apple and an orange.' A horn is a horn, a piano is a piano. You can try to compare personality, performing ability — but it's very difficult. It still does an awful lot of good, however, for people to have a sense of competing for something."

He does believe, however, that international competitions tend to put too much pressure on young performers.

"Often, the winner is given a guaranteed number of engagements, and that can be a bit off-putting for a youngster. The danger is that they suddenly have to cope with too much."

SPARE TIME

In his spare time, Sir Alex admits he very rarely listens to records for pleasure — usually only when somebody recommends one.

"Normally, if I've a free evening, it's free in the sense that I'm looking at scores for the following season, or for guest appearances with an orchestra."

He sees nothing wrong in listening to the interpretations of other conductors on record — he believes a great deal can be gained from listening to great performances.

He lists his most memorable performance as one he gave at the Edinburgh Festival of Mahler's Eighth Symphony — and in Sir Alex's top ten concert halls, the Caird Hall rates very highly.

No-one has done more for Scottish music than Sir Alex, and I asked him why, after going south and making a name for himself in London and abroad, he came back to Scotland — and why so many Scottish musicians don't return.

"Before, students had to go south to be 'finished off', because the Academy of Music here hadn't progressed enough in those days. Now it's a different story. The Royal Scottish Academy of Music can produce students who can go straight into the orchestra — that's progress."

"As for me, I was offered the S.N.O. at a time when I had been made musical director of Sadlers Wells Opera. But I'd spent six years in opera, and I felt the need to take a symphonic job. Also, I felt I owed something to Scotland, and you don't readily turn down the musical directorship of

your own national orchestra. It was while I was staying at a hotel in Dundee in 1959, incidentally, that the phone call came, offering me the post."

Why have there been no great Scottish composers? After all, England has produced Elgar, Delius, Purcell and Britten.

"I don't really know. Perhaps it's because Scots folk-songs are so characterful that anything a Scottish composer might do becomes a medley of weel-kent songs!"

However, through Musica Nova, Sir Alex has encouraged many young composers and now believes that there is a school of young Scots composers who can hold their head up in whatever style of composing they choose.

AMBITIONS

After doing so much so well, in such an incredible career, does Sir Alex have any musical ambitions left unfulfilled?

"Of course I have some but I have never set myself targets that if by 19-such-and-such I've not conducted the Berlin Philharmonic, I've failed... I like to have ambitions for the organisations that I'm working for, but for myself I think one is so fortunate to be doing something that one has chosen to do, something that is one's life, one is so much more fortunate than somebody who's doing a more routine task in life, including playing in orchestras!"

During the course of the interview, he told me that his old school motto was 'Summa petenda' — Aim at the highest. I can think of no-one who has lived up to this maxim better than Alexander Gibson.

Thank you, Sir Alex, for 25 glorious years.



A quarter to five, bright sunshine, and we're off! (only 15 minutes late already). The coach is splendid; reclining seats, toilet at the rear and a video at the front . . . only one problem — no tapes! So we have to make do with our own music cassettes, which we get to know *very well* . . .

After about 10 minutes everybody's lunch box is out and each person in turn is feverishly tucking into their weekend's supply of grub. The coach plods on relentlessly past Perth, Stirling and Glasgow. By this time the darkness is setting in, and the prospect of a sleepless night suddenly dawns on Mrs. Nash, as the incessant chatter shows no sign of diminishing. At eleven o'clock precisely she therefore delivers her prepared speech and the lights go out.

Most of us got some sleep eventually, be it only a matter of an hour. By 6.30 we had arrived at Dover having stopped several times to change drivers and replenish the larder. Dover was cold and the clouds hinted at rain, but by 10 a.m. we had passed through French customs and were on the road for 'Gay Paris'. Surprise, surprise, everyone was tired. When we finally arrived at our hotel in the late afternoon, we had ten minutes to unpack and take in the atmosphere. We then set out for a nearby piscine, where a boisterous and relaxing water-polo conformation developed.

Back to the hotel for a superb dinner (well, I thought so) of salad, chicken and gateau, with the three vegetarians in our party being provided with a specially prepared meal.

On our first day Paris-bashing, as Mrs. Nash put it, we ran into a slight problem when the professional guide opted out, and so it was left to our driver (Rick) to give us a tour of Paris. Thanks to Mrs. Nash's superb navigation we became extremely familiar with the Place de la Concorde, to say nothing of making five circuits of the Madeleine! We did however see most of the famous landmarks, and spent an hour in the area around the Sacré-Coeur, where many of us got in some practice in French numbers by bargaining with the belt and bangle sellers.

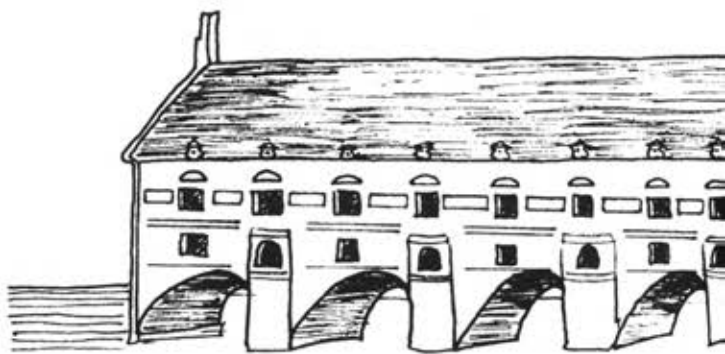
Lunch was at a large restaurant called Le P'tit Quin-Quin, where we were given a substantial meal. It was here that we discovered to our horror the outrageous prices that we were to be charged for the rest of the week — i.e. 11 Frs for a small bottle of fizzy orange. That afternoon we visited Notre-Dame Cathedral, and then went on, in the midst of a *very heavy* thunderstorm, to see the Louvre, a huge art and sculpture museum, where we could see and photograph the Mona Lisa and the Vénus de Milo.

In the evening we visited the Centre Georges Pompidou, which is modern to say the least. The main superstructure is a maze of pipes and tubes, one of which contains a huge escalator. There is a library, combined with a exhibition hall and a café, and it is like a mixture of the Wellgate Library, Bonar Hall and the Repertory Theatre. We were able to see a few of the exhibits, ranging from a modern furniture display to a sculpture of a prehistoric rock. Rick then decided that a trip to Paris was incomplete without a tour of the illuminations,

especially those in Montmartre. We finished up at midnight in a café on the Place du Trocadéro, where we had the chance to sample some of the very French atmosphere and to practice some more of the language.

By Tuesday morning we were fully refreshed!! and into the swing of things with everyone contributing to the joyous holiday atmosphere as we set off for the Eiffel Tower. The weather (for a change!) was bright and sunny and shirt-sleeves were the order of the day. At the top, a fabulous view welcomed us and we spent quite a while photographing and admiring the city of Paris. On the way back down souvenirs were bought, postcards sent to family and friends and appetites and thirst quenched.

Château-Bashing



The afternoon was spent at La Défense, a mega-modern suburb of Paris still under construction. This is mainly a commercial area with shops and offices in a range of Dallas-style skyscrapers. The most attractive feature was the shopping centre which is about ten times larger than the Wellgate and contains a multitude of shops, and the highlight of the afternoon was a multi-storey hypermarket called Auchan. The weather being bright and sunny, several of us sat down behind the multi-spray fountains, which functioned in time to music, discretely played from several speakers. Unfortunately however, the elements were not in our favour and yet another downpour occurred.

Dinner at the hotel was followed by an enjoyable evening sail on the Seine on a *bateau-mouche*, during which we saw for the second time many of the Parisian sights.

Wednesday marked our farewell to Paris. We had all had a wonderful time there, but we were keen to find out what Blois and our new hotel would be like. Our first stop was at Versailles, where we visited the palace and wandered through the spectacular gardens. We unexpectedly met up with the Germans, whom we had seen the previous evening on the *bateau-mouche*, and parted pen-pals. When we went back to the coach to have our lunch, we were all rather dismayed to find that it was salami again!

On the way to Blois we stopped at Chartres to see the cathedral's magnificent stained-glass windows. The hotel in Blois was a typically French one and some of us were rather put off by the French taste in wallpaper, but once we realised that you needed sunglasses to enter some of the rooms we decided that it was really very nice (especially as we weren't given salami).

That evening some of us walked round the town to get our bearings, while others played Boules with the very hospitable Frenchmen who lived nearby.

On the Thursday we got up early to set off for the chocolate factory. The first thing we noticed about it was the aroma. Here we were shown a film and then given a tour around the factory. We all

in the Rain

Thomas Morris, Iain McWhirter, Wendy Nicoll



received a little sample bag of the chocolate, and many of us bought selection tins to take home.

The afternoon was free, to give us a chance to visit the shops. However the majority of us took part in a football tournament first (Mr. Gray's team won as he was refereeing!)

On Friday morning we left the hotel with a picnic lunch, ready to go chateau-bashing! We went first to Chenonceau, where we could wander round the chateau and the waxworks museum on our own. Our next stop was Amboise, where a few of us went to see the chateau and the rest looked round the town. On returning to Blois, we were able to go for a swim or play tennis before dinner.

That evening the hotel owners kindly set up a disco for us. Their records weren't altogether up to date, but we all had a fantastic time. It was most definitely the best evening of the whole trip and yet the saddest.

Saturday saw us on the road home. There was not as much noise and excitement as there had been on the way down, because we were all exhausted after a great holiday. We arrived back in Dundee on Sunday morning at six o'clock and it was raining!

Selected highlights from the superiority of a Form VI viewpoint

Saturday: 32 Form III and we 6 Form VI — and Hamish the mascot! — en route pour sunny Paris. This is going to be fun!

Sunday: Still en route pour Paris. What happened to the sun, we ask? Everyone recovered from coach sickness in time for plane sickness at the local fair — except for Mr. Gray, who couldn't stomach the ups and downs of the carnival fun!

Monday: Not many people can have been round the Madeleine five times. New form of modern art at the Louvre — the execrable corrugated hut on the roof of the building itself.

Wednesday: The beautiful grounds of Versailles served as a perfect site for composing a tour song, and the quality paper of Mrs. Nash's beloved brochure provided an ideal manuscript.

Thursday: The kids could follow the film in French at the chocolate factory and thought they were real 'Smarties'. I had to get Mrs. Nash to 'Wispa' the translation to me. Exhausted from traipsing round the huge factory, we will find next year's 'Marathon' a dawdle.

Friday: The kiddy-winks having been sent to bed at 11, the sixth year decided that a Park's of Hamilton bus (sorry, coach!) would look much improved by the addition of a few (dozen) balloons and streamers. Amazing what can be done at 4 a.m.!

Saturday: After lunch on a compost heap, the journey continued and continued and continued . . . I still think Southwaite tea is what Mum pours over the lawn to kill off the dandelions.

D.J., Form VI

Sayings of the Week . . .

'This is not a bus, it's a coach.'
— (Rick — frequently).

'Could we have a bit of hush, please?'
— (Mrs. Nash — even more frequently).

'You get really tired of this French bread.'
— (Mr. Gray — every mealtime)

'Is this all we're getting?'
— (Mr. Tedford — ditto).

'!!!&??E!!'
— (Mrs. McKinnon — sitting on her bed in Blois).

'I'm just off for a centime.'
— (Debbie).

'Isn't that the Madeleine?'
— (The entire company).



SKI TRIP 1984

It was brilliant, ace, dead smart, fantastic, great, magic! ... Yes, DHS's ski trip 1984, turned out to be yet another disaster — whoops! sorry, Mr. Rouse, I really mean success! Yes, on the last Thursday of the Easter term we all waved bye-bye to our 'mummies' and 'daddies' as we left Dundee for Glasgow Airport. Now, we were in the hands of these slave-driving teachers! No one really knew what they were letting themselves in for when they stepped on the plane in Glasgow. Geneva, however, was soon far away as we began the travel-sickening bus journey of two and a half hours to Ovronnaz, 8000 feet up. Don't look down was the warning!

Tucked away in a mountainside we found the Hotel Grand Muveran awaiting us. This was it? However although some of the boys' rooms were slightly on the small side everyone was just glad to have their meal and go to bed after a rather exhausting day. Unfortunately, the next morning, at 7.30 a.m. on the dot, Miss Lyle and Mrs. Madden were out with their whips trying to get everyone out of their beds!

The skiing itself was great. The runs were varied so as to provide fun for everyone. The snow was beautiful especially off piste when you were skiing in snow up to your waist. Everyone soon got into the swing of things and by the end of the week, the four hour ski lessons were the highlight of the day. (Did Claudy or Jean, the ski instructors, have anything to do with this, I wonder!) Nevertheless, everyone's skiing greatly improved, although Mr. Spowart still skis like a Kamikaze!

The day did not end when you got back to your hotel room, exhausted however. There were discos to enjoy, fondue and birthday parties to go to as well as visiting the cafe next door and going for walks in the village.

It is plain to see than everyone really did have a great time and I would like to take this opportunity, to thank, on behalf of everyone, the five brave teachers who accompanied us, especially Mr. Rouse, the party leader. Oh, by the way, are there any places left for next year?

Shona Watson



SKI TRIP TO LES ARCS

'Sun, fun, snow — beautiful resort set in the heart of the French Alps'

Well, the brochure was almost right when describing Arc 1800, one of the three villages which make up Les Arcs. There was plenty of sun, a lot of fun but sadly a distinct lack of snow. Instead of beautiful, soft powder snow to delight beginners and experts alike, you were faced with a Cresta Run Mark II. Oh yes, one would make it to the bottom but whether you had done it standing up and on skis was another matter.

The ski trip however was a great success. It was the first that had been held for a 5th and 6th year group and was a weeks holiday beginning on the 28th of December. The journeys to and from the resort were made by bus and plane and were typically rather boring. Our accommodation for the week were small self-contained apartments which slept five — all the luxuries of home were squashed into a tiny area though if you snored too loudly at night you had complaints from your next-door neighbours.

Breakfast, a baguette, was left at your door early in the morning ready to eat whenever you decided to get up which, for many people, was not till mid morning. Packed lunches were provided and then dinner was eaten in either a rather nice restaurant near the apartments or in a wooden shack about a mile from the apartments.

Apart from eating and sleeping, there were ski classes to attend and then, if you felt like it, you spent the rest of the day skiing. Having skied most of the day many people were too tired to enjoy what night life there was, though there were a few exceptions. A quiet New Year was had by all! Though there were many sore heads on the slopes the next morning.

Not much more can be said about this ski trip; it was great fun and enjoyed by all therefore our thanks must go to all those who made it possible.

HOUSE REPORTS

	Airlie	Aystree	Lindores	Wallace
Rugby	47	21	38	34
Girls' Hockey	45	30	35	40
Boys' Hockey	40	10	20	30
Netball	20	19	35	26
Basketball	10½	10½	4½	4½
Cricket	35	15	35	15
Tennis	50	25	35	40
Championships	21	15	4	20
Golf	13	11	4	2
Shooting	9	4	9	8
Debates and Public Speaking	27½	45	47½	30
Swimming Gala	59	55	51	79
Sports	82	68	67	136
Academic Marks	95½	67	106	134½
Total	554½	395½	491	589
Placing	2	4	3	1

WALLACE

At the end of yet another closely contested and successful session Wallace finished in first position in the House Championship for the second year.

In the Senior and Intermediate Rugby the boys came third equal and second respectively, with the Intermediate team showing great promise for the future. Wallace's young and inexperienced Boys' Hockey team did very well as did the Cricket team, who began poorly but overcame a strong Airlie side in the last match and then with an under strength team. The shooting team were on target but the Basketball team were not having an unsuccessful series of matches.

The girls, also have played their part in contributing to our total number of points this year. In Girls' Hockey, neither Juniors' nor the Seniors' results reflected the high standard of Hockey played by the teams. In Tennis and Netball the results of the Juniors were most encouraging; they came first in both.

In the Gala, Junior Public Speaking, the Academic Marks and the Sports the Wallace pupils' efforts were indeed great — we came first in all four events.

We would now take this opportunity to thank all those in Wallace who either played in teams or who came to support, and also Mrs. Walton and Mr. N. G. S. Stewart for their much appreciated support and help.

Lorna M. Stewart, John G. Blackwood — House Captains

AIRLIE

This year's performance by Airlie was a warning for future house captains of Aystree, Lindores and Wallace — we are making a comeback! A slow start to the year was followed by determination from all concerned to pick up points (often where they were least expected) and move into first place for a great part of the year; only on Sports Day with all other events accounted for was Airlie beaten by Wallace.

The fine character of the Airlie girls was apparent after coming fourth in the Primary and Junior House Netball Matches; the girls took first place in the Hockey House Matches thanks to the pointage system and strode to victory in the Tennis Matches.

Once again, Alison McKellican saved the day at the Gala, winning the Girls' Senior Championship. Although the boys were not quite so successful Airlie came second after a closely contested Gala.

Unfortunately Airlie girls relied heavily on a few senior members to bring in the points while younger girls were less successful; on the other hand the Airlie boys proved to be successful in all age groups and a great variety of sports, taking first place in no fewer than seven events. Airlie swept the board in the rugby winning senior and intermediate competitions as well as taking first place in hockey. Barrie Cran and Jacquie Reid gained third place in the Senior House Debates, with Gillian Lawson and Susie McIntyre doing well to come third equal in the Junior House Speaking with Dominic Barton down with flu.

Throughout the past year, Airlie has been shown that we are not to be lightly dismissed as 'has-beens'; there is a great deal of talent, skill and determination coming up through the school.

Many thanks to all Airlie members, Mr. Richterich and our new house mistress Mrs. Rutherford for all your support and advice and the best of luck to future house captains.

Kevin J. Burnett, Elaine M. Anderson
— House Captains

Things definitely could have gone better for Lindores — we could have won, for example — but as it was, we resigned ourselves to taking a rather poorer third place. It was close, however, among all of the Houses right up to the third term, in fact, Lindores had held first place for quite a while. Thanks for that must go to the early fine performances of all three Netball teams that earned us the Netball Trophy. Winning the Debates also helped to establish that early lead but, unfortunately, things went less successfully after Christmas. There were disappointing performances in the Boys' and Girls' Hockey and also in the Rugby where, we finished second despite having a strong Senior team.

The Gala was also disappointing as we finished last, but, with only a handful of competitors, it was a creditable performance. In the tennis, with no Hastons at School, David Duncan was our only survivor by the semi-finals of the Boys' Championships and there he was eliminated. The same was true of the girls where Debbie Stiven fell at the same stage.

Academically, we did well, coming second overall and picking up some very much needed points. Congratulations to the Shooting and Cricket teams who both won their events.

By the time Sports Day came we were still in touch with Airlie and Wallace at the top of the Championship table. Despite Tony Barrie winning the Boys' Championship, Vicki Vaughan sharing the Girls' Championship and the Boys' Senior Relay winning we came fourth at the Sports, pipped by one point for third place.

Our final position is third but thanks are due to all who participated, supported and contributed throughout the year, especially Miss Nicoll and Mr. Macdonald.

Krista I. Johnston, Antony H. Barrie
— House Captains

The Badger

*The old, grey badger shuffles along,
hunting for his prey.
He forages among the leaves by night,
And returns to sleep by day.
His stumpy legs, his black and and white snout
Are used to build his set,
Deep underground, safe and sound,
So he's rarely seen, I bet.*

Wanda Milne, Form I

After last year's disappointing last place in the championship, Aystree once again set its hopes high, after all, things could only get better.

Aystree actually won the first event of the year, the Primary School Netball matches. However, the Junior and Senior Netball teams came 3rd and 4th respectively and, overall, Aystree came last. We fared better in the Inter-House Debates and in the Public Speaking with our teams coming second in both competitions. In the Rugby we failed to match last year's success, with the Senior team finishing third equal and the Intermediate team coming third. The Junior matches were not completed but that team had won and lost one match. The boys' cricketing ability failed them as well and they ended up third equal with Wallace.

Hockey was not our strong point this year, with both the Boys' teams and the Senior Girls' team coming fourth although the Junior Girls' team did record a win in their event. After, a very close finish Aystree came third in the Swimming Gala with the highest points total they have achieved for a number of years. Congratulations must go to David Graham who was the Boys' Junior Champion at the Gala for the second year running. Congratulations, also to Helen Muir who won the Girls' Golf Salver, and to Angus Vincent who was the Junior Boys' Tennis Champion.

Aystree came second in the Junior Girls' Tennis matches; though the Seniors came fourth. In the Basketball matches the team came first. Academically, Aystree had only one Dux — Lawrie McGill who was Dux in Geography. Congratulations go to Paul Rouse and Hilary Kettles who were the Duxes in Physical Education.

At the School Sports, Amy McGill shared the Junior Championship and Aystree won both Boys' and Girls' Under-14 Relay races. Paul Rouse won trophies for both Javelin and Discus and in coming third Aystree improved on last year's position.

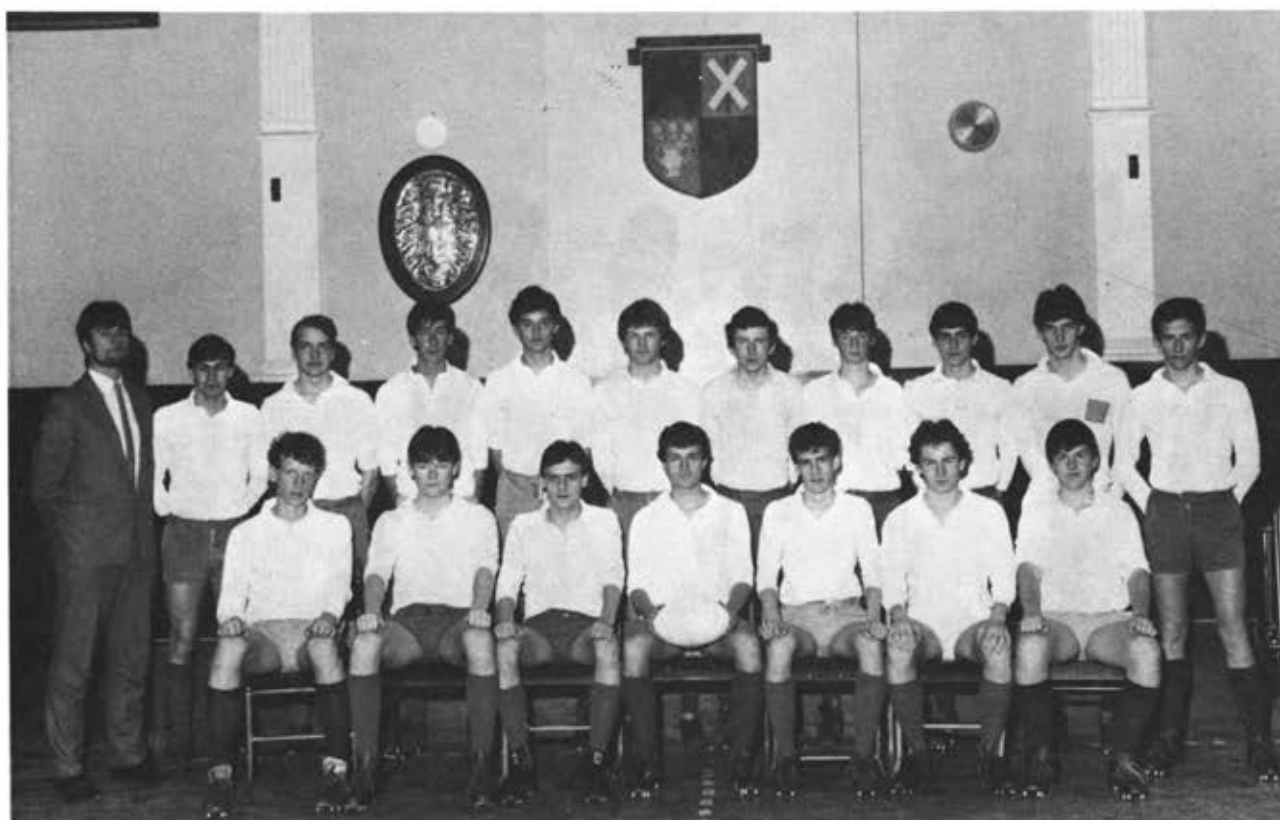
At the end of the day, when all the points were added up, Aystree were, unfortunately, last in the House Championship. However, although unsuccessful, whatever Aystree teams lacked in skill and experience they have made up for in enthusiasm and effort and we thank all those pupils who have competed for Aystree this year. We also thank Mr. Baxter and Miss I. Anderson for their support and encouragement, and the P.E. Staff for organizing the events. We have very much enjoyed our year as House Captains and wish next year's Captains the best of luck and hope that they might achieve at least a slight comeback.

Babara T. Sim, Paul F. Rouse—House Captains



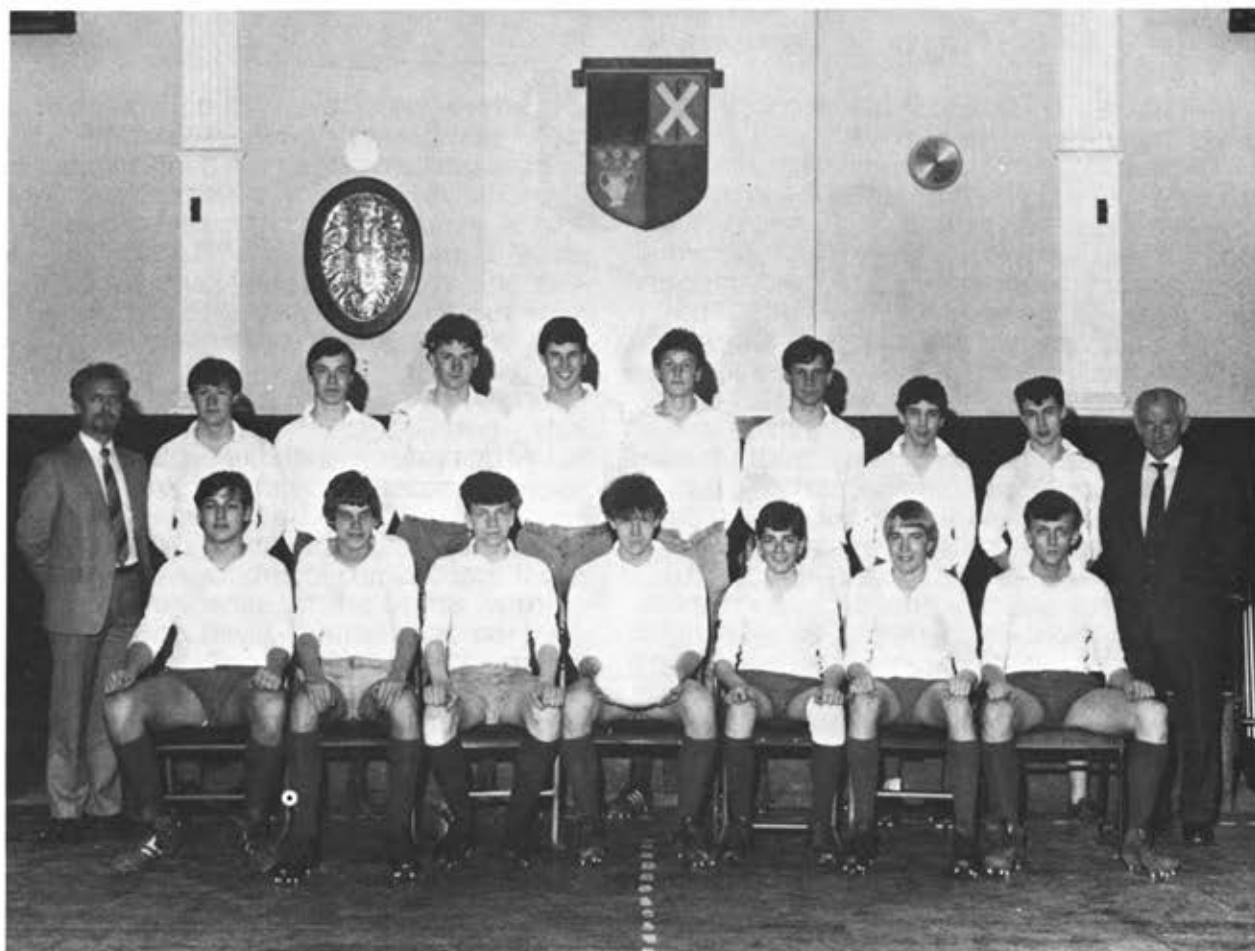
1st XV RUGBY

Back row L. to R. Mr. A. H. Hutchison, R. Leslie-Melville, I. Nicol, A. Duncan, K. James, J. Stewart, A. N. Cuthbertson, N. Dewhurst, A. Telfer, D. Tully, P. Wedderburn. Front row: R. Allardyce, P. Barton, A. Barrie, K. Burnett (Capt.), P. Rouse, J. Hutchison, K. Young.



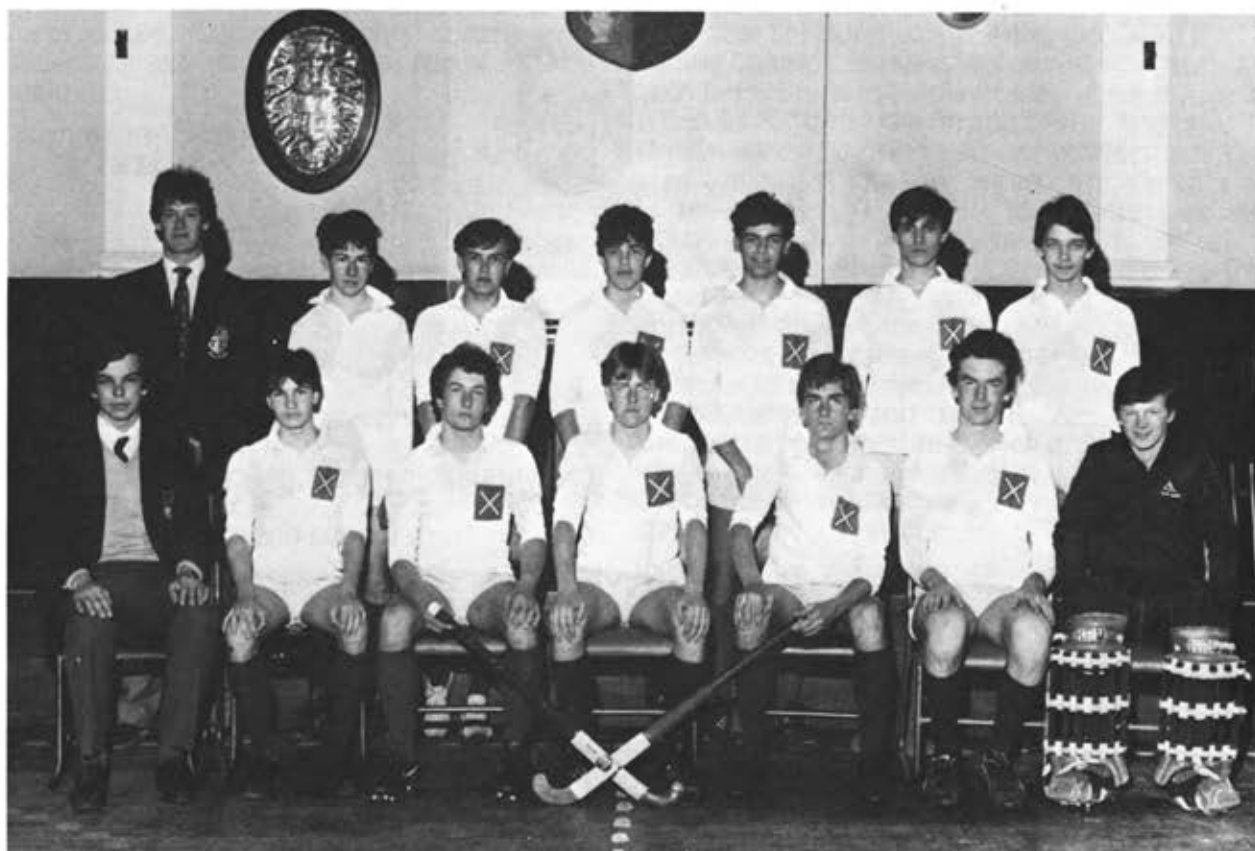
2nd XV RUGBY

Back row: L. to R. Mr. I. Wilson, G. Wood, K. Fee, M. Murchie, J. Wills, R. McWhirter, R. Fenton, T. Kennedy, R. Keatch, A. Telfer, C. Close. Front row: J. Brush, R. Patullo, D. Perry, K. Gibson (Capt.), J. Walker, N. Dewhurst, N. Courts.



3rd XV RUGBY

Back row L. to R.: Mr. A. T. Chynoweth, A. Miller, P. Brown, K. Geddis, E. Sherrif, J. Cracknell, J. Cran, M. Anderson, C. Brodie, Mr. W. D. Allardice. Front row: N. Haining, E. Barr, P. Carnegie, C. Hart (Capt.), B. Binnie, K. Leslie, R. Whitson.



1st XI BOYS HOCKEY

Mr. G. Spowart, I. McPherson, G. Welsh, T. Berridge, I. Aitken, R. Wheeler, S. Hodden. Front row: I. Robertson, B. McGory, C. Thomson, F. Kidd (Capt.), M. Richardson, N. Ferguson, J. Watson.



1st XI GIRLS HOCKEY

Back row L. to R. K. Johnston, S. Shepherd, F. Stevenson, A. Burnett, D. Stiven, J. Stevenson, Miss H. I. Lyle. Front row: H. Kettles, V. Wilson, L. Stewart (Capt.), B. Sim, H. Lorimer.



2nd XI BOYS HOCKEY

Back row L. to R. G. Dickson, F. Chynoweth, T. Berridge, G. Simpson, J. Stuart, R. Brewster, P. Ruddy, Mr. Spowart. Front row: A. Taylor, D. Howie, A. Maddox, R. Allen (Capt.), R. Aitken, R. Nimmo, I. McPherson.



2nd XI GIRLS HOCKEY

Back row L. to R. *V. Reid, A. McKellican, J. Arbuckle, S. Cameron, S. McKay, R. Merry, Miss H. I. Lyle.* Front row: *D. Porter, A. Laurie, E. Anderson (Capt.), L. Gyle, S. Sturrock.*



1st XI CRICKET TEAM

Back row L. to R.: *P. Menzies (scorer), H. Allen, P. Rouse, N. Ritchie, S. Smythe, A. Hay, P. Stewart, M. Anderson, Mr. G. Spowart.* Front row: *F. Kidd, R. Leslie Melville, R. Allardyce, K. Young (Capt.) K. James, A. McIntosh, A. McGill.*



BOYS SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAM

Back row: Mr. N. Gray, P. Stewart, J. Brush, N. Ritchie, S. Wright. Front row: K. Young, K. Gibson, J. Hutchison, A. Barrie.



BOYS JUNIOR BASKETBALL TEAM

Back row: Mr. G. Spowart, J. Newton, A. Graham, A. Nicol, D. Rattray, R. Pakston. Front row: A. Bain, C. Newton, N. Ritchie, B. Sherrif, C. Samson.



1st VI TENNIS

*Back row: L. to R. Miss H. I. Lyle, Debbie Stiven, Fiona Stevenson, Rhona Merry.
Front row: Jill Stevenson, Lorna Stewart (Capt.) Barbara Sim.*



2nd VI TENNIS

*Back row: L. to R. Miss H. I. Lyle, Alison Bowie, Paula Spiers, Karen Leadbitter.
Front row: Ruta Ozols, Elaine Anderson (Capt.), Pamela Falconer.*



SENIOR NETBALL TEAM

Back row: L. to R. C. Newson, F. Dryden, S. Gellatly, D. Buchan, J. Block, Miss E. Sim. Front row: L. Brown, A. Reid, A. Brown (Capt.), J. Barrie, C. Baty.



JUNIOR NETBALL TEAM

Back row L. to R.: A. Falconer, R. Rutherford, M. Harper, Miss E. Sim. Front row: A. Stewart, F. Dobbie, K. Robertson, B. Wood.



ZIMBABWE Vs MIDLANDS UNDER 18 XV

On Monday 12th December a touring team from Zimbabwe arrived in Dundee. Before meeting the Midland's Schools' Under 18 team they trained at various local schools and were invited to a civic reception held in the City Chambers. Their last game in the area came when they met the Midlands Schools at Mayfield on Wednesday 14th December. Kevin Burnett and Paul Rouse had both been selected to play and both gave creditable performances in a closely fought match. With a large crowd of pupils and other rugby enthusiasts the game began with an early penalty coming Midlands' way. Both teams gave away unnecessary penalties during the match and were not helped by the wet, muddy conditions. Rouse was involved in a brilliant run before an excellent tackle brought him down, just short of the line. Soon after, Rouse picked up the ball and passed to one of his forwards who touched down in the corner for a well deserved try. Zimbabwe were then given a penalty, 20 metres out, when a Midlands player went over the top. Gradually, the visiting team began to control the scrums but were prevented from making any breaks by some great play from the Midlands scrum-half.

Good work by Midlands was spoilt early in the second half by loss of possession at rucks, and too many players taking an individual role. Midlands began to make the breaks but were prevented from scoring by some good defensive play and Zimbabwe escaped the pressures. Zimbabwe were dominating the line out but Kevin managed to gain possession and scored an excellent try in the corner.

Zimbabwe came back with the winger making a fast run. However, he was brought down before scoring. Possession from a line out led to a try for Zimbabwe. With Zimbabwe 19 points to 16 in the lead Midlands made a last push and were awarded a penalty which they scored to tie the score at 19 all. Despite a late burst of activity from Zimbabwe, Midlands held out and so the match ended in a well deserved draw.

K.J., I.N., J.S. Form V

RUGBY

And so the end of yet another year is upon us and once again the 1st XV has enjoyed a most successful season. As can be seen from the results the 1st XV lost only four games in the course of the season and although the current team has not broken any points records it should be noted that since October 22nd 1983 the 1st XV has remained an unbeaten side over a run of 12 games. Thus, after a rather shaky start to the season it can be said that the team has settled into a regular pattern which has resulted in victory on most outings.

This factor will no doubt provide great encouragement to Mr. A. H. Hutchison and his colleagues whose efforts throughout the season and the close season have been such a crucial factor when considering the successes of the various teams throughout the school. Our thanks must go to all of those who gave up so much of their time to train and travel with us.

Outside the regular 15-a-side fixtures, the High School team has won great acclaim; firstly by winning the Madras College Invitation Tournament, and, secondly by carrying off the plate in the Merchiston. Sevens Tournament.

The team also had the distinction of being chosen as School Team of the Month in November 1983. However, without doubt, the greatest success this season has fallen to Kevin Burnett, our Captain, who has enjoyed the great honour of being selected to play for the Scottish Schoolboys' Team. This achievement merits our heartiest congratulations.

Congratulations must also go to Richard Allardyce, Angus Duncan, Kenneth James, Paul Rouse, Jamie Stewart, and, inevitably, Kevin Burnett, who were all selected for the Senior Midlands Schools' Squad. Lower down the school Iain Chynoweth, Neil Ritchie and Paul Stewart all gained the distinction of playing for the Scottish under-15 side — a commendable achievement.

At this point, I feel that it would be appropriate to thank everyone who has, in any way, been involved in the organisation of our Canadian Tour. Undoubtedly the tour, towards which we have all been working will represent the climax to a great season of Rugby. As we prepare to leave, our squad is shaping up well for a unique rugby experience.

With an undoubtedly reserve of talent in the School I feel sure that everyone can look forward to the future of the Rugby teams with a degree of optimism.

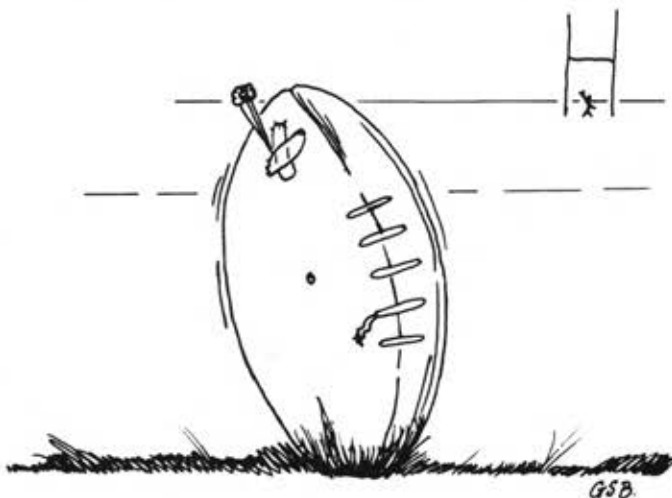
JOHN BLACKWOOD, Secretary

1st XV Officials:	<i>Captain</i>	Kevin J. Burnett
	<i>Vice-Captain</i>	Paul F. Rouse
	<i>Secretary</i>	John G. Blackwood
	<i>Treasurer</i>	Antony H. Barrie

Results for the season were as follows:

		Opponents	Venue	F	A
1983					
Sept.	3rd	Stewarts Melville College ...H		10	20
	10th	Harris Academy 'A' A		25	3
	13th	Robert Gordon's College ...A		7	16
	17th	Dollar Academy A		0	38
	24th	Aberdeen Grammar School H		23	4
Oct.	11th	Woodmill High School H		Cancelled	
	15th	Grove Academy A		54	4
	19th	Kirkcaldy High School H		Cancelled	
	22nd	Portobello High School H		8	20
	29th	Boroughmuir High School A		20	3
Nov.	5th	Kelvinside Academy A		12	10
	12th	Gordonstoun H		32	13
	19th	Dunfermline High School H		31	3
	26th	Morrison's Academy H		30	0
Dec.	3rd	Perth Academy A		14	10
	10th	Madras College H		Cancelled	
	17th	Morgan Academy H		Cancelled	
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Jan.	14th	Harris Academy H		Cancelled	
	21st	Madras College A		Cancelled	
	28th	Carnoustie High School H		Cancelled	
Feb.	4th	Aberdeen Grammar School A		Cancelled	
	11th	Perth Academy H		52	0
	18th	Trinity Academy A		30	12
	25th	Grove Academy H		42	0
Mar.	3rd	Robert Gordon's College ...H		Cancelled	
	10th	Morgan Academy A		58	0
	13th	Prince of Wales (Canada) H		23	10
	17th	Hutcheson's Grammar Sch. A		37	12

Played 19 Won 15 Lost 4 Points For 508 Against 178



Netball

Captain: Avril Brown.

Although having only a small fixture list the Senior Netball team had an enjoyable season. Both the Senior and junior teams were comprised of many new players and a commendable standard was reached, which, hopefully, will be carried on next year. However, more support is still needed from all forms.

Thanks are due to Miss Sim for coaching the teams and giving enthusiastic support.

CHRISTINA BATY, Vice-Captain/Secretary

At the start of the season the following officials were elected:

<i>Captain</i>	Lorna M. Stewart
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	Victoria J. Wilson
<i>Secretary</i>	Barbara T. Sim
<i>Treasurer</i>	Hilary D. Kettles

There were few changes to the 1st XI at the start of the season and the team settled down quickly and gained some good results. Of the 19 matches played, the 1st XI won 11, drew 2 and lost 6. The 2nd XI played 15 matches, winning 9, drawing 5 and losing 1 and, for several months were the only school team not to have lost a match. The 1st XI reached the semi-finals of both the Midlands Schools Tournament and the Madras College Centenary Tournament. One of the highlights of the season was defeating the Staff 2-1 in the Staff versus Pupils match and regaining the trophy which has eluded our grasp for so long.

Bad weather during December, January and February cancelled 7 matches in a row of for the teams including the Senior and Junior House matches which were played eventually on February 25th. Aystree won the Junior House matches while Airlie won the Senior matches with Wallace a close second.

Congratulations go to Hilary Kettles, who was chosen deservedly for the Dundee Schools' team and was also a Midlands Schools' trialist. The 1st XI actually played the Scotland Under-16 XI on the astroturf pitch at Maryfield and won 1-0.

On behalf of the teams, I would like to thank Miss Lyle and Miss Sim for their coaching and encouragement throughout the season, the teachers who have volunteered to travel to away matches, the hostesses for preparing the food, and finally to

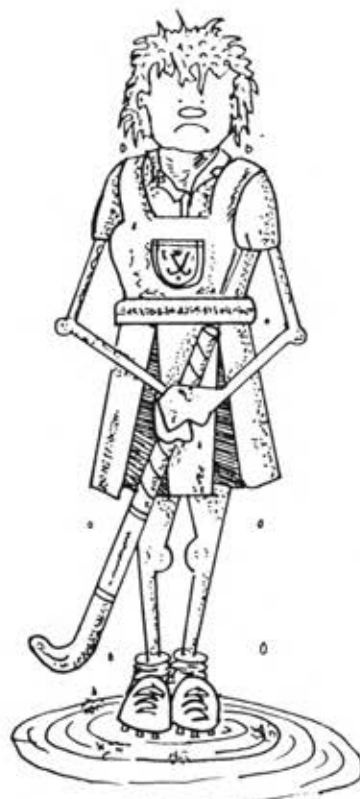
Lorna, the Captain, Vicki, the Vice-Captain, and Hilary, the Treasurer for all the work they have done during the year. I wish next year's team all the best and hope they have as much fun and success as we have had.

BARBARA T. SIM, Secretary

Results — Season 1983-84

Opponents	Venue	1st XI		2nd XI	
		F	A	F	A
Perth Academy	H	5	0	4	1
D.H.S. 1974 1st XI	H	0	1		
Morgan Academy	H	3	0		
Blairgowrie H.S.	A	7	0		
D.H.S. F.P.	H	0	3		
Wald Academy	A	7	0	5	0
Harris Academy	H	0	1	4	0
Bell-Baxter H.S.	A	1	0	1	1
Aberdeen Grammar	H			1	1
Strathallan	A			2	0
St. Leonard's	A	1	0		
Kirkcaldy H.S.	H	1	0		
St. Margaret's	H	2	0	8	0
Morrison's Academy	A	1	1		
Hutcheson's G.S.	H	1	1		
Dollar Academy	H	3	2	1	0
Morrison's Academy	H	0	1	1	2
D.H.S. Staff	H	2	1		
D.H.S. Boys	H	0	1		
Scotland Under-16 XI	A	1	0		
D.H.S. F.P.	A	1	6		
Monifieth H.S.	A			1	0
Menzieshill H.S.	H			1	1
George Watson's	H			2	2
Wald Academy	H			3	0

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	19	11	2	6
2nd XI	15	9	5	1



There was a young half-back called Jane,
Who hated to play in the rain;
Her legs became blue,
The next day she had 'flu.
This hockey will drive her insane!

Jane Wilson, Form I

Shooting

At the start of the session the Trust Appeal generously provided some first class shooting accessories. The resultant improvement in standards was dramatic and culminated at the end of the season with Cpl. Innes Aitken being selected to shoot for Scotland in the Schools' Home International Competition.

Three teams were entered in the Territorial Army Rifle Association Leagues and the top ten individual averages are as follows:

1.	Cpl. Innes Aitken	94.2
2.	Lt. David Garden	93.1
3.	Cdt. Michael Payne	90.3
4.	Sgt. Rhogan Aitken	89.9
5.	Cdt. Fraser Scott	88.2
6.	Cdt. Richard Paxton	87.6
7.	Sgt. Martyn Wills	87.4
8.	Lt. G. Spowart	87.0
9.	P/L/Cpl. David Steele	86.0
10.	Cdt. Lindsey Gyle	85.6

The first team finished the season with the highest aggregate but unfortunately failed to win the Championship after losing some key matches by margins as narrow as one point.

With the encouragement of the issue of the new .762 target rifles, the contingent intends, after a very long break, to follow the CCF Bisley trail in 1984. We wish them an enjoyable and successful shoot.

Tennis Report 1984

At the start of the season, the following officials were elected:

<i>Captain</i>	Lorna M. Stewart
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	Barbara T. Sim
<i>Secretary</i>	Elaine M. Anderson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Debbie Stiven

After a bitterly cold and misty start to the season, the tennis teams won few of the twenty matches contested in spite of a great deal of talent evident in the house matches and championships.

Airlie had a convincing win in the Senior House Tennis Matches with Wallace coming first in the Junior House Matches.

Unfortunately, the two week absence of six of the senior tennis players limited the number of 1st VI matches to two, but produce an exciting finish to the Senior Tennis Championship with Fiona Stevenson F4 taking the title; Alison Ritchie F1 won the Junior Tennis Championship. With only the annual staff/pupil tennis match to be contested, our thanks must go to Miss Lyle for organising the teams and championships so efficiently in such a busy summer term, and to Mrs. Hutchison and Heather Stewart for holding the fort during Miss Lyle's absence.

Elaine Anderson

Boys' Hockey

At the start of the season officials were elected as follows:

<i>Captain</i>	Fraser J. Kidd
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	Mark H. Richardson
<i>Secretary</i>	Craig Thomson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Nigel A. Ferguson

1st XI Results 1983-84

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>
Stewart's Melville	A	0-2
Madras College	H	1-0
Harris Academy 2nd XI	A	4-2
Harris Academy Under-16 XI	A	6-2
Morgan Academy	A	0-4
St. Saviour's H.S.	H	3-1
Midlands Sch. Under-18 sixes	-	Semi-finals
Aberdeen Grammar School	A	2-5
Madras College (Cup 1st R'd.)	A	0-0
Madras College (Replay)	H	8-0
St. John's H.S. (Cup 2nd Round) .	H	0-0
Perth H.S.	A	0-2
St. John's H.S. (Replay)	A	4-0
Morgan Acad. (Cup semi-final) ..	A	1-5
Monifieth H.S.	A	Abandoned
Perth H.S.	A	2-0
Robert Gordon's	A	0-8
D.H.S. F.P.	A	2-6

Played 16; Won 7; Lost 7; Drawn 2;
Goals for 33; Goals against 37.

Although a first glance at the results suggests that the season has been mediocre, analysis shows that the season has been fairly successful. With about half of the team having played in the previous year's 1st XI the team settled down quickly to produce some good results.

The Midlands under-18 Sixes Tournament saw the High School team win their group and go on to lose a close semi-final with St. John's High School. Revenge for this defeat came in the District Cup where the team progressed to the semi-final stage against Morgan Academy. Losing at this stage was disappointing in that it meant exclusion from the Scottish Cup but consolation was found in that Morgan went on to win the Scottish Cup.

One interesting feature not shown by the results was the fact that the team lost only one match on grass, our accustomed playing surface and the only surface available for practice.

On behalf of the 1st XI and other teams I would like to thank all those who umpired matches, travelled to away games and helped at grounds. Special thanks go to Mr. Spowart, Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Baxter for giving up their valuable time.

Finally, thanks must go to the team for an enjoyable season and best wishes go to next year's team from all those leaving.

CRAIG THOMSON, Secretary

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

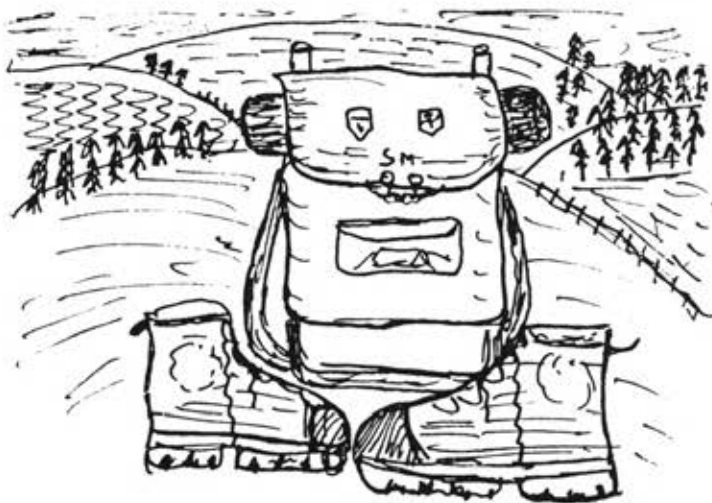
As in past years the Award Scheme is flourishing in D.H.S. At present 50 pupils are involved at Bronze, Silver, and Gold stages.

Courses have been attended in First Aid, Life-saving, Police and Fire Service, Physical Education and Outdoor Activities, proving to be both useful and enjoyable experiences.

Friday 9 activities throughout the winter months has been spent in preparation for the expeditions which will take place during the summer.

A training expedition for Silver and Gold participants was carried out in the Cairngorms at the beginning of June. Reasonable weather permitted many miles to be covered over some very difficult and demanding terrain. Although tiring it proved to be a successful and enjoyable venture.

The school is indebted to all those who have willingly given of their time to ensure the continuing success of the award scheme in the school.



CHESS CLUB

As usual, the Chess Club entered teams in two national schools' competitions ('The Scotsman' and 'The Times') as well as several local ones. The Senior team, captained by Mark Richardson and the First Year team, captained by Michael Tait, did particularly well against very stiff competition from other schools in Tayside.

All teams performed creditably, although that spell of bad weather and bad health in the second term meant many games had to be fitted into an already busy end-of-term time-table! The Intermediate 'A' team, captained by Charles Donoghue and the Intermediate 'B' team, captained by Graeme Hunter, were locked in mortal combat, having been drawn in the same league. The Second Year captain, Cliff Baty will have to keep his team up to scratch to follow in their footsteps. Our thanks go to Mr. Durrheim for organising and supervising matches.

During the Open Day it is hoped the club will provide parents and friends with the spectacle of some of our best players in action. Thanks to Mr. Ryan there will be a B.B.C. Computer on call to demonstrate a chess program.

IAN CHEUNG, Form VI

Literary and Debating Society Report



There was Katie, standing on a desk with metre stick in hand and black pencil stick all over her chin, doing a Mr. Allen impression; Keith hidden under a 'Phil Collins cap'; Barbara chanting 'United' in a deep, macho(?) Paul Sturrock voice; and Alistair wanting more 'Bells' to numb the aching hump on his Quasimodo back. What a sight for the audience — and what an effort for Krista to try to keep order in the first lunchtime meeting of the 'Lit and Deb'. Things went off with a bang as the traditional weekly meetings of the society recommenced with a 'Balloon Debate'.

The Lit and Deb would like to thank all who helped the continuation of Thursday's meetings, and especially the Junior Lit and Deb, who came to the rescue with excellent programmes when certain other members were overworked.

In November a representative group of the society was invited to St. Leonards School, to an evening of dining and debating. After a very pleasant meal with the St. Leonards Lit and Deb, Alistair Dinnie and Shona Watson defended the motion that 'Equality of the sexes has gone too far', against two St. Leonards' speakers. Being a 'friendly' debate, it was a relaxed and humorous evening.

A second Lit and Deb evening, voted a success, was the Burns Supper, and again praise is due to all those who spoke and entertained us so well. We were honoured by the company of Sheriff and Mrs. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. G. Burnett, but disappointed that Miss Dickson, who had set the organising of the event in motion, was unable to return for the ceremony. (She was, however, not overlooked in John Blackwood's 'Toast to the Lassies'). Mrs. McKinnon took the organisation under her owl-like wing, and to her and Miss Anderson, who also devoted time and effort, we extend our thanks.

Once more teams were produced for all the major speaking competitions (those that were still running!) and once more a high standard was achieved. Six teams were entered for five competitions, three public speaking and two debating. The two teams entered in the Press and Journal debating tournament gained the greatest success, with Ian and Barrie reaching the semi-finals and Krista and Alistair going on to win the final. (Mrs. Nash's lunchtimes were not spent in vain!) Congratulations to all those who participated and performed so well, and thank you to all supporters. Of course there are no teams without coaches, and thanks go to Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. Nash, Miss Anderson, Mr. Durrheim and Miss Dickson, who gave of both their time and their talents.

K.J.

HAPPY TALK

'The turnips murder . . . and the media corrupt!'

This was the somewhat dramatic sentence with which Miss Krista Johnston for the High School of Dundee began the speech which was to win her the Gordon-Cunning Trophy for the best individual speaker in this year's Aberdeen Press and Journal debating tournament. Victories in earlier rounds, debating the abolition of the House of Lords, and whether or not violence is politically justifiable, had brought her and her partner, Alistair Dinnie, to the final in Marischal College, Aberdeen, with the difficult task of opposing the motion 'This House believes that the media corrupts'. Video nasties inevitably preoccupied the Proposition's minds, with blood, sex and violence being bandied about. Alistair and Krista retaliated with an argument of such devilish cunning and twisted logic that the Proposition gave up and ignored them — never a wise thing to do! Krista shattered them with her speech and Alistair elegantly swept up the bits with his. After a lively and stimulating floor debate the judges pronounced sentence. The school was thrilled to hear that Krista had won the trophy for best individual speaker, but our cup truly runneth over when we heard that they had won the Press and Journal Shield for the best team. In addition to this extremely handsome trophy, and the ferocious gavel won by Miss Johnston, the team, accompanied by their devoted coach Mrs. Nash, have won an all-expenses-paid week in Denmark. (It will go down on record that none of the grateful three was available for this jaunt at the time it was planned, in early June — Mrs. Nash will be trotting round 'Gay Paree' with the third year, Krista will be assaulting Canadians with her hockey stick and Alistair will be coming to terms with a cheap and chippy chopper on a big black block!) The trip will in fact take place during the first week in July and the Danish Tourist Board has organised an enviable itinerary.

I know that the team would want me to express their gratitude to Mrs. Nash, without whose help, encouragement and occasional bullying the success would not have been possible.

J.R.



I was a regular visitor to the library, so most of the faces were familiar. In the corner of the children's section, three young school boys sat round a table. They were playing one of the many board games which were always stacked up high on a shelf and, as usual, they had carelessly thrown their tattered school bags over the spare chair. They whispered and giggled mischievously. Whenever they uttered a word, the head librarian asked them to be quiet and observed the *SILENCE* notices placed around the room.

She was a stern looking woman, with her glasses perched on the end of her long nose. She had sharp, beady eyes and she looked rather like a hawk, carefully watching for any signs of misbehaving in her library. The other librarian was a quiet woman; she tiptoed timidly about, carefully replacing books.

I left the children's section and entered the adult section. A group of elderly men sat at the large, brown table reading a newspaper or having a quiet game of dominoes. A few people wandered around choosing their books for the week.

The silence was only occasionally broken by a cough or a quiet whisper.

Jane Bowman, Form III

Rabbie Remembered

he date—the 25th January; the place—the school dining-hall; the purpose—to mark the birthday of our national bard. Speeches were prepared, a seating plan drawn up and fate, disguised as a snow-storm, threw an icy spanner in the works. The Haggis arrived, but it became increasingly obvious that few people would.

An alternative date was fixed a mere month later, the Dundee High School Burns Supper started promptly at 7.30 p.m. The meal, a chilly Haggis rudely awakened from hibernation, was very tasty, and whetted the appetite for the after-dinner entertainment. 'The Immortal Memory' was proposed by Sheriff Cox, 'City and School' by Mr. Gerald Burnett. The Chamber Choir and Miss Lynne Meekison provided a musical interlude, our own Mr. Macdonald and Katie Allen delighted the company with humorous verse, and the evening concluded with an hour and a half of enthusiastic dancing.

A.D.

School thoughts for 2004

(with apologies to
Robert Browning)

A strange discovery

This morning I woke to find I had grown wings. I felt rather silly, but I soon grew used to the feeling.

I ran downstairs, had my breakfast, and ventured outside to try by new discovery. I flapped my wings once or twice, but not one thing happened. At the third attempt I succeeded.

Soon, I was flying above the houses which looked so tiny from such a height. I flew over Newport and the River Tay. In the Tay, I saw some little boats bobbing about and a ship

unloading. There were some seals basking on a sand-bank and cormorants dozing on a rock.

I flew over some more houses until I reached the school where I folded my wings to land but unfortunately I was going too fast and crashed taking Miss Nicoll, who was just arriving at school, with me.

I certainly had started my day on the wrong foot or should I say on the wrong wing!

Frances Henderson,
L.IV.A

Junior Department Concert

On the evenings of the 27th and 28th March, a company of most excited young children gathered in the Music Centre, in Bell Street, to entertain their parents and friends.

L.IV children invited the audience to share in 'Alice's Tea-Party' in a most delightful way.

Gaily dressed L.V pirates engaged in most realistic fights and tug-of-wars and in merry spirit sang their pirate song.

In a more serious vein, L.VI reminded us of life 150 years ago in factory and mine. In story, striking mime and sad song, they told of the hardships of those times.

A group of discontented L.VII Boys discovered that life in Dicken's Dotheboys Hall was not much fun. Mr. Squeers wielded his cane with somewhat obvious glee and was supported by his fellow players with enthusiasm and determination. Much of the story was told in clever song and all joined in singing these with great gusto.

Very tired by happy children had given of their best and, in entertaining the grown-ups, had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Oh, to be in High School,
Now that Summer Term's
there.

Girls in blue checked
dresses,
With ribbons in their hair.
Boys all playing cricket,
Wearing smart, white
shorts.

While the girls are having
fun
On the tennis courts.

The sun is beaming down
On the High School wall,
Whilst watching happy
children

And casting shadows tall.
As the end of term-time
nears,
Exams seem far behind.
I think my thoughts on
D.H.S.

Are the happiest in my
mind.

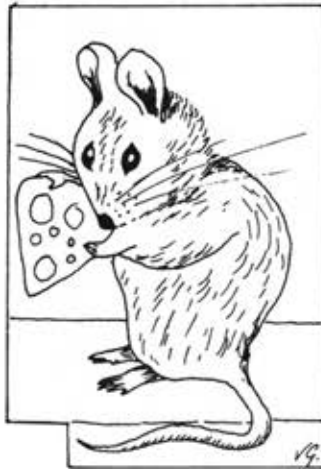
I wouldn't mind being ten
right now,
Sharing fun and sorrow,
Instead of being cooped
up in this office
As I will be tomorrow.

Leela Srinivasan, L.VI.S

Chimpanzee

Once there was a
chimpanzee,
Who tried to use the
telepanzee—
No! No! I mean a
chiphone—
Who tried to use the
telephone—
(Dear me! I'm not certain
quite
That even now I've got it
right)
Howe'er it was he got his
tail
Entangled in the telestail;
The more he tried to get it
free,
The louder buzzed the
telephee—
(I fear I'd better drop the
song
Of Chimpop and
telephong!)

Heather Leslie, L.VI.R



The Clown

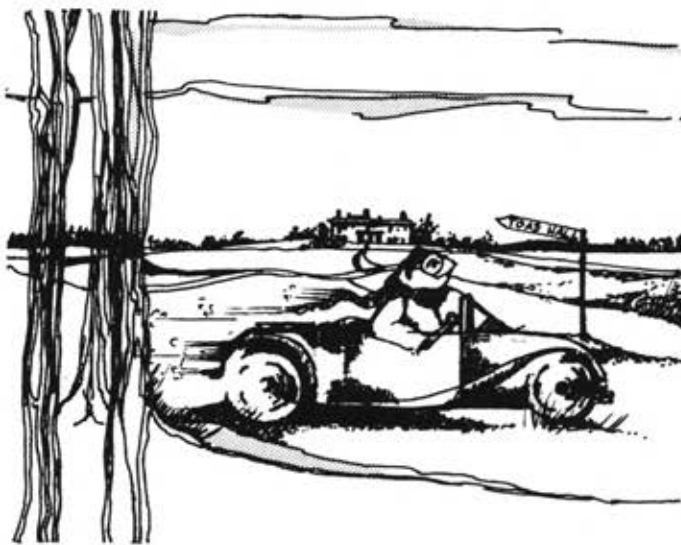
He stands
Head sunken in his chest
Reflecting and brooding
The stub of a cigarette
Clasped between two swollen fingers.
His forehead furrowed
His cheek-bones threatening to pierce his gnarled skin
Make-up masking his innermost soul.
A picture of pity,
Of neglect
Of loneliness
The clown.

Shona Lowe, L.VII.B

Christmas

C for candles which you put on the tree,
H for happiness within you and me,
R for Rudolph with his big, red nose,
I for ice which freezes your toes,
S for Santa who brings you gay toys,
T for treats to give girls and boys,
M for merriment at Christmas time,
A for angels who sing and rhyme,
S for Our Saviour, in bare stable he lay
Christmas is a very special day.

Marc Shaw, L.IV.C



Junior Chess Club

The Junior Chess Club continues to flourish. Raw beginners are given every assistance while more experienced players enjoy the challenge of competing against each other when they meet in school on the various afternoons.

The club is a member of the Dundee League and competes for the Orion Trophy. Both the 'A' and 'B' teams have had varied success, but these matches do keep us on our toes and we are always hopeful of doing better. We are very pleased that one of our members, Richard Swinfen, came third in a district competition.

In school, there are separate leagues for each class and each person plays everyone else. There is the thrill and excitement of beating someone you always thought of as being a better player than yourself! The most coveted prize, however, is the Russell Trophy, an individual cup, played for by club members only.

Everyone is made most welcome in our club, whether he is a raw novice or an experienced chess player.

Kenneth Campbell, L.VII.C

L.VII's visit to 'Toad of Toad Hall'

From the moment the curtains opened, the cast of the Dundee Dramatic Society used their talents to the full to draw the audience into the story.

Soon we were introduced to the conceited light-hearted world of Toad, extravagant but always good-humoured. There was Mole, a timid and retiring fellow, with his worrying ways. His friend, Ratty, was a kind and generous creature, most logical in his outlook. Badger, the solid member of the trio, wise and fatherly, thoroughly disapproved of Toad's flashy dress and gay parties, and did his best to reform him.

How frightening was the Wild Wood, where roamed the weasels and stoats, looking so realistic in their masks! Badger's house looked comfortable and inviting and how grand seemed Toad Hall, on the night of the Weasels' celebration party.

The costumes, too, brought the characters to life. Toad, in his green suit, looked most 'toadish', while Mole, Ratty and Badger seemed just right.

So absorbed were we in the atmosphere of fantasy and comedy, that we were surprised when the curtain came down and we returned to the world of noisy children and normal adults.

Shona Lowe, Lucy Briggs,
Elaine Bowman, L.VII

L.VII Rugby Report

This has been a mixed season for the Junior XV, having lost three of our matches, won three and drawn one.

Sadly, owing to the severe winter weather, the fixture list has been badly disrupted. Only one game has been played since our return to school after the Christmas break, but it gave us a twelve points to four victory over Robert Gordon's at Dalnacraig. It was encouraging to see Andrew Forrester from L.VI making the first team.

We look forward to next year when we hope to improve our record and play more competitive games.

We should like to thank the staff of the Physical Education Department for their support throughout the year.

George Lorimer, L.VII.B

GUIDE PROGRESS

At Guides this session, much has been accomplished. Many Guides have received badges for their skills in many activities, or challenges where quick-thinking or ingenuity is required.

Mrs. Bruce invited the Guides to a camp-fire at her home in Dura Den. We enjoyed the fun and games, of course, but we also learned many facts of local knowledge.

One evening we entertained Mr. Nimmo and other guests. On display were crafts, photographs of camping life and helpful information about Guiding. We were complimented on the singing of our guide songs in which we all joined most lustily.

The Christmas Service for all Dundee guides, Scouts and Brownies, held in St. Ninian's Church, Menzieshill, was a highlight in our programme as we loved singing the beautiful carols with such a large company of people.

Individual projects were tackled by each patrol and my patrol took as its subject 'Mary, Queen of Scots'.

We also paid a most interesting visit to the City Chambers and were very impressed when we were allowed to sit in the Lord Provost's Chair.

Summer camp is an experience we all enjoy as we undertake many practical duties, and, of course, have lots of fun.

All the Guides are most grateful to the Guides who give up so much time to ensure that we learn many useful skills in a most enjoyable way.

Fiona Bowie, L.VII.C

THE OCEAN YOUTH CLUB

AN ARTICLE BY SARAH VAUGHAN. ILLUSTRATED BY LUCY GOAD

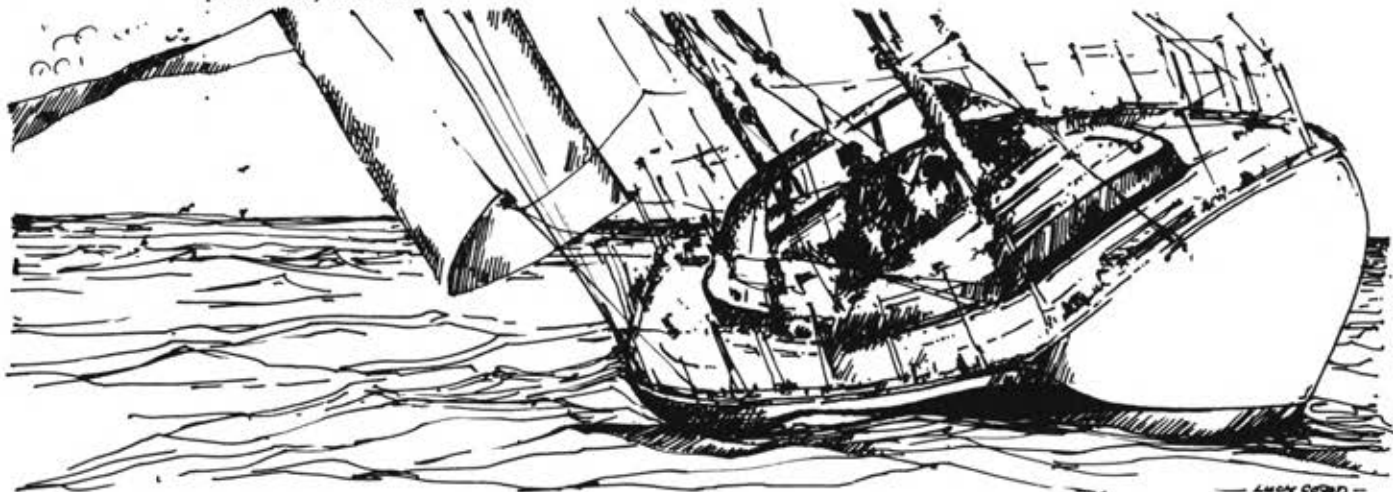
As the residential part of my Duke of Edinburgh Award, I spent a week on the West coast of Scotland on a cruise organised by the Ocean Youth Club. The specifications for the Duke of Edinburgh are that you must spend a week working on a training course or project with people you have never met before. I chose the cruise partly because I was already interested in sailing and also it was a chance to see the beautiful West coast from an unusual angle.

The first week in August, I arrived at Kip Marina near Glasgow where I boarded my home for a week, a 72-foot ketch. This may seem large, but if sixteen people who do not know each other are living there for a week, it quickly decreases in size. The accommodation consisted of bunks lining the walls with a small locker above each, the saloon was a folding table and two benches and the galley was extremely basic, with a stove, a swinging hob, a sink and lockers. We did our own cooking, being set free on the stores, and we concocted some exciting new dishes.

We set sail the next day and spent the week sailing round the islands. Our first stop was Arran, then we sailed round the Mull of Kintyre to Jura, a stop in Oban for a bath, then on to Mull. The crew consisted of twelve totally unskilled young people from all over Europe who were under the command of a skipper, two mates and a bosun. By the end of the week we had all learned how to set the correct sails, steer, drop anchor and do anchor watch. We were split into two watches, port and starboard, and had three hours on watch and three hours off watch. The 'on' watch were in total command of the boat, sailing her, cooking, washing-up and suffering anchor watch. The 'off' watch generally slept and had to go on deck to help hoist new sails or ship the anchor, both very heavy tasks.

From our nervous and shy start on the first evening, when we swapped names, ages, places we came from and other casual polite remarks we became very intimate. If you live in such a confined space and suffer such basic experiences as sailing gives you, you find out about your companions extremely quickly. One boy came from Germany, two others from France, three of us were Scottish, the rest being from various parts of England, Cheshire, Yorkshire and Manchester. The cultural differences were incredible, the French girl sang continually and would not eat jelly, and the Yorkshire girl called the Highland cattle 'funny Scottish long-haired cows'. When you are crashing through waves in a good blow, or hauling on halyards to raise the sails, or scrubbing out the scuppers, these things cease to matter and we all worked together.

I have never enjoyed a week more though I was exhausted by the end of it. Part of the pleasure was the sailing which was exhilarating, and an experience I will never forget. It was also learning to live with other people in such close contact, and partly the beautiful surroundings. The highlight of the week for me was a very individual experience. On the last morning we left Tobermory at 5 a.m. to sail to Oban. I was left on deck to steer the boat in a light breeze while the rest had breakfast below. The sun was rising over the mountains behind and the scenery was beautiful. Mixed with this, the power of being in full command of the vessel was totally satisfying and ended the week perfectly for me.



Nine

This Session 'Friday 9' period again offers a wide range of extra curricular activities in terms of clubs, hobbies, and leisure interests.

The following activities are available:

1. Drama
2. Indoor Games/
Keep Fit
3. Dressmaking/Craft
4. Computing (FI-III)
5. Computing (FI-VI)
6. Librarians
7. Railway Modelling
Club
8. Spanish Projects
9. French Projects
10. Crochet and
Knitting
11. Rod Building
12. Art Club
13. Electronics and
Radio Club
14. China Painting
15. Chess Club
16. Fly Tying
17. Jogging Club
18. 'One World Aware-
ness'
19. Speakers Club
20. Table Tennis
21. War Games
22. Exhibition/
Antiquity Club
23. Model Making
24. Committee for the
150th Anniversary
souvenirs and
House Supporters
Club
25. Copper Enamelling
26. Repertory
Theatre Club
27. Squash
28. Rock Choir
29. Weight Training
30. Bridge for Begin-
ners
31. Fencing
32. Horticulture
33. Technical Drawing
34. Magazine and
School Publicity
35. Magazine Commit-
tee
36. Magazine Finance
37. Record Club
38. Karate
39. Voluntary Service
40. Duke of Edinburgh
Award Scheme
41. Guides
42. Cadets

Here are a few contributions from some of the Activities.

ROCK CHOIR

Rock Choir is a new Friday 9 activity which has been introduced very successfully, giving the more musical members of the Senior School an opportunity to let their hair down. It has attracted 42 members and in the first term we sang many well known songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Jesus Christ Superstar' with Rick Allardyce's inimitable drumming style, John Blackwood and Brian McGrory's skillful contribution on guitars, all adding up to a really great way to unwind after a long, hard week at school. Of course none of this would have been possible without the invaluable help of Mrs. Sturrock and Mr. Laidlaw. Thanks to all who attended, making this such a great and worthwhile Friday 9 activity and I hope that in future years Rock Choir will continue to thrive and flourish.

Judy Porter FVI

RECORD CLUB

Our Friday 9 is very relaxing and fun to be a member of because we bring in records and we play them on the teacher's record player. The teacher (I think) enjoys our records as much as we do. At the Record Club we have about eight members but we would like more. It is very enjoyable as we just sit quietly and listen, or talk quietly to our friends either about what has happened during the day or things that are going to happen in the future. Sometimes the teacher joins in our conversations and tells us a little about her records and we 'educate' her on pop.

Louise Hogarth FII

D.H.S. REP CLUB

This year's fund raising activities have been highly successful, a total of around £180 having been reached. Quite a large part of this sum was raised by a small number of F2 boys in the group when they participated in a sponsored cycle and handed over a cheque of £120 to Professor Gavin McDonald, chairman of the Rep Board. This occasion included a photo session, the photos appearing in the 'Courier'.

The Christmas Raffle and a Cake and Candy Sale also raised quite a large part of the total. Members of the Rep Club obliged by bringing in numerous amounts of cakes on the day of the sale.

The highlights of the year were when the club visited the Rep on two occasions to see 'Wait Until Dark' and 'Dracula'. These proved to be very good plays and will be remembered in the club for a long time. Also, on another occasion we were taken on an exciting backstage tour of the theatre by the stage manager Mr. Boswell. We were shown the workings of the Rep and also got a chance to inspect various articles on exhibit in the gallery.

In all, it was a very successful year for the club and will probably be followed by another just as good.

EMMA BROWN

In our drama class for Friday '9' we enjoy ourselves very much. At the beginning of the year, we thought about what makes us laugh, what makes us cry, feel scared, etc. etc. Many of our illustrations were really funny.

We spent some time on voice production, on movement. Since there are several experienced people in our group, we decided in November to improvise a pantomime for Christmas. 'Cinderella' was the obvious choice. We selected our actors very promptly. In no time all 24 of us were cast. There were, of course, several technical problems e.g. how could the cat change into the fairy god-mother? Well, we solved this one and many more. By means of a worthy narrator, we skillfully linked up our scenes but always kept them basically simple. This pantomime was not really for Christmas as planned, but one Friday in March this year Mrs. Barclay's room was full to capacity by an eager audience of Form 1 drama enthusiasts who could not wait to see the production in full costume, including wigs, fans, rollerskates etc. We all enjoyed ourselves and felt sad when the production was over. However, we look forward to our 'Summer Drama Festival'. It's good fun at drama. We would advise anyone to go there for Friday '9'.

OUR DRAMA CLUB



ELECTRONICS AND RADIO CLUB

The club has had a successful year during which its membership has reached the highest level for some years. During the course of the year seven new members joined the club.

Component sales at discount prices are continuing well and the club now has facilities for etching printed circuit boards for members. As experience is gained it is hoped that this facility will be well used in the future.

The club has set up public address systems for the Sports Day, Armistice Service and also recorded the school opera 'The Mikado'.

I would like to thank Mr. J. Lewis of the Physics Dept. and all the office-bearers for their invaluable support during the last year.

BARRIE CRAN, President

Voluntary Service

Four years ago, newly into Form III, I started the Friday 9 activity of Voluntary Service. My visits, with a friend, were to be to an elderly gentleman living in King Street. Today I still visit him, also his neighbour and an ex-neighbour who now lives in the Janet Brougham House. I enjoy it all very much but unfortunately these weekly visits will have to be less frequent as I am leaving Dundee in September. However, the 'Old Folks' (the name by which they affectionately known) are being left in the capable hands of three 'jolly' Form III girls who, I hope, are going to gain as much from their visits as I have done from mine.

Endless 'when I was a boy' stories and countless cups of tea may not initially appear very exciting but I am sure that the Form III recruits are going to find the same happiness and fulfilment I have done, because they are showing interest and enthusiasm — all that is needed to make some elderly people happy and to let everyone see that strong, mutual friendship between young and old can be formed.

A.B.F. VI

The Fly Tying Club has not only remained popular this year but has had a substantial gain in numbers with many keen learners having to be turned away. This however is not surprising when one studies the rising prices of ready-made flies in the shops.

The business of manufacturing a fly may at first glance seem tedious, but once the basic points have been learnt flies of a remarkable variety can be turned out with surprising speed.

After last year's successful trip to Loch Bainie in Glenshee it has been decided to return there again this year for our annual fishing trip.

A. GIBB FIV

CHESS

In this activity, not only are there internal competitions, but there is also a 'Friday 9' chess ladder, which adds to the enjoyment and competitiveness of the games. Ian Cheung heads the ladder this session, to the envy of the other chess players, some of whom play in the school chess teams.

Less experienced players, who do not compete against other schools, welcome this chance to gain further knowledge of this past-time. Unfortunately, the number of players who are able to participate in the 'Friday 9' Chess Club has to be restricted to 24 due to the limits of space and equipment.

On behalf of the Chess Club, I must thank Mr. Durrheim for his organisation and supervision.

GRAEME HUNTER

A group of ten 3rd Year girls have been learning and practising copper enamelling this session. This consists of fusing glass onto copper shapes at a high temperature giving a glazed enamel finish.

The copper is prepared for this process by sanding and cleaning with acid. After drying, the powder is sieved onto the metal and placed in a kiln at about 1000°C for approximately 4 minutes. On removing the treated copper from the kiln and cooling, the desired glaze is achieved. Articles such as cuff links, brooches, badges, rings and pendants can be produced. Their colour depends partially on the colour of the powder and partially on how long it stays in the kiln. Decorative effects can be achieved by fusing beads, plastic rods etc. onto the enamel.

We have now introduced a new technique using cold enamel. This is done by painting on the enamel and then allowing it to set for at least 3 hours before placing in an oven at about 300°C to harden.

Our group is now becoming quite skilled in this activity, which is a mixture of science and handcraft, and are now producing some attractive articles.

FIONA GRIEVE
VIVIANNE LLOYD

First and second year girls used their period to gain extra time and experience making garments for themselves and gaining confidence in the use of various modern sewing machines. Others gained experience in following the instructions of knitting patterns thus in many cases it was an extension of a home-based hobby.

150th ANNIVERSARY CLUB

This small group has been engaged in trade and industry. In Term One we sold D.H.S. mugs and bookmarks. (These are still available from Mrs. Walton, mugs at £1.50, bookmarks at 40p). Since Christmas we have been making House rosettes for sale on Sports Day. The mugs and bookmarks were sold on a non-profit basis, but the proceeds from the rosettes will go to charity. We hope that people will wear their rosettes to add to the colour and rivalries of Sports Day.



The Guide Company, is, as usual, flourishing with high numbers and has stood up well to the competition created by the introduction of Cadets for girls. There has been a wide variety of things happening this year, ranging from Camp to Queen's Guide Awards.

Camp was at an unusual time this year, being in the week directly before we returned to school. Again we went to Tentsmuir and had a marvellous week with near perfect weather. The Guides took part in a variety of activities: hikes, quizzes, an assault course which would have foxed the cadets, crafts and a fancy dress parade, as well as cooking their own meals and keeping their tents in order. Exhausted, and all sporting 'Tentsmuir tans' we returned to school, ready for a good holiday. Our thanks must go to Mrs. Sim for so kindly letting us run riot so near her home and for all her kind hospitality.

The beginning of the term saw the arrival of a number of new Guides, some who had transferred from other Companies and some who had been Brownies. The Brownies worked hard at their pre-Promise challenges and then at their Hostess Badges which were tested most kindly by Miss Dunbar. The last clause of the badge was completed when the Guides entertained some members of Staff and Commissioners who bravely ate the chocolate cakes. At the same time older Guides worked for their Craft Badge which was tested by Mrs. Crerar. Clare Donoghue demonstrated some of her many talents in showing the Guides soap carvings, mosaics and potato prints.

The Guides all worked hard for a few weeks finding out about the History of Dundee, particularly Mary, Queen of Scots and Viscount Dundee, in preparation for their trip to the City Chambers where Mr. Kelly, the Council Officer, told them about Dundee's History and local government. The afternoon was both informative and enjoyable, and the Guides had an inside view of a place many of them had never seen before. The Guides then tried their hands at crafts and all made puppets and decorated boiled eggs for Easter which rounded the term off ideally.

Our special congratulations must go to Amy Barron who has completed her Queen's Guide Award. She will be the last of many Queen's Guides the Company has had, as the syllabus has changed quite drastically and the badge has been moved into the Rangers' area. To complete the badge, a great deal of dedication and self-discipline is needed, also support from parents. It is a well-deserved award for years of hard work.

We are all glad to see the Company move from strength to strength, particularly those of us who have been associated with it for many years. We hope next year to see many new faces, old Brownies and new members who will come and join in the fun and learning. Finally, thanks from all the Guides and Young Leaders to everyone, too numerous to mention, who make the running of a Company possible: School, the Guide Association, parents and everyone who so generously gives of their free time. Special thanks to Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Miller who have led us this year.

SARAH A. VAUGHAN, Young Leader

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

The past session has been very fruitful, if not over eventful for the School Orchestra. For most of the year it has been at full strength consisting of some 55 members. There has been a particularly good response from pupils in Forms I and II with the more experienced pupils in Form III lending the necessary support. The strings section has grown in some numbers, with very mature playing from first violins in particular. Thanks are offered to those pupils in Form IV who have been available to swell the numbers in some sections when required. It is hoped next year to form a Junior Orchestra as well as adding a percussion section to the present orchestra which is promising to achieve a high standard of performance for future events.

FORM I—III BOYS' CHOIR

Session 1983–84 was the first for a number of years in which was seen the involvement of a male four-part choir in the school. The purpose of such a choir is to stimulate interest in part-singing with a view to joining the Senior Choir in Form IV and to experience the comparative rarity of such a choir. Of the 50 or so boys attending regularly, it is hoped that more Form I pupils will attend next year. The Form III boys, and, in particular, the baritones, have provided a solid 'bass' throughout the year, and, no doubt, will continue to do so next session in the Senior Choir. The Boys' Choir took part in the Annual Christmas Concert and were received enthusiastically having a very creditable performance of unaccompanied carols.

FORM I–III GIRLS' CHOIR

Last session the Music Studio was bursting at the seams with 80–90 girls crammed in for rehearsals. This session, a record membership of 114 forced a change of venue to the Hall of the Girls' School for full rehearsals.

For many of the Form I intake, choral singing is a new experience. For those who can survive the discipline and hard work involved there is the satisfaction and enjoyment of working together as a team to attain a high standard of performance.

At Christmas a performance of 2 and 3 part Carols was much appreciated by a large audience at the midday concert in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Great excitement and enthusiasm was engendered by an invitation to participate in a television broadcast from the High Church in March. Unfortunately, due to an Equity and Musicians' Union ruling the Choir's contribution had to be cancelled although rehearsals were well under way.

Attendance figures throughout the session have been excellent. Some members have acquired a new skill, that of consuming a packed lunch and singing at the same time with apparently no ill effects on either their digestions or the music!

Thanks are due to the choir members for their loyalty, hard work, and co-operation, and to Mrs. Sturrock for her excellent accompaniments at concerts.



SENIOR CHOIR

The Senior Choir was numerically as strong at the beginning of the current session, although perhaps with the loss of more experienced voices from the previous session, choral experience was therefore limited. With the usual amount of hard work by both staff and pupils, a good standard was reached by the Christmas service in St. Mary's and the midday concert in St. Paul's Cathedral when the Choir was joined by some members of the School Orchestra in a performance of 'For unto us a child is born' from Handel's 'Messiah'. Both Choir and audience on both occasions enjoyed singing suitable carols.

The Senior Choir was joined by the Junior School choir for a 200 voiced mass choir item at the St. Mary's service and by the Form I–III Girls' Choir and the Form I–III Boys' Choir, the Folk Group and Chamber Choir for the St. Paul's Concert when a highly varied programme was appreciated by a large audience of parents and friends. On this occasion, a retiring collection was taken and donated to the fund for the Restoration of the Cathedral Spire.

FOLK GROUP

The Folk Group is now an established part of the School and is in demand for quite a number of outside concerts. We started off this year with a concert in Trinity Church which was enjoyed greatly by all the ladies present. Our annual visit to Pine Grove was again a success bringing Christmas cheer to the residents. The instrumentalists of the Group accompanied the Junior School at their Christmas Service and this helped to enhance the singing of the modern carols. The Burns' Supper provided another venue for the talented Group and there they entertained with renderings of Burns' songs. The members have all worked hard and the music has provided some light relief during Wednesday lunch times.

The Mikado



During this session when the School community is celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the Boys' School building, it was felt that a return to the Gilbert and Sullivan tradition was necessary. The Mikado was chosen as the special anniversary production for June 1984 — The Mikado was last performed by the School in 1957 and so the current reproduction was therefore long overdue.

The opera has proved most testing for the young cast, both musically and dramatically (only the Mikado — John Blackwood is from Form VI, all other members of the cast being from Form V) — the 'fan drill' always proves difficult for Mikado casts.

The producer again this year is Mr. A. T. Chynoweth, Head of English, with assistance from Technical, Art and Home Economics Departments, while the business team is led, as always, by Mr. J. Hunter, Head of Mathematics.

Rehearsals are to be interrupted by the Rugby/Hockey tour to Canada in late May and early June taking with it a third of the cast but it is hoped that with much hard work, the cast will be able to compensate for this on the return of the tour!

Thanks must be sincerely expressed to the Music Staff, who, throughout the year, have worked in their usual devoted way to ensure the standard set by previous casts, is maintained.

R.F.C.

OUTSIDE VIEWPOINT

Getting a senior school production together, whether concert, play or opera, is no picnic, as those who have master-minded one will confirm.

Inevitably, because of the usual timing, it clashes with Highers, trips abroad and other school ventures, and a fair amount of exasperation and general hair-tearing is the rule rather than the exception.

However, the end result almost always justifies the fore-going hassle, and this was most certainly the case with Dundee High School's presentation of The Mikado in the Gardyne Theatre, which ended a four-day run on Saturday.

Visually and musically it was satisfying, colourful and vivid, with the freshness, verve and enthusiasm which are among the best features of those teenage efforts.

The principals seemed well and wisely chosen. Alistair Dinnie's sly and craven Ko-Ko, splendidly sung with fine articulation, and portrayed with energy and imagination, was well complemented by Angus Millar's bland and ponderous Pooh-Bah, his lines loftily delivered with the overpowering hauteur, if not the accents, of Lady Bracknell.

The three little maids — Jenny Block, Avril Jack and Lynne Meekison — were superb. Lynne's voice is clear and carrying, Avril's acting made the most of her part, and Jenny, a sweet and charming Yum-Yum, stole the hearts of more than her two stage suitors.

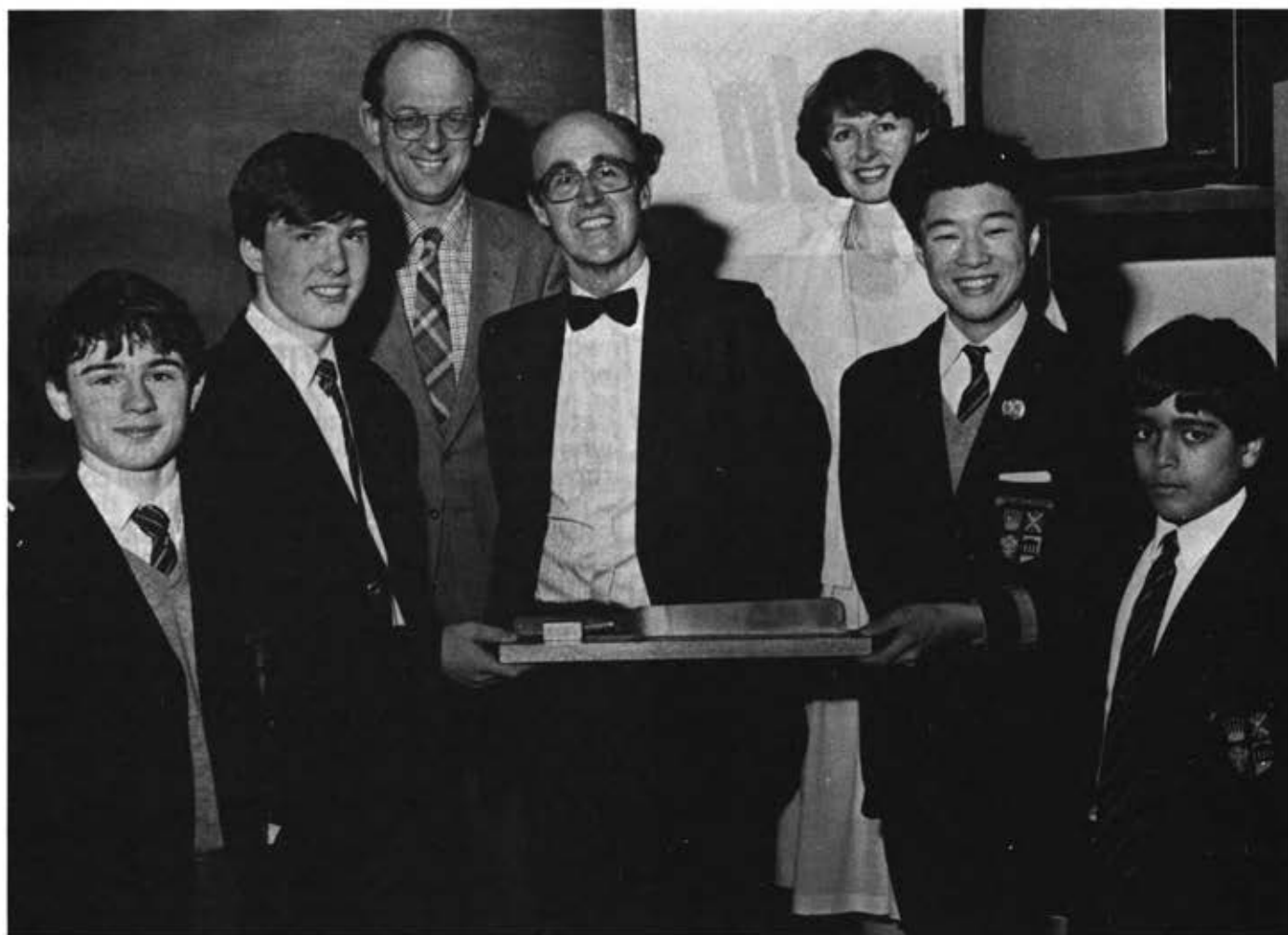
Liam Entwistle made a handsome and confidently-sung Nanki-Poo, and while Louise Ramsay as Katisha was not the usual heavy contralto — hardly to be expected in a school show — hers was a dramatic and powerful characterisation.

So, too, was John Blackwood's impressive Mikado, amiable and ruthless, with a sadistic laugh at which the chorus really ought to have cowered in terror — it certainly made the audience shiver in their seats!

Quentin Bower, as the laconic Pish-Tush, sang beautifully, and young Graham Paterson, as Ko-Ko's unfortunate attendant, dodged a number of accidental executions with incredible rapidity. What remarkable reflexes the boy is endowed with!

The chorus sang with assurance and fine balance — there are some first-rate voices hidden in there — and Ronald Cochrane directed them and the excellent small orchestra with a clear beat and firm, flexible rhythms.

Both he and producer Alistair Chynoweth, as well as the cast, can now relax in the after-glow of a Mikado which, though not the easiest of works to stage, handsomely exceeded expectations.



CHEMISTRY

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY/CONOCO 'TOP OF THE BENCH' SCHOOLS CHEMISTRY COMPETITION

Once again the school team carried off the trophy in the above competition. This year the final was held on the 6th March at Dundee University. The competition, open to all schools in Tayside and Fife, and kindly sponsored by the oil group 'Conoco', was enjoyed by all who took part and the final provided an excellent climax to the whole quiz.

The other teams taking part in the final were Forfar Academy, Blairgowrie High School and Auchmuty High School (Glenrothes, Fife), who were defeated by our own team of Ian Cheung (Form 6), Matthew Pemble (Form 4), Iain Chynoweth (Form 3) and Yusuf Okhai (Form 2). After a good burst in the last round the score finished up in our favour at 51 points to Auchmuty's 45. The team was presented with the competition trophy appropriately a metal spatula, by Professor Rochester of Dundee University and the Royal Institute of Chemistry. Each team member also received a cheque for £25.

To reach the final we had only to play a semi-final round against St. John's High School as we had a bye through the first round.

Throughout the competition many varied questions had to be answered, from identifying the substances used to perform certain chemical reactions, to recalling scenes from a videotape on the formation and production of oil.

Our photograph, courtesy of 'Conoco', shows from left to right: Matthew Pemble, Iain Chynoweth, Professor Rochester, Mr. J. Auld, Norma Gamble, Ian Cheung and Yusuf Okhai, together with the trophy.

Thanks are due to the members of the Chemistry Department, especially Mr. Smart and Mr. Garden for organising the team and keeping us informed, and also to the members of the Royal Society of Chemistry, especially Mr. J. Auld, for organising the competition. A special thank you is also due to Norma Gamble of Radio Tay for being an excellent quizmistress.

IAIN CHYNOWETH

MODERN LANGUAGES

SPANISH EXCHANGE

In July of 1983 a lucky group of Dundee High School pupils jetted off to Spain to meet, and stay with, their Spanish pen-pals. Although we travelled as a group, we all went our own separate ways after we met our 'amigos' at Barcelona Airport.

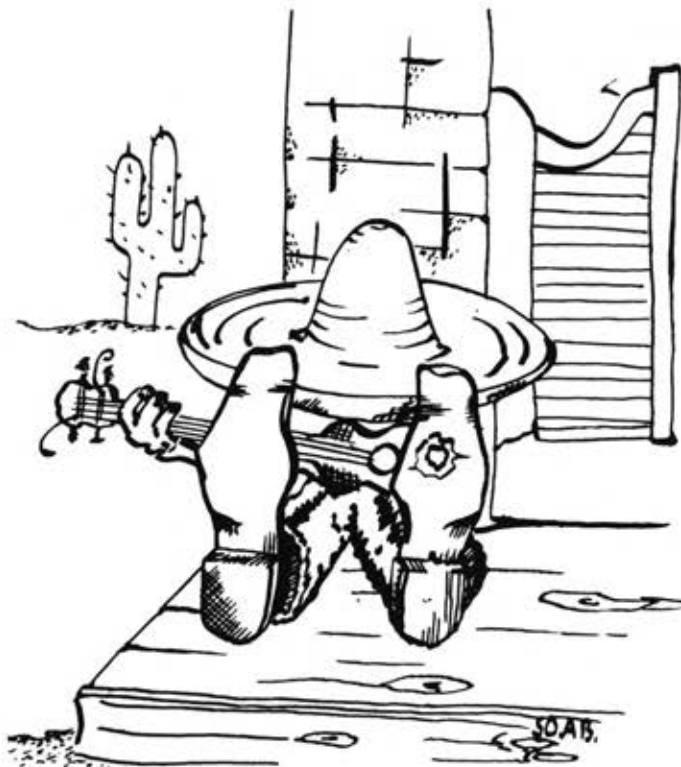
During the first week of our holiday the majority of us stayed in Barcelona, visiting such places as the large, open air carnival, or the art galleries of Picasso and Dali.

After staying in Barcelona, many went to live in the Spaniards' second homes in various coastal resorts. Sitges and Cubellas were the most popular places for swimming and soaking up the sun, with temperatures over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Our holiday was more enjoyable than package holidays and other tourists trips because we had a taste of the *real* Spanish way of life, as well as a taste of the delicious Spanish home cooking.

This year our pen-pals will come on a return visit to Scotland, and, hopefully they will enjoy themselves here just as much as we did in Spain.

JAMES BARRETT



*Je m'en souviendrai toujours —
ich kann es nie vergessen*

It was, of course, very flattering to be asked to contribute a review of the Modern Languages Department over the last fifty years. The task became more daunting when I realised that a full decade plus a lustrum had already elapsed before I even appeared on the stage, and that I had left it before the half-century had run its full course. It is ever so humbling and deflating to reflect that everything was already operating as smoothly and efficiently before one arrived as things have continued to do so since one left the scene.

Many of you will well remember 1950 and the years before. The number of staff in the Department was a mere four. Fees were six guineas per Quarter; School lunch could be had for 7½d (3p); the School magazine cost one shilling (5p). The Leaving Certificate group system of award had recently been discarded in favour of individual subject awards. Ink-wells still filled those holes placed, with scant consideration for the left-handed, in the right-hand corner of the desks, and there was always a bottle of the liquid on the teacher's table for the refilling of fountain-pens, and, of course, a supply of those squeaky steel-nibbed pens for those who had left their writing implements at home. The ball-point, like dustless chalk, had yet to come.

In 1953 Miss H. M. Stevenson joined us, but sadly only at the expense of losing that stalwart of the Department, Miss M. F. Dryburgh, who, following a family bereavement, felt called upon to perform other humanitarian duties. Happily, before the decade was out, we were able to welcome her back in the triple role of teacher of English, Latin and French — and, glutton for work as she ever was,

German too, if any of us others felt unselfish enough to surrender a class in that language, which we perhaps never were.

And so into the 60s. This will probably be remembered most as the decade of experiment and expansion in the Department. It began with another change in the system — the end of the Lower and the introduction of the O Grade.

It saw the arrival, in 1963, of Mrs. Williamson, who was to add a new dimension to our range of subjects taught, in that Spanish was now offered as an alternative to French from S.1 onwards. Far from impoverishing the teaching of French this, as we shall see in a moment, was to lead to the enrichment of Modern language teaching for those who primarily wanted it.

A decade of experimentation. These were the years of much talk of the introduction of French into the curriculum of Junior Schools. Before the debate as to why it should necessarily be French died down we had already started teaching both French and Spanish in that area — and, with the co-operation of Miss McNaughton, French to the veriest babes of the Preparatory Department in an all-French conversational atmosphere (D.H.S. parents are ever keen to help both us and their children, so it was with some amusement that one mother told me how one evening when she was trying to help along her little daughter's French, the latter rebuffed her at one point, saying — 'non, ce n'est pas une plume, c'est un stylo.').

Before the 60s were over the experiments were abandoned — in the Preparatory Department, when an unwitting member of staff burst in and addressed me in English, which, hitherto, the class in their young innocence had thought I did not

understand, and so an illusion was destroyed; and in the Junior school, because of an admission by the inspectorate, with little mention of those establishments where much good work had been achieved, that in general the experiment had not been a success.

Throughout this period we had the inestimable help of the late Mr. Walter Smith, then Head of the Junior School, not only for offering us his sacrificial lambs, but even more important, now that pressure was steadily building up on our staff, for lending us so dearly needed manpower or in this case woman power. We were most grateful for the help so graciously and so willingly given by Mrs. A. M. Stewart and Miss Elma Latto, whom today's pupils will know better as Mrs. Cathro.

A decade of expansion. Not only had Spanish been added to the choice, but we had been exploring the possibilities of providing a yet wider range of subjects for the linguistically-minded pupil, and so it was that before the years ran out we were offering those who, having come up, say, the Spanish stream, a presentation in O Grade French in Form V, in H Grade in Form VI, and vice-versa — and, for good measure, similar opportunities in Italian and Russian, which, thanks to the work of the late Miss A. W. Gray and of Mr. A. Smith given so unstintingly, must have meant a great drain on the resources of the Classics Department.

The expansion did not pass without recognition. The W. E. Crichton Prize for Dux in Spanish was awarded for the first time in 1971 — Mr. Crichton was for many years the much feared, yet much loved, Treasurer of the School. And in 1973 in recognition of the achievements of participants in the 'late beginners courses' which had become so very popular, we were more than delighted to accept the Eiko Takahashi Prize for excellence in two languages, founded by Mr. G. P. MacPherson. (The mere mention of Eiko's name will rouse fond memories in the minds of many. How privileged we were on that late June day in 1972 to watch, among our sorrowing School leavers as they filed out of the Hall for the last time as pupils, her gracious figure go with them, dressed in the traditional costume of her homeland). The 'new' languages, Italian and Russian, likewise received recognition in the form of Rector's Prizes for Dux.

Sadly, before this new era began we were to lose the services of a pillar of the Department, one whom many of you will remember with great affection — Miss Dorothy Foggie who decided in 1964 to hang up her gown. She had already been a pioneer among the pioneers in our field, for in her Modern Languages degree she had contrived to include a Science subject, so that, uniquely in Scotland, she was able to provide what many language teachers have sorely wanted, a scientific-German course. Those of you who were never privileged to sit before her in class may still remember running about a tennis court under her expert guidance, for among her many invaluable contributions to School was a love of, and prowess in that game.

To cope with the increasing demands on the staff, and to compensate for the loss of Miss Helen Stevenson, we were very glad in 1966 to welcome to our numbers Mr. D. O. C. Richterich and Miss P. C. Bell. The latter we already knew so well as a much esteemed pupil that it took us some time, come 1969, before we became accustomed to calling her

Mrs. Richterich.

The years brought birds of passage who gave us, however briefly, of their talents, and who are still remembered with appreciation. We wonder where they are now, and whether they may still spare a moment now and then to think of us — Miss Kirk, Miss Montgomery, Mrs Robertson, Mrs. Pinnock.

As we entered the 70s staff resources were being further strained, and it was with relief that we learned of the appointment of Miss Judith Flett, later to be better known as Mrs. Seith. At the same time we had to take a regretfully sad farewell of Mrs. Richterich who, despite adversity, had enhanced our Department through so much good work so cheerfully given.

These were perhaps the years of consolidating what the 60s had achieved. They were also the years of the loss to the School of two more long-serving members of that achievement.

Mrs. Seith will certainly forgive me for saying that her retiral in 1976, after so excellent service with us, must take second place to yet another collapse of a pillar of the Department, for in that same year, after so many years of dedicated and devoted work, Miss Maimie Dryburgh decided to call it a day.

No one will permit Miss Dryburgh ever to forget that wintry morning, when pupils and staff alike from Barnhill, Downfield and other outlying residential suburbs of Dundee, were clogging the School phones with apologies for not being able to make it through the snows — the while that Miss Dryburgh was skiing part of the way to her post from far-flung Ceres. She arrived in school with abject apologies for being a few minutes late.

School will indeed be very fortunate should it ever have her like again.

I cannot, of course, close the chronicle of those years without more than just a brief mention of the Father and the Architect of the Modern Languages Department of these times. He was the third of the pillars, and he took away with it the corner-stone — the late Mr. Douglas R. Paton.

He was called away from the Department to the higher office of Deputy rector in 1972. We who were left could only follow gratefully, pale shadows in the footprints which he had so indelibly marked out for us in the shifting sands of the years. Whatever he touched he embellished and made it so impossible for lesser mortals to equal, far less to surpass. It was a great honour for us all to have served with him — in the modesty of his greatness he would never have suffered the phrase 'served under him'.

The retiral of Miss Dryburgh and Mr. Paton was perhaps prophetic of the end of an era. The old pen-nibs lay rusting in the back of cupboards. The ink in the ink-wells in the desks of the 30s had long since dried up and the ink-wells been removed, leaving another generation unsure whether those mysterious holes in their desks were intended to be receptacles for pencil filings or paper wrappers of surreptitiously sucked sweets. We were ready for a move into the technological age, and for a revivification. The first of these came with the installation of a language laboratory; the second with the appointment of the staff of Mr. Willmore, a rejuvenated Mrs. Cathro and Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Coupar, Mrs. Speed, Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Bewick. It is now left to them, and I am sure they will do it handsomely, to add to the Departmental laurels. Mr.

Willmore and Mrs. Speed are no longer there, but we remember them with great appreciation.

I should like, in conclusion, to express my most grateful thanks to all, both colleagues and pupils, for the help, the friendly co-operation, and for making those years so memorably happy for me.

J. STEVENSON



LE NOEL FRANGLAIS
(avec apologies à Miles Kington)

Le Christmas: c'est le time quand toute la famille fait un grand get-together; avec les long-lost third cousin, la mother-in-law, et même le baby-brother. Tout le monde gives beaux, but vraiment inutiles cadeaux; un hair-séchoir à grand-père (qui est bald); un poste de T.V. à grand-mère (qui est aveugle) etc. etc. Il y a un mangy christmas arbre (sans perdrix) en plastique draped avec le moulting tinsel et les shiny balles (avec lesquelles joue le chat) qui deviennent tous les deux smashed.

On mange le christmas cake; un concoction très étrange containing des dried grapes, du citroen peel, des dried grapes, et, enfin, ... oui, vous avez sans doubt guessed ... des dried grapes. Puis il est smothered avec l'icing du roi et il lasts semaine après semaine après semaine ...

Pour le dîner il faut manager le turkey (qui est un overgrown poule) et le fameau christmas pudding. Avant de le manger on verse le meths là-dessus, et l'allume, et alors le pouding a un distinctif burnt spirits taste. On tire les crackers (qui font un 'bang' mais on ne les appelle pas des 'bangers' parce que pulling les sausages est un very messy business). On reçoit une blage pathétique comme un motorless helicopter ou un faux doit-clou, et un chapeau de papier (qui ne fits jamais).

Après les adultes ont slept off leurs hang-overs on fit le carol singing: e.g. 'Ecoutez! les Harold Anges sing,' 'Une fois dans la cite de David le Roi', et 'Away dans un manger,' (il ne faut pas absolument manger) etc. etc. etc. et si vous êtes lucky on vous donnera les mince-pies dans le hope que vous chanterez elsewhere. Les mince-pies ne containent ni mince ni viande, ils ne sont pas even pies, mais roughly hot gateau de Noël dans une pastry valise. Peut-être un peu plus tard arrivera papa Noël (il est vraiment papa qui porte un outfit ridiculous couverte de la laine cotton); il donne les choux-patch dolls et les trains A.P.T. aux enfants. Après avoir regardé la eine sur la nouveau magnétoscope, on met les kids dans leurs lits, et on va chez le pub et fait un grand booze-up.

HELENA STOWARD Form IV

JOINT SERVICE C.C.F. CAMP IN GIBRALTAR - EASTER 1984

If first impressions are anything to go by then this was always going to be a most interesting and enjoyable week. It all began with a breathtaking landing on a narrow strip of reclaimed land extending out into the sea at either end, flanked by Spain to the north and a huge mass of rock known as Gibraltar to the south. This was obviously a taste of what was to come as we spent seven very interesting and enjoyable days on the "Rock". We were hosted by the R.A.F. who organised all of the sightseeing and activities for the 60 male and 6 female cadets - which included days with all three forces. We spent a tiring but most enjoyable day with the army, climbing, abseiling, canoeing, shooting, walking through one of the numerous tunnels in the "Rock" and an impressive display by the police dogs. Our day with the R.A.F. included a visit to the control tower overlooking that awesome runway, which, incidentally, had the main road from Spain to Gibraltar running right across it. The Navy treated us to a view of the "Rock" from the sea plus a closer look at many of the ships in the docks including the Sir Belvedere (one of the supply ships during the Falklands war).



A long and somewhat tiring day was spent walking the length, breadth and height of the "Rock" was highlighted not only by spectacular views and a sightseeing of the famous Barbary Apes but also an unexpected view from the top of the ock of the QE2 in the docks some 1200 feet below.

When not involved in organised sightseeing or activities the beaches proved to be places for enjoying some of the Mediterranean sunshine.

The week ended as it had begun - on that famous runway?! Only now, we had many more friends from cadet forces all over Britain, had seen the many sights of Gibraltar and had experienced the generous hospitality provided by the British forces abroad.

E.S.M.S.



Photograph: David Gorden

Close on the heels of the end of term service both cadets companies set off in coaches for summer camp. Destination Cameron Barracks, Inverness. Everyone was excited at the prospect of a week of fun an activity ahead of us.

On arrival we were shown our billets which were immaculately clean and tidy. The inspection later on by Captain Holmes told us we were expected to maintain that high standard. We thought we had cleaned the billet beautifully for the inspection. We confidently expected to pass the inspection. Not so! Captain Holmes came in and ran his fingers along the top of the wardrobe and the window ledges and the bed rails. He wasn't pleased with the traces of dust left on his fingers. Needless to say we had to clean the whole billet again.

After a couple of days learning camp routine we were taken off to the wilds of the mountains for the "Swallows and Amazons" exercise arranged by Lieutenant Allen. It involved a long hike up and down mountains and a night ambush. Unfortunately this didn't quite work due to everyone's general inability to navigate that night. We settled down in our sleeping bags without tents on a hill by a loch. By the time morning came around we discovered we had slid down the hill dangerously near to the water!

Meanwhile back at camp, the officers had decided they wanted a little fun, so they decided to have a changing parade. This involves changing from say exercise dress to full dress uniform in a very short space of time and trying to look as tidy as possible. Having changed into P.E. kit, we were sent on a run around the camp and merrily romped across the parade square — crime of crimes! We had to do another circuit in punishment.

The main exercise was brilliantly organised and turned out to be most fun. For the first day we were split into 2 groups — the 'Apes' and the 'Cawdor Rifles'. We were based in 2 separate camps and were apparently supposed to ambush each other

at night, having found out each others' positions by patrolling the area. However, just as we got the fires lit to make some tea, the heavens opened. We ran for shelter to a shed full of horse dung, the shed provided 5-star accommodation and the horse dung provided a source of ammunition. Members of the double-agent 'Cawdor Death Squad' informed us there was a ceasefire because of the rain. However later on, when we were all snuggled up in our sleeping bags the 'Apes' raided us. This was when our unique ammunition came in handy! Captain Steele was the first and most fired-at victim!

The next day the double-agents were put in front of a firing squad. Captain Steele provided the biggest laugh when he turned up in his best disguise yet. Reverend Steele! Needless to say Crawford Swanson forgot to die when the rifles were fired — he called it delayed reaction!

The rest of the day was spent doing things like shooting live ammunition with 303's and making makeshift tents, timed running, first aid, initiative etc. This was all marked and the winners, Lance-Corporal Low's platoon won the Platoon Cup.

The main exercise over, there was a parade by all cadets with the band as well. This was for an inspection by Captain Steele.

The week ended in style with eightsome reels on the parade square with the band providing music. That no-one could remember what an eightsome reel was 7 months after the Christmas Dance was no problem. After that the unofficial all-night parties raved on, with plenty of shaving foam and tooth-paste flying around, until dawn next day. Consequently it was a very subdued coach load of tired and very contented cadets who arrived back in Dundee the next day.

Our thanks must go to all who organised camp, especially Captain Holmes and Captain Steele.

Michelle Gray

70 YEARS OF THE MAG

It was with a sinking heart that I staggered away to write this article, loaded down with dusty, leather-bound tomes, and feeling that this time I really had bitten off more than I could chew.

But reading those magazines was a delight — they offer a unique insight into the workings of the High School mind over the years, and confirm my belief that, even though life is very different nowadays, when it comes to the bit, things haven't changed all that much.

The 'Mag' was first published on a regular basis in June 1914, price threepence. This first offering contained, among other articles, 'Sophocles on Cricket', 'Address to Euclid', and several stern-faced photos. The magazine was a serious business in those days, and this is underlined by the fact that there were few advertisements, and then only for such worthy items as printers.

Another issue was brought out in December 1914, and we are informed that 'about a month ago the system of prefects was introduced'. Now you know who to blame!

On a far more serious note, this was obviously the first edition to be published after the start of World War I, and Dundee High School had entered into the prevailing spirit of Dulce et Decorum Est with lamentable fervour. One poem will suffice as an example:

*The call to battle has gone forth,
The banners are unfurled;
The dogs of war, unleashed, are loose
On an affrighted world.*

*The hosts are in the field; and we?—
To us too comes the call:
'The Lord of Hosts hath need of thee'—
'Lord, we are ready—all!'*

*When others man the shell-torn trench,
And face the thundering guns;
When God and justice are the stake,
Shall England grudge her sons?*

*Lord, we are ready; life or death,
Be ours the foremost line;
Our strength, our youth, life, body, soul,
Lord, take them; they are thine.'*

—J.M.

This spirit was to be reflected in the magazine throughout the war. Of 710 former pupils who joined up, 113 were killed.

By 1924, a more recognisable High School style was developing. This was the era of short skirts, shingled hair, cigarettes in long holders, and the Black Bottom. Never let it be said the High School is behind the times! The articles are all written by prospective Noel Cowards and Osbert Sitwells — elegant, languid and of searing wit . . . or something!

But the *Editorials!* Never, never have I read such a blatant attack on the DHS! The sports pavilion is described as 'suffering from chronic senile decay . . . a rambling old fungus-covered mansion, with a damp cheesy odour, a leaky roof' etc. etc. What audacity! Still, it seems to have paid off, for in a later

edition the authors of the outrage apologise, but add, 'Since the above was written the Powers to Be have begun to organise a campaign to raise funds for a new sports pavilion . . .' So if I may pause to point out the pressing need for refurbishment of the 5th and 6th Year Girls' Common Rooms . . . ?

Another interesting feature of the magazine and one which I would like to see returned is that, in addition to the report, the Rugby team also published a list of characteristics thus:

P. D. Ritchie: A good hard-working forward of the winging type. Sometimes inclined to break off too soon and get offside. Dribbles well and has a good hand-off. Handles and picks up well.

Surely an extremely good idea to resurrect. A similar list was also published about the hockey team.

Nineteen thirty-four was, of course, the D.H.S. centenary and the magazine was of a suitably impressive type, printed on heavy, good-quality paper, with the school song printed at the front. Many articles were devoted to the beginnings of the school and school life in previous decades. A list of distinguished F.P.'s was published and their activities ranged from Professors of every type to a Governor-General, from an honorary surgeon to the King to an editor of the 'Daily Telegraph' and, perhaps nicest of all, a Keeper in Zoology at the British Museum.

However, not all the magazine was devoted to such weighty topics and a page of School Notes was also published, another deceased feature which seemed to comprise of various schoolboy/girl/person howlers.

By 1944, we were once again a school in time of war and the difference in attitude was amazing — in the 1914 Mag every page had war mentioned in some way or other — in the 1944 Mag, it is glancingly referred to in the editorial and then ignored! In fairness, I suppose that after six years there's not a lot left to say.

Articles ranged from 'A Woodland Scene' to 'A Note on Child Art' and glancing through the reports I was delighted to see that Sheila Carlton (now Mrs. Knight) was made P.L. of my own ex-patrol, the Robins.

Nineteen forty-five is notable mainly for the first introduction of cartoons into the school magazine. These sketches are now so much a part of the Mag that one without them seems unthinkable but indeed it was so.

The tone of articles had lightened somewhat but serious articles still predominated and there were several fictional short stories, something rarely seen nowadays. And I'm afraid that an article entitled 'My Holiday in England' would gain little notice in these days of jet-set travel. A pity, because for the young person writing it, it was every bit as exciting and interesting as a holiday to the Costa Del Paquet.

There were many more photos in the Mag than previously and Mr. N. Stewart of the Physics Dept. seemed to manage to get into most of them! There is also a picture of a young J. Spankie and, no, he

hasn't changed a bit!

By 1964, the country as a whole were indulging in Beatlemania and the D.H.S.'s contribution to this came from William Gillespie L2 — they got into music early in those days. By this time the magazine was becoming more recognisable with articles in the main being short and humorous. Photos were plentiful (Miss Lyle in the 1st Tennis Team) and drawings and cartoons were now an accepted part of the Mag. One interesting point. At this time, the school drama scene seems to have been far more lively than at present, with productions of 'Twelfth Night' and 'Romeo and Juliet' being mounted by the Senior Dramatic Club. I appreciate Mrs. Jack does a great deal but this involves only those people who take speech and drama. Those who, due to other commitments, cannot take lessons are left without any contact with the dramatic world. A plea from the heart — please try and resurrect the dramatic society! Mr. Smith of the Classics Dept. took it in those days and if pestered sufficiently, I am sure would at least help start it off.

Nineteen seventy-four — We're into the home straight. Many senior members of the school will remember it, with misty-eyed affection. A totally new format had been developed with the Mag being divided into Prep., Junior and Senior school sections. Featured writers included Vicki Wilson, Richard Allerdyce, Jane Curry, Jenny Block and Vicky Vaughan and many other well-known figures. There were a lot of advertisements, indicating the ever-increasing costs of publishing and a lot of drawings and photos. The paper is glossy, the humour sophisticated. Yet when I compare it with 1914 there is a connection — an indefinable High School attitude which has lasted throughout the many changes and reforms since the first Mag was published. I've no doubt it will be present in 1984 — and for many years to come. All may fall to ash and ruin but the D.H.S. will remain.

Journey of a Lifetime

*Uncurling, unfurling,
The small seed is growing,
Stretching from a tiny, brown nut
To a stem so thick and sturdy,
That it can support the weight of a young blackbird
Which pecks persistently at a large, black beetle.
Clambering clumsily along a fleshy green stem;
It does not pause, but hurries on its journey
From Earth to Sky,
And stops only when it reaches a bloom,
So large and plate-like,
That it can store a hoard of a hundred seeds
In its soft, vermillion folds of silk,
Not to mention an earwig.
The flower's face is upturned to the sky,
Soaking up the sun's rays
Until its bloom fades
And dies;
And a small, brown seed will again
Uncurl, unfurl and start its long journey
To the Sky.*

Emma Brown, Form I

DROUGHT

It had been months since the last rains had fallen on the Indian village. Day after day the inhabitants had woken to find clear unbroken skies. Day after day the tormenting heat continued, without relief.

The Indians had suffered terrible droughts previously, but no one could remember one with such intensity, bringing such devastating consequences. Still it continued — there seemed to be no end.

Signs of the drought were obvious all around the village. As far as they eye could see stretched fields, long since deprived of tender greenery. The ground was dry and dusty — and it was thick choking dust, which clung to the weary perspiring bodies. Large gaping cracks had appeared in various positions through the village.

Occasionally a scraggy goat, with sunken stomach and clearly defined ribs could be seen wandering aimlessly across the barren land, desperately searching in case one solitary blade of grass might possibly have escaped the cruel drought.

The water supply from the village well, had long since been exhausted. All that remained now was a stagnant pool which proved the life supply for the Indians.

The village was a scene of misery. Worried mothers struggled desperately to prolong the lives of their skinny children. An air of depression hung over the entire village — however, the tiny spark of hope could not be extinguished.

Then, suddenly a single, fluffy cloud was sighted on the horizon. Rapidly this cloud grew and spread, until the first drop of cool, sweet rain fell. The rejoicing villagers rushed into the open, dancing as the heavy rain poured down from the heavens. Relief had arrived at last.

CLAIRE McDEVITT, Form III



NOTABLE SUCCESSES

Robert J. Allen, the 1984 Dux in Mathematics, who won the Stirling University School Mathematics Competition last year, further underlined his potential this year by winning a coveted place at Hertford College Oxford.

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Former pupils Terry R. N. Allison and Colin A. Brown won N.C.R. prizes for 2nd year Mathematics at Dundee University (June 1983).

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In this year's Mathematical Challenge — a competition organised by the Scottish Mathematical Council — Matthew W. A. Pemble and Graham W. Stewart were placed in the prize-winning category and Rajiv Dhir was highly commended.

J. HUNTER

Dundee High School Former Pupils Athletic Union

The Dundee High School Former Pupils Athletic Union is the body to which all former pupils Sports Clubs are affiliated.

All Sports Clubs, however, are independently run and financed, however, each member of the constituent Clubs is required to be a member of the Athletic Union (current subscription £3.00). In addition, the Old Boys' Club and the Old Girls' Club are also affiliated.

From time to time Clubs may apply to the Athletic Union for additional funds which, in the

main, come from the profits of the Licensed Club which the Athletic Union operates at Mayfield.

Below are listed the affiliated Clubs with brief details of Officials, etc. Subscriptions, in the main, are modest (currently around £10.00 or under) and a number of Clubs have special arrangements for Juniors, Students and Summer Holiday Members. The clubs are all 'open'. Anyone associated with the School, former pupils, staff, parents, friends, etc. wishing further information should contact the appropriate Official.

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	Training	— Tuesdays and Thursdays from mid-August onwards at Mayfield.
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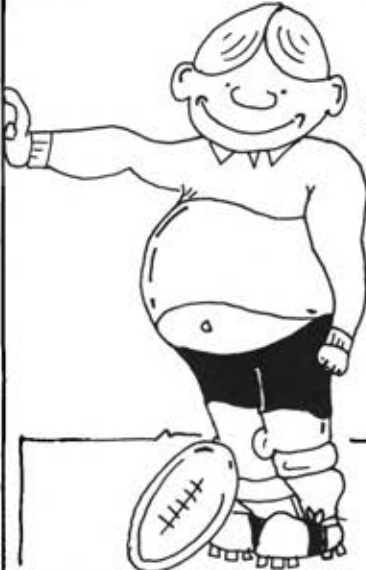


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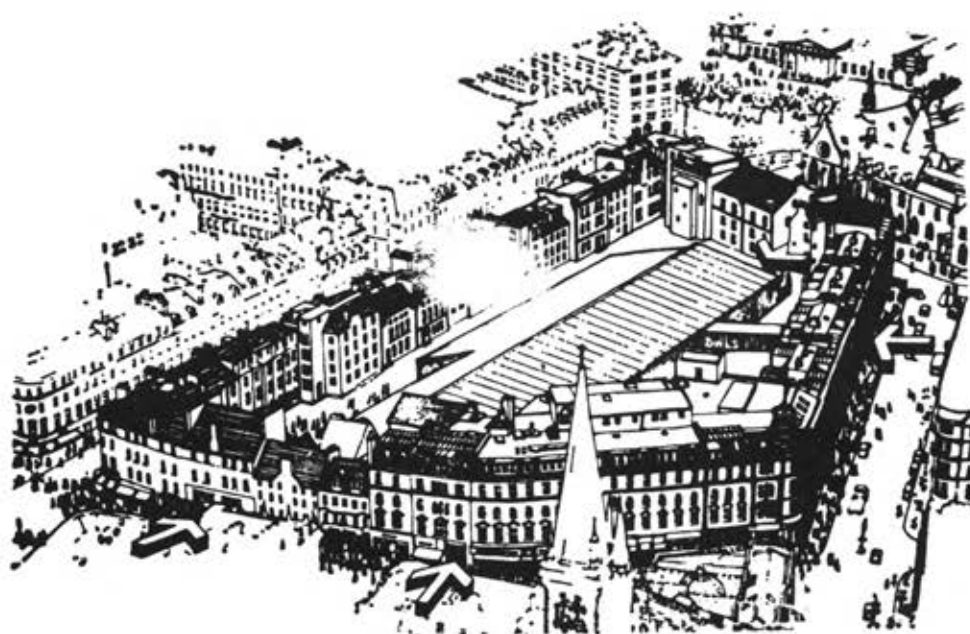
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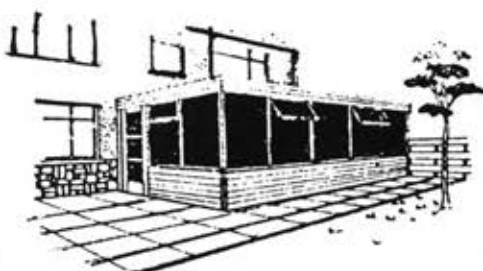
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