

The start of the session no doubt caused many misgivings with the prospect of major alterations in the South Street building coinciding with a partial proofing programme and a complete rewiring. However, the works have gone ahead so far more smoothly than we had dared hope, thanks to good planning by Mr Paterson and careful liaison between the school, the Regional Works Department and the Architects' Department. So far, a new science lab and a mathematics room have been provided, while work is nearing completion on the boys' toilets, on the new maths/computer room and on the new technical drawing room. Work has started, too, in the Kilrymont Road building. Though there the conversion programme is relatively light, one major improvement under way is the reflooring of the Games Hall.

It gives me pleasure to report an unexpected sequel to the 150th Anniversary celebrations - an anonymous gift of 1500 crocus bulbs, to be planted in the grounds of the Kilrymont Road building by representatives of SI classes. These, together with trees planted in the grounds of both buildings, will be a pleasant reminder of the anniversary. The first of the 150th Anniversary Tournaments were held in September. The winners in the football section were Inverkeithing High School and in the rugby and hockey sections Dundee High School.

Congratulations to the team of senior pupils on being in the final award-winners for their entry in the "Streets Ahead" competition organised by the National Trust for Scotland as part of the Royal Bank Festival of Architecture. Under the guidance of Mr Cuthbert and Dr Soulsby, the team - Sanya Sanderson, Lynn Kinninmonth, Leonie Macmillan, Anna Oxley, Elaine Gay, Iain Scoullar, Alistair Smith, Graham Wallace, David Wares and Pauline Wilkie - submitted a tape-slide sequence on North Street, St Andrews.

The various school clubs and societies have resumed operation after the summer break with the addition of the Bridge Club which has been revived in both buildings. I was delighted to see that Alison Coull has been selected along with an F.P. Mrs Helen Milligan for the Scottish team for the World Chess Olympiad.

The summer vacation is often a busman's holiday for musical pupils. This summer was no exception. The National Wind Band of Scotland course was attended by Angela Macdonald (clarinet) with Clare Salters (clarinet) in the reserve section. Emma Mair (cornet), Helen McGill (cornet), Lorna Smart (cornet), and Janet Smart (tenor horn) were chosen for the reserve section of the National Youth Brass Band of Scotland. Six of our younger string players - Helen Mouat and Branwen Dale (violin), Peter Craik, Rosemary Hill, Walter Mouat and Morag Lenman (double bass) attended the preparatory course of the National Youth String Orchestra of Scotland. Three of our senior pupils won places in the National Youth String Orchestra of Scotland - Bridget King, Jennifer Fraser and Cordelia Prescott; while Susi Kimbell (cello) represented the school at the Aberdeen International Youth Festival. Finally, from among our singers, Bridget King and Cordelia Prescott (sopranos), Sarah Christie and Lisa Kimbell (altos), Sandy Chenory (tenor) and Jonathan Dredge (bass) went on tour with Fife Youth Choir to York, Doncaster, Ripon, Wakefield and Leeds.

Thanks to the University of St Andrews who gave us the use of pitches while Station Park has been under repair following the Open Championship, we have been able to keep some kind of fixture list going. In Girls' Hockey, the results have been very mixed. The 2nd Year A team reached the semi-final in the recent Junior Fife Tournament. Congratulations to Jill McKechnie, Marion Malcolm and Kirsten Matheson on being chosen for the Fife under-16 team, and to Linsey Dingwall and Soraya Mohammed who will represent the school in the Fife over-16 team. Soraya and Ana Stewart have been chosen to play for Midlands in the over-16 and under-16 teams respectively. Football has got off to a good start. The under-13 team have won both league matches and the 1st round of the Scottish Cup Tie. The under-14's have/

have received a bye into the 2nd round of the Scottish Cup, while the under-15's, having won both league games, lost surprisingly 4 - 3 to St Columba's in the Scottish Cup. The 1st XI have started exceptionally well, winning all five league games and the 1st round of the Scottish Cup Tie. Brian Batchelor has been selected for the U/18 Fife Schools squad, and the following players for U/15 squad: Colin Finlay (captain) , Guy Devereux, Luis Garrido, Alan Mathewson, Fraser Ogston, Kevin Taylor and Ross Watson. Guy Devereux, Luis Garrido and Alan Mathewson have been selected for the penultimate Scottish schools trial. The rugby teams have had a reasonable beginning with the 2nd Year XV's proving formidable opposition, the 1st XV is a young side this year, but they have already scored victories against Trinity Academy and Heriot's. William Gamba and Kenneth Douglas were selected for the senior Fife XV and Richard Gray for the U/16 Fife XV. In volleyball, a 3rd/4th year team has been entered for the Fife Schools League. Cross-country training at lunch-time on Wednesdays and Fridays regularly attracts over thirty runners. The Senior Boys' Golf Team came 3rd in the Fife Schools' Championship and in the Aer Lingus Regional Tournament. Finlay Coull won the individual competition. Elaine Moffat was chosen to play, first in the East of Scotland girls' team, and later in the Scottish girls' team against Wales, Ireland and England. She scored resounding victories in all three of these matches.

The cottage at Glen Tilt has been visited by parties of pupils and staff, while further afield a party of 3rd and 6th year pupils accompanied by staff visited the region's outdoor centre at Ardroy for a week's outdoor education. During the October holiday, 30 pupils and 5 staff will visit Greece on a classical study tour which will take them to Athens, Aegina and Mycenae.

Drama is usually an extra-curricular activity, but on two occasions this term, performances were put on as part of the English curriculum for senior pupils. In September, the Kingdom Players (mainly staff and present or former pupils) presented Tom Stoppard's "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead", while this week the Byre Theatre Company will stage "The Glass Menagerie" in the Kilrymont Road Hall for S5 and S6. After the October holiday, the Drama Club will put on short plays in the Quad Theatre.

The P.T.A. has opened the session with a travel evening at which pupils presented their commentaries on the various trips and expeditions they had taken part in since the previous August. A list of forthcoming P.T.A. meetings is given below. I hope that these will be well supported.

At the start of the session, we welcomed to the staff Mrs Barclay (Geography/Modern Studies), Mr Lyon (Mathematics) and Miss Orem (French). Since then, Mrs M. Brown has joined the Modern Studies Department on a part-time temporary basis, while Mrs N. Brown has taken over Mrs Taylor's guidance role, also on a temporary basis. Mr Pardoe has been appointed A.P.T. in charge of Computing Studies, which becomes a new department. Mr D. Halliday joins us this week from Glenwood as Assistant Rector (Curriculum). I take this opportunity of wishing a speedy recovery to Mr Edward (Art) and Mr Hamilton (Music). I am grateful to their temporary replacements, Mr Cowie and Mrs McManus for providing cover, and to Mrs Borthwick for helping out in the English Department.

As we welcome new faces, so with regret we take leave of some familiar figures. Among the music instructors, Mr Kevin Thompson is leaving teaching for full-time work with the S.N.O., while Miss Maidment will be moving at the end of term to live in Tayside, where she will continue teaching. Both have done much to create the high standard of instrumental playing we enjoy. Mr McCruden, after nearly 13 years with the History Department, has left to undertake training for the priesthood. Mr McDonald, A.P.T. Business Studies, who looked after the finances of the 150th Anniversary so ably as well as making a very effective contribution to the work/

work of his department, leaves this week to take the post of P.T. Business Studies in Queen Anne High School, Dunfermline. Lastly, Mr Mackay, Principal Teacher of History, after many years of delighting pupils with his scholarship, culture and wit, is retiring from teaching. I wish all of these colleagues good fortune and happiness in their various spheres.

As usual, dates of holidays and forthcoming events are given below. I wish all pupils, staff and parents a pleasant break.



Rector.

#### Holidays and Forthcoming Events

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| PTA Meeting               | - Wednesday 14th November. 'Understanding Your Child's Report Card' - a panel of members of staff headed by the Rector. This meeting will be held in Leuchars Primary School. |
| First Year Dance          | - Tuesday, 11th December 6.30 - 9.00  |
| Second Year Dance         | - Thursday, 13th December 6.30 - 9.00   |
| Christmas Concert         | - Monday, 17th December, Kilrymont Road Building  |
| Third & Fourth Year Dance | - Wednesday, 19th December 7.30 - 10.30   |
| Senior Dance              | - Thursday, 20th December 7.30 - 11.30  |
| PTA Meeting               | - January (date to be arranged). Dessert Party followed by a visit to the school Drama Club production  |
| October Holiday           | - Monday 15th October - Friday 19th October inclusive   |
| Christmas Holiday         | - Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January 1985  |