

The month of June is one that most staff and pupils look forward to - for senior pupils it means that SCE exams are done with, replaced by the interest and challenge of new courses; for all of us it signals the approach of the long vacation, and the prospect in the meantime of long hot June days. These we still await. Perhaps July?

This has been a session of considerable upheaval in the South Street Building. The creation, within the existing structure, of eight additional practical rooms has involved making some two dozen room changes. In spite of these changes, and the accompanying noises of hammering and drilling, staff and pupils have continued to work away steadily. I appreciate their tolerance. The fact that there has been much less disruption than was at one time feared, is due to the close co-operation of Mr McAra of the Regional Architect's Department, Mr Paterson, Assistant Rector (Administration) and Mr Prunty, Head Janitor, who among them have managed this complex operation with efficiency and good humour. The results of the alterations are a great credit to Mr McAra and the tradesman of Fife Region Works Department.

One function of the newsletter is to welcome new members of staff and to thank those who are leaving. This issue is no exception. At the end of the term we lose through retiral four members of staff whose combined service in Madras College and, in some cases, in the old Burgh School totals over 100 years - Mr A. Mackenzie, PT Guidance, Mr J. Noble, PT Guidance, Mr T. Roche, PT Learning Support, and Mr D. Chisholm, Principal Assistant, Art Department. Mr Mackenzie has guided generations of pupils through a difficult stage of their lives as well as developing their skills in Modern Languages. His style, like that of the traditional Scots dominie, was characterised by scholarship, strict but kindly discipline and commitment to his work. Mr Noble's length of service in Madras College is such that he is now teaching grandchildren of former pupils. Whether the task be large or small, the Noble approach has been one of immediate involvement, with an enormous capacity for work, and the ability to execute it with speed, accuracy and a pawky humour. Mr Roche, quiet, thoughtful, always ready to help, has seen many changes in the work of his department, and has carried these out with good humour, care and shrewdness. Many young people will remember, with great affection, the musicals he produced year after year. Mr Chisholm has with great skill introduced many pupils to the craft of pottery and three-dimensional work generally as well as to the more familiar two-dimensional techniques. He made great demands, and rightly so, of his pupils with the aim of heightening their awareness of the world about them. We wish all of these men a long and contented retirement. Thanks and good wishes go also to Mr C. Macleod (Music) who left last week to join the staff of Waid Academy, and to Mr R. Weir (Biology) who leaves at the end of the session to take up a post in Bo'ness Academy, and to Mr Lyon of the Maths Department who also leaves us at the end of the session.

Thanks-are due to the following staff who have given most welcome supply help this term: Mrs Anderstrem and Mrs Borthwick (English), Mrs McManus (Music), Mrs Oliver (Maths), Mrs Tait (French) and Mrs Toms (Art).

Congratulations to Mr C. Mackay, formerly APT Guidance, on being appointed Principal Teacher (Guidance). The other two appointments to the post of PT (Guidance) go to Miss S. Jack of Dumbarton Academy and Mr J. Urquhart of Woodmill High School, who will be taking up their posts early in the new session. The other appointments for next session that have been confirmed at the time of writing are: Mr J. Baldwin (Biology), Miss G. Dunsire (Maths), Mrs E. Kirk (English and Drama), Mr D. Watt (Art) and Mr K. Welsh (Physics).

This year's visit by the Kiel party of 32 pupils led by Herr Suhr was one of the happiest and most successful yet in spite of initial bad weather. Under the exchange scheme operated with Lagny, near Paris, it was the turn of the Madras College to make the visit, and although the number taking part was disappointingly small, the visit was most successful.

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During the past month, senior pupils have taken part in laboratory experience courses at Dundee Technical College, in electronics courses at Buckhaven and Glenrothes Technical College, and have attended Open Days in various universities and colleges of technology, gaining insights which may help them in choosing courses for further education. I was glad to learn that most of our school leavers this May have been able to find jobs or places on YTS schemes, though it was disappointing to hear of a few parents discouraging their youngsters from accepting YTS places. While the quality of YTS schemes will vary, the best of them give sound experience and training and, most important, improve chances of getting a job.

This term, three junior classes from Geography, History and Modern Studies participated in the Domesday Project organised by the BBC to give a picture of Modern Britain. Each school did research on a given block of land nearby to record land use and amenities. All the information will eventually be available to schools in computerised form. Senior Geography pupils have also been involved in practical work on their annual field trip which forms part of their SCE course. Our mathematicians and classicists continue to do well in competitions. In the Scottish Mathematical Challenge open to schools in Central, Tayside and Fife Regions, David Miller and Barry Shields were prizewinners, and Thomas Richardson gained an honourable mention. In the Mathematics Project Competition for all Scottish Schools, Barry Shields was first in the 4th Year category. In the Tayside Classical Association's Latin Speaking Competition, Gail Douglas and Elizabeth Poole were 1st Equal in Senior Latin, Jamie Quinault and Anna Poole were 1st and 2nd respectively in Intermediate Latin, Jamie also took 1st place in Junior Greek. The Senior team won the Project Prize, while Anna Edgar won the Individual Project Prize. In the Art Competition for local schools organised by the St Andrews Art Club, the 1st Prize in the Senior Section was won by Sanya Sanderson, and Susan Paterson was joint winner in the Junior Section. The Scripture Union have been active in well-doing; this term they have produced a magazine, the proceeds of which went to Oxfam for Ethiopian Famine Relief, and have raised money for Dr Barnado's by selling home baking.

Fiona Clark and Stuart Rowson will represent the school at the International Youth Camp at Gorebridge from 13th to 27th July. Graham Paton has been granted a berth on a Sail Training Association Cruise this summer - Graham came 3rd in the South of Scotland Youth Sailing Championships and 6th in the Scottish Junior Championships. During the last week of term the Drama Club present three one-act plays and two sketches in the Quad Theatre. Earlier in the month pupils of the Music Department entertained and delighted a large audience at the annual Summer Concert. It has been a busy term for the department. In April a wind ensemble gave a fund-raising concert for the Friends of the Byre Theatre, and in June, the 70-strong Junior Choir sang in a national Scots song competition in Stirling. At the end of this month, the Senior Choir and Chamber Orchestra will give a concert there at the Church of the Holy Rude. The Professor Newnham Scholarship has been awarded this year to Bridget King, and the T.S.B. Award for the most promising musician of the year goes to Donna Vincent.

This year's Sports were held in excellent conditions - bright sunshine and a cool breeze. The Champion House was Priory and the individual champions were: Senior Boys - Jason King; Senior Girls - Dawn Allison; S3 Boys - Alistair Armit; S3 Girls - Dawn Smart; S2 Girls - Fraser Marwick and Robert Corstorphine; S2 Girls - Lynn Alexander; S1 Boys - Neil Stewart; S1 Girls - Sarah Scott. In an inter-school athletics meeting for girls involving St Leonards School, Harris Academy, Buckhaven High School and Madras College, our 1st Year girls did exceptionally well with Kate Bowden and Marjorie Garrido breaking the 800m and 200m records respectively.

The tuition given in school by Laurie Ayton is helping to improve the performance of our players. The Junior Boys' Team comprising Michael Braidwood, James Cockburn, Martin Hastie/

Martin Hastie and Stuart Syme retained the Fife Schools' Championship by 8 strokes. James won the individual prize of a putter by one stroke. In the Scottish Girls' Championship, Elaine Moffat played in the Fife Team, which came second, Finlay Coull will play in the Fife team in the Scottish Schools' Championship to be held at Leven this month.

The Senior Girls' Tennis Championship this year was won by Susan Dunlop and the Boys' by John Rowlands.

As this is the last newsletter that I shall write as Rector, perhaps I may be forgiven for ending on a personal note. It has been a great privilege to be Rector of such a unique school as the Madras College of St Andrews, and I am deeply grateful to parents for the interest that they have taken in, and the support that they have given to the school. I am confident that under the rectorship of my successor, Mr David Galloway, Madras College will go from strength to strength.



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<u>Start of Session for Pupils:</u>		Monday 19th August 1985
<u>October Break:</u>	School Finishes:	Friday 18th October 1985
	School Starts:	Monday 28th October 1985
<u>Christmas Holiday:</u>	School Finishes:	Friday 20th December 1985
	School Starts:	Monday 6th January 1986
<u>Easter Holiday:</u>	School Finishes:	Friday 29th March 1986
	School Starts:	Monday 14th April 1986
<u>Summer Holiday:</u>	School Finishes:	Friday 4th July 1986