



Figure 4.1: Picture from a newspaper of the ‘Tenth Jubilee’ celebrations.

the Hares and Hounds’ travelling expenses). The ‘Freshers’ Tea held in October had also shown an unusually high loss of 7/6 due to insufficient support from “*The Old Lags*”. Furthermore some of those who did attend had “*still not paid up!*”.

The Secretary (Mike Ryall) also commented on the reduced grant from an insolvent GUAC (down from £30 to £20). Fortunately donations from Professor Campbell and Hugh Garven, and the willingness of Club members to accept a reduced subsidy for travel, had helped the Hares and Hounds weather the financial storm. The Hares and Hounds’ membership now stood at 29, down from 32. During the season the First Team had competed in six University and two outside fixtures. They had defeated Aberdeen University both at Garscadden and on its home territory. (The race at Aberdeen was the first outing in the Senior Team for Craig Sharp, an ex-Victoria Park runner). St. Andrew’s had also been beaten at Garscadden and in Belfast too, along with Queen’s University. The Hares and Hounds had lost to Durham University by 54 points to 25 in a race held at Garscadden on 27 October. The Club had finished second (58 points to 37) to Edinburgh in the Scottish Universities’ Cross Country Championship held in St. Andrew’s. Peter Endicott had finished second, Craig Sharp seventh and A. Jack tenth. In the Nigel Barge Race the Section’s A Team had come 12th, and the B Team 15th (18 Teams had competed). In the Midland District Championship the Club’s A Team had finished seventh out of 15. *Owing to the death of the King the annual race against Edinburgh had been cancelled.* The Secretary congratulated Peter Endicott (the Vice-Captain) on being runner-up in the Scottish Universities’ Cross Country Championship and on being awarded a *Blue*. Another performance of note was that by Craig Sharp who finished fourth in the Scottish National Youths’ Championship held at Hamilton. Both Peter Endicott and Craig Sharp had been chosen for the Scottish Universities’ Team to race against Ireland and England in Manchester. However, lack of money prevented the Scottish Team from taking part. Club runs during the season had been held with Dumbarton AAC, St Modan’s

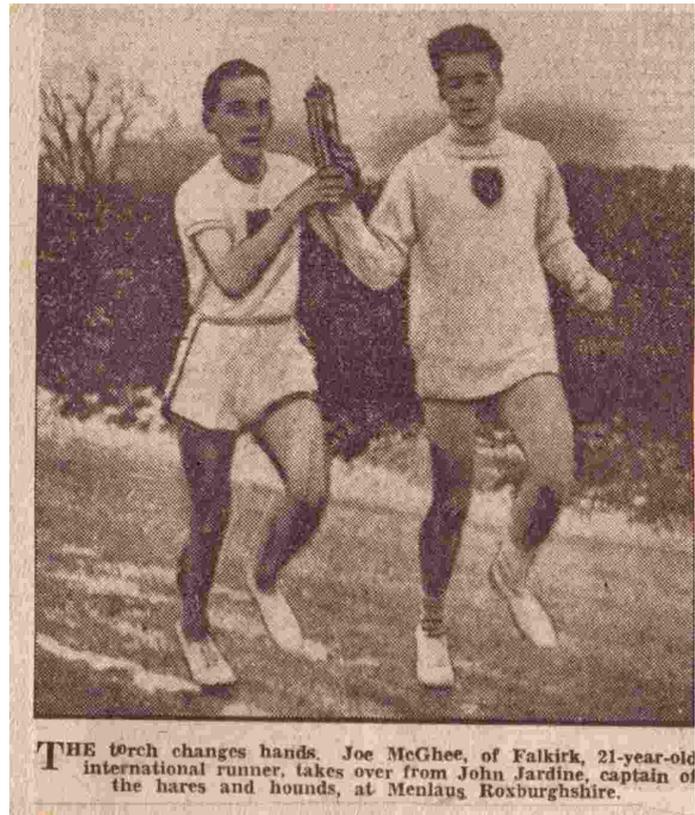


Figure 4.2: Picture from a newspaper of the ‘Tenth Jubilee’ celebrations.

Harriers, Plebian Harriers, Maryhill Harriers, Garscube Harriers and Monklands Harriers. Although the Hares and Hounds had been included in ballots for Union dances each Friday during term, they hadn’t been successful. This was unfortunate as the Club had hoped to raise money in this way to fund the trip to Belfast.

Crime was obviously a problem, even in those far off days. The Secretary reported that GUAC had consented to pay £10 to members of the Durham Team who had lost money and valuables when a pickpocket had entered their Dressing Room at Garscadden the previous October. The University Court had turned down a request for payment in full to the Durham Team.

There was then a general discussion on how more members might be attracted to the Hares and Hounds. Andrew Lockhart felt that personal contact might attract some new faces. A. Jack said he felt that not enough publicity was given to the Club’s activities, and suggested more posters be put up around the University. Messrs Davie and Ashford volunteered to help in this respect. It was also recommended that the meeting place for Pack runs on Wednesdays and Saturdays should be included in the GUAC Handbook.

Team colours were awarded to the following:

George Bowes	Peter Endicott	A. Jack	John Jardine
Andrew Lockhart	Roddy Paterson	Mike Ryall	Craig Sharp

The Secretary then read out a letter from Professor Campbell regretting that he felt he did not have sufficient time to do justice to his Office as President and recommending that another be elected in his place. Peter Endicott, seconded by A. Jack, proposed Professor Macfie for the position. Professor Macfie was elected unanimously. Mike Ryall was then elected Captain, Andrew Lockhart Secretary, and Craig Sharp Treasurer.

4.3 1952-1953

The 1953 Annual General Meeting was held in the Union on Wednesday 11 March. Nine members of the Hares

and Hounds were present.

In the absence of the Hares and Hounds' Treasurer (Craig Sharp) it wasn't possible to give a *resume* of the year's Income and Expenditure. Mike Ryall (the Captain) said that, although the Club was not in any serious financial difficulties, funds had continued on their downward trend.

In his report the Secretary (Andrew Lockhart) began by commenting on the success of the Section's dance held in the Union at the beginning of May. This had helped the Hares and Hounds' funds, as had the donations from Professor Macfie and some of the Vice-Presidents. Membership now stood at only 22. This however, did not stop the Club from doing well in Triangular Tournaments against other Universities. St Andrew's and Queen's University (Belfast) had been beaten, but the Club had lost to Durham and Cambridge. In a match against Dublin and Edinburgh Universities in Glasgow the Hares and Hounds had finished second to Edinburgh, and in a Triangular race in Edinburgh the Club had been defeated by Edinburgh and Durham. In a seven and a half mile race at Leeds, the Hares and Hounds were placed second equal with Liverpool, Leeds being the victors, and Sheffield occupying fourth place. Craig Sharp finished third in 40min 24sec, only 12 seconds behind the individual winner, Beacroft, of Liverpool. Jim Finlayson came fourth. In the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship held in Aberdeen, the Hares and Hounds were only narrowly beaten by Edinburgh (49 points to 45), and then only because injuries prevented some members of the Club taking part. The individual winner was Jim Finlayson, who led throughout the seven miles and finished 150 yards ahead of the second man. Craig Sharp was third, another 100 yards back and Peter Ballance came ninth. The Section finished 10th in the Midland District Championship and, due to lack of interest, had not taken part in the Nigel Barge Road Race. Notable individual performances had been by Jim Finlayson and Craig Sharp taking first and third places respectively in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship. Craig Sharp was also congratulated on being awarded a *Blue*, and Jim Finlayson for finishing second in the Scottish National Senior Cross Country Championship. Jim Finlayson had earlier on two occasions won the Scottish National Youths' Cross Country Championship. The only Club runs held during the season had been with Dumbarton AAC and Garscube Harriers.

There was a lot of discussion about the distressing fall in the Club's membership. In an attempt to rectify this it was proposed:

- (a) That a social evening be held at the beginning of the season with the intention of recruiting new members.
- (b) That there be an organized pack run at Auchendennan Freshers' Camp.
- (c) That circulars be distributed to Freshers.
- (d) That an effort be made to have a Fixture List published on the GUAC membership card.

Mike Ryall then reported with regret the death of Mr. Dunlop Anderson, who had served for many years as President and Vice-President of the Hares and Hounds. He went on to say that this year the Army's Cross Country Championship had been held at Garscadden, which he said was a good indication that the Hares and Hounds' course had gained recognition outside the Glasgow area.

Colours were awarded to:

Peter Ballance	Jim Finlayson	Andy Galbraith	Jim Gourlay
John Jardine	Andrew Lockhart	Roddy Paterson	Mike Ryall
Craig Sharp	George Sim		

Mr. Tom Muir was then elected President. (He was the father of John Muir, who was a pre-war Hares and Hounds *Blue* and University mile champion and record holder). Craig Sharp was elected Captain, George Sim Secretary and Peter Ballance Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

4.4 1953-1954

The 1954 AGM was held in the Union at 11am on Saturday 6 March, with 10 members of the Club present.

The Captain (Craig Sharp) reported that membership had increased to 35. However, the Hares and Hounds had been weakened during the season by the loss of Jim Finlayson, who had gone to France to teach, and of Ian

Stewart, an excellent miler, who was now playing for the Rugby 1st XV. The Club had made enjoyable trips to Belfast and Aberdeen, and had finished second in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship. Craig Sharp and Peter Ballance had been selected for the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Team.

In inter-University races the First Team had beaten St Andrew's and Aberdeen Universities twice and Queen's University (Belfast) once. The six and a half mile race held in Belfast was a triangular match between Aberdeen, Glasgow and Queen's Universities and was eventful to say the least. It took place in appalling conditions over a waterlogged course. A part of the bank along the Laggan River had collapsed and the competitors were slowed to a walk. Moreover the Judges were handicapped at the finish in working out the results as some of the runners had lost their numbers. Craig Sharp, who captained the Glasgow Team, was second. The Hares and Hounds had also lost on one occasion to Aberdeen, to Durham (where, however, Craig Sharp was the individual winner), and to Edinburgh University three times!

The Club had finished 15th out of 26 Teams in the Midland District Relay, and the First and Second Teams eighth and 14th respectively in the Nigel Barge Road Race. George Bowes was the Club's first man home in 33rd position in the Nigel Barge. In the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship, Glasgow lost to Edinburgh by 41 points, best performances being recorded by Craig Sharp and Peter Ballance in fourth and eighth positions respectively. Inter-Club runs had been held with Clydesdale Harriers and Victoria Park AAC (twice).

The Secretary (George Sim) suggested that a major step in improving the standard of the Hares and Hounds would be taken if all the Section's runners represented the Club in Open Competition as First Claim members.

The Club's finances were still not secure. Peter Ballance reported that cash in hand at the start of the season had been £17. This was supplemented by a grant of £18/3/0 from GUAC and a donation of a guinea from Professor Campbell. The total Income for the year had been 36/19/0 (including 15/- from the sale of a pair of cross country shoes!). Expenditure had consisted of entry fees (£4/18/6), travelling (£19/11/2), transport for visiting Teams (13/-), catering (£3/3/6), secretarial expenses (£1/0/4) and the repayment of £1 owed to George Bowes. The Balance carried forward for the next season was thus only £6/3/0.

In the elections Mr. Tom Muir was again voted President, and Peter Ballance Captain. There was some discussion as to how the Secretary's duties could be lightened. It was eventually decided to appoint a Fixtures Secretary who would be responsible for arranging all inter-Club events, and have a combined position of Secretary/Treasurer. Craig Sharp was elected as Fixtures Secretary and George Bowes as Secretary/Treasurer.

Much discussion then took place about First Claim membership. Peter Ballance proposed that only First Claim members should be used in all fixtures i.e. inter-University as well as open events. He felt that although this might weaken the Club for a season or two, people who were not First Claim would realise what they were missing and come on over to the Club. At present some runners felt no need to run First Claim for the University when they could compete for the Hares and Hounds in inter-University events. If this privilege were removed they would be forced to think of their responsibilities to the Section. The President also expressed himself in favour of this suggestion, and as no-one, except S.G. Campbell, was opposed, it was carried.

George Sim proposed that the meeting should devise some regulation for the award of First Team Colours, as at present there were no guidelines to help the Committee in this matter. Consequently the standard might vary from year to year. It was eventually agreed that for anyone to be awarded First Team Colours he must take part in two thirds of all First Team fixtures.

Following from this Peter Ballance pointed out that both the Hares and Hounds' and Athletics' Sections of GUAC used the same tie which had given rise to much friction! It was agreed to submit a design for a new tie, exclusive for the Hares and Hounds, to GUAC next session. Apparently the squabble over the tie came to a head when the Secretary of the Athletics Section wrote to the GUAC outfitters (Rowans) informing them that the present tie was not to be sold to members of the Hares and Hounds. Rather than pursue the matter (although they were on strong grounds) the Hares and Hounds decided it would be more satisfactory to have their own tie. The original idea was to have the tie in the same colour as the blazer and also to have the same badge i.e. in gold with crossed torches and red flames. However, this was found to be over-elaborate in a smaller size, so a compromise was reached with the badge in red and the torches deleted.

4.5 1954-1955

It was in Vancouver on 7 August 1954 that the former Hares and Hounds Captain, Joe McGhee, won the Empire Games Marathon in 2hr 39min 36secs. Unfortunately Joe's sterling performance was somewhat overlooked because of the expected victory of the Englishman Jim Peters. An account of the race has been provided by Doug Gillon in *The Herald* on 6 August 1994.

“At the time of the Empire Games Joe McGhee (then, at 25, an RAF Flight Lieutenant) was a member of Shettleston Harriers. He was one of 16 who lined up at the 12.30pm start, when the temperature was around 75oF (24oC). The Englishmen Jim Peters and Stan Cox, along with Joe McGhee, set off together. Joe dropped back at the five mile stage, and Stan Cox soon thereafter. The increasing heat was probably why a dehydrated Cox collapsed and withdrew at 21 miles after running into a telegraph pole. At this stage Peters was over three miles (17 minutes) ahead of Joe, and with only a mile to go to the finish. However, upon entering the stadium Peters collapsed and lay still for two minutes. He finally arose, but collapsed a further 12 times, covering only 150 yards in 15 minutes. Eventually he was helped at 1/2 lap (220 yards) short of the marathon distance, and was therefore disqualified. Meantime, over the last four miles, Joe McGhee was engaged in pulling away from the two South Africans (Jackie Meckler and Johann Barnard), who had approached him at 22 miles. (Only six of the starters eventually finished).

The media devoted considerable space to Peters’ performance in the marathon, while unfortunately Joe McGhee’s win rated only a few lines. However, Joe went on to take the Scottish Marathon title in 2hr 25min 50secs the following year, the fastest time for a Briton that season. He was awarded the Crabbie Trophy for the best performance in any event at the Championships and he remains the first Scot to have won three successive marathon championships. (Incidentally, this record has now been equalled by another former member of the Hares and Hounds, Fraser Clyne). On 19 November 1954 the Hares and Hounds held a Complimentary Dinner in Joe McGhee’s honour at Westerlands.”

The 1955 AGM was held in the Union at 11.30am on Saturday 26 February. Eight members of the Club attended. The Captain (Peter Ballance) reported that membership had increased by four to 39, but that the numbers competing had not risen significantly. However, the Hares and Hounds did have 21 new members. The First Team had been weakened by the departure of George Bowes, Mike Ryall and George Sim. Craig Sharp’s injury had also prevented him racing all season, which had added to the First Team’s difficulties. Some compensation was obtained, however, by the return of Jim Finlayson. Despite all the problems, Teams from the Hares and Hounds had been entered in every open event in the West of Scotland run under SCCU rules, and the Club had re-qualified for the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay.

In inter-University events the Section had beaten Aberdeen, St. Andrew’s and Queen’s University (Belfast), while finishing second to Edinburgh in the Scottish Universities’ Cross Country Championship. Jim Finlayson was the first to finish in this race, and had been presented with a *Blue* for his services to the Section as had Peter Ballance the previous season. First Team Colours had been awarded to:

Peter Ballance	S.G. Campbell	Jim Finlayson
Andy Galbraith	David MacFarlane	B. Macnamara
Robert Meikle	T.Robertson	John Rose

The Secretary, John Rose (who appears to have taken over in mid season with the departure of George Bowes), described how the Club had finished 25th out of 61 Teams in the McAndrew, and 12th and 22nd out of 32 Teams in the Midland District Relays. The Hares and Hounds had gained 16th place in the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay and had finished seventh in the Nigel Barge. A Section Tie was in production and would be in the shops by June. John Rose also pointed out that road training was to be introduced, particularly as the new housing scheme at Drumchapel would make soft running increasingly difficult. Training nights would be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from the Gym.

In his capacity as Treasurer, John Rose, reported that the financial position of the Club was much the same as in recent years, but complained that the GUAC grant was quite inadequate. The fixture arranged with Durham University had been cancelled for lack of funds. Income (including the contribution from GUAC) came to £63/6/0. The main items of expenditure were Travel (£30/18/0), Affiliation and Entry Fees (£9/7/0), Entertainment (£10/8/3) and inter-’varsity medals (£3/18/0).

In the elections Mr. Tom Muir was again elected President, Andy Galbraith became Captain and John Rose Secretary/Treasurer.

Peter Ballance recalled how, when he joined the Hares and Hounds in 1952, the course for races organized by the Section was run anticlockwise from Garscadden out north east by the Canal Bank and in via the Boulevard. On the first run of the season in the autumn of 1954, the runners were horrified to discover that virtually the whole

second quarter of their course had disappeared under the new Drumchapel housing scheme. The solution had been to take the course further north, to the top of the escarpment.

4.6 1955-1956

The 1956 Annual General Meeting was held in the Union on Saturday 25 February in the presence of eight members.

The Captain (Andy Galbraith) reported that although membership was down, the standard of those competing had risen appreciably. So much so that the Hares and Hounds were now able to take part in all three classes of Open events, namely Youths', Juniors' and Seniors' races. In inter-University fixtures the First Team were beaten by Queen's University (Belfast) and by Edinburgh, but defeated St. Andrew's, Aberdeen and Durham. Edinburgh still had the stronger Team, but the gap between them and the Hares and Hounds was narrowing. In open competition the Section had performed creditably, although it was handicapped by the SCCU age rules. In particular these rules prevented Peter Maitland from participating in many races.

The Club had finished 22nd in the McAndrew Relay, 22nd and 31st in the Midland Relay and 18th in the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay. The Club also finished ninth in the Nigel Barge, eighth in the Midland District Championship and fifth in the Youths' event there. In the National Championships the Club had problems obtaining enough runners for each race category, but nevertheless finished 11th and ninth in the Youths' and Junior events respectively, and several members of the Hares and Hounds were well placed in the Senior race. The Second Team had experienced rather a bleak season due to lack of finances to support travel. However, they competed against Edinburgh twice (beaten both times), and had won a match against St. Andrew's as well as being narrowly beaten by St. Modan's Athletic Club. Other Club runs had been arranged with both Victoria Park AAC and Maryhill Harriers. The Captain concluded his report by announcing the awarding of Club Colours to:

Peter Ballance	Andy Galbraith	David Johnston	D. Stuart MacFarlane
Peter Maitland	Robert Meikle	J. Pearson	A. Preston

The Secretary/Treasurer, John (Sandy) Rose, mentioned encouraging individual performances by Bob Meikle and Andy Galbraith who had been awarded *Blues*. He apologised for his inability to conduct the Club's affairs as efficiently as he would have liked, "*but he had been hard-pressed by his work and by his nature study*"! The Club's finances were such that Income had just covered Expenditure, but this was only because several fixtures had been cancelled! It was estimated that the Club's Balance would be under £1 by the end of the season. John Rose stated that lack of money was really the source of all the Hares and Hounds' problems.

Mr. Muir intimated that he wished to retire as President and in the elections that followed, the following persons were appointed.

President: Professor C.A. Campbell, Captain: David Stuart MacFarlane, Secretary/Treasurer: Andy Galbraith.

Finally there was much discussion about the Club's poor financial situation and how this might be remedied. Stuart MacFarlane suggested the hiring of Queen Margaret Union for a dance at the start of the University session, and this was unanimously supported. However, as it turned out this dance never took place.

4.7 1956-1957

The 1957 Annual General Meeting was held in the Union on Monday 4th March with 12 members of the Hares and Hounds present.

The Captain (Stuart MacFarlane) reported a membership of 36. Despite this the Hares and Hounds had had a most unsatisfactory season although there was a promising start when the Club finished 21st out of 60 Teams competing in the McAndrew Relay Race. The season's poor results could in part be attributed to injuries incurred by Bob Meikle, Craig Sharp and David Johnston which had prevented them racing on numerous occasions. Another reason for the Section not doing particularly well was the poor competition for First Team places. This resulted in members retaining their places in the Team without zealous training with disastrous consequences. Stuart MacFarlane regretted the departure of Peter Ballance, "*now too old to be a student!*", and paid tribute to his services. Stuart stressed the improvement of Aberdeen and St Andrew's, making the point that only full strength Teams could now defeat them. Peter Maitland was to be congratulated on being awarded a *Blue*. Club colours were presented to:

Andy Galbraith S.P.J. Kerr Stuart MacFarlane J.S. Macrae
Peter Maitland J. Pearson Nick Rogers

Stuart MacFarlane said he hoped for the re-introduction of an international fixture for a Team from the Scottish Universities (possibly against an UAU Team). However, the main need of the Section was still money! This led on to the Treasurer's report. The Secretary/Treasurer (Andy Galbraith) whole-heartedly agreed with the Captain that money was desperately needed to support the Section's activities, and that more emphasis needed to be put on training. He proposed a year of Team rebuilding should be entered upon "*with the main idea of re-establishing supremacy over Aberdeen and St Andrew's, rather than the overambitious aim of beating Edinburgh*"! He proposed a much less ambitious Fixture list, with the main proviso that only inter-University contests should be raced flat out, and that these should be arranged so that they did not fall on successive Saturdays. For the record, there had been wins during the past season over Queen's University (Belfast) and Aberdeen with losses to Edinburgh (3), Aberdeen (2), St Andrew's (2), Durham (2) and Leeds (1). Andy Galbraith paid a tribute to GUAC for their extreme generosity during the season.

Professor Campbell then intimated that as sport kept him extremely busy, he felt that the Hares and Hounds would be better served by a new President. Stuart MacFarlane proposed Mr. William Diverty, who had been present at the meeting. He was introduced to the Hares and Hounds by Andy Galbraith, and subsequently elected both as President, and as Midland District representative. Peter Maitland was voted in as Captain and Andy Galbraith as Secretary/Treasurer.

In the general discussion that followed, it was agreed that the election of Stuart MacFarlane to the GUAC Committee had been a big success as he had ensured that the Hares and Hounds' views had been well and truly aired. David Johnston was persuaded to stand for GUAC during the coming session. It was also noted that dances were being organized at Westerlands on a regular basis, and it was hoped that the Hares and Hounds might soon be able to hold one there and consequently increase the Club's funds. Finally it was mentioned that the Hares and Hounds' tie was now available from Rowans at a price of 17/6.

4.8 1957-1958

The 1958 Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Union at 7.15pm on Monday 3 March in the presence of 18 active members of the Section.

The Captain (Peter Maitland) commented upon the improved record of the Club during the season just finished. He quoted victories (twice) over both St Andrew's and Aberdeen. The Hares and Hounds had also beaten Queen's University (Belfast) and had finished third in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship, better than the wooden spoon that they had qualified for last year. (Note however, that in 1958 there were still only four Scottish Universities!) Although the Club had not improved on last season's position (16th) in the Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay, their previous time had been bettered by five minutes. Peter Maitland also expressed great satisfaction that the Club had regained the services of Craig Sharp. It was pointed out that the ruling that only First Claim members were eligible for Team selection unfortunately deprived the Hares and Hounds of the services of Bill More. He was an extremely good miler who competed for GUAC during the summer, but in the winter ran First Claim for Kilmarnock Harriers in cross country races. Peter paid tribute to David Johnston for three fine performances during the season, including a victory at Aberdeen, coming 28th in the UAU Championship and for having a fine 37min 35 secs run over the Garscadden course in the match against St. Andrew's. He also congratulated Nick Rogers on his excellent performances during the season and expressed the hope that both would be awarded *Blues*¹. Colours were presented to:

Andy Galbraith	David Johnston	J. Stuart MacFarlane	D.C. McGee
Peter Maitland	Jim Pearson	Nick Rogers	P.S. Woodworth

It was with regret that Peter Maitland announced the imminent departure from the Club of Andy Galbraith and Craig Sharp after many years of valuable service.

The Secretary/Treasurer (Andy Galbraith) mentioned that his plan for rebuilding the Hares and Hounds' three Teams had met with some success, and he hoped it would be continued. The First Team had won six and lost

¹In the event they did receive them.

five races, the Second had won four and lost three and the Third had won two and lost none. Teams from the Hares and Hounds had finished 15th, 21st and 31st in the Midland District Relay, eighth in the Midland District Championship and 14th and 18th in the Nigel Barge Road Race.

The Club's Income during the year was £69/19/11/2 and there was an Expenditure of £68/10/0.

In the elections the following were voted on to the Committee. President: Mr. William Diverty, Captain: David Johnston, Secretary/Treasurer: Nick Rogers.

There was then more wrangling concerning eligibility for First Team membership. Eventually Craig Sharp proposed that the wording "*except for special emergencies at the Committee's discretion*" be added to the rule relating to this, but the proposal was voted down nine to five. Andy Galbraith suggested that on Saturdays during the summer, runs should be held from Westerlands. Finally Jim Pearson was persuaded to stand as Entertainments Convenor on GUAC, and then at 9.15pm the meeting was closed "*so that Club members could retire to partake of some refreshments*"!

In the GUAC elections, held shortly after the Hares and Hounds' AGM, Stuart MacFarlane was elected to Council as Publicity Convenor.



Figure 4.3: Hares and Hounds' First Team 1957-1958. At back: Peter Ballance, Jim Pearson, Shanks Kerr, Jim McCrae, Nick Rogers, Peter Maitland. In front: Stuart MacFarlane, Andy Galbraith.

4.9 1958-1959

The 1959 Annual General Meeting was held in the Union at 7.15pm on Monday 2 March with 20 members present. The Captain (David Johnston) started off by reviewing the fortunes of the Hares and Hounds during the season, stating his great satisfaction that the Club had finished 13th in the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay. The Section had finished 20th out of 80 teams in the McAndrew Relay and finished 12th in the Midland District Relay. In the Nigel Barge Road Race the First Team came 10th out of 25 Teams competing. Douglas Gifford finished 22nd in this race, Stan Horn was 30th and Nick Rogers 40th. The second Team came 15th. On 10 January 1959 a trial was held over an icy and treacherous seven mile trail from Garscadden. Douglas Gifford won the race easily in 38min 34sec. Then in the Midland District Championships Jim Bogan finished first in the Youths' Race, and Douglas Gifford was the second Junior home.

In inter-University matches the Section had been defeated by Edinburgh University both at home and away. Aberdeen had been beaten twice and although St Andrew's had won against the Hares and Hounds on their home territory, the Hares and Hounds had beaten St. Andrew's over the course at Garscadden. The latter race had taken

place in dull wet conditions on 21 January. As soon as open country was reached conditions underfoot were very treacherous for the runners, with the thaw having come too late and the overlying water merely concealing the ice below. Stan Horn won the race in 37min 18 sec, with Jim Bogan second (37min 21sec) and Douglas Gifford third (37min 25sec). In the Team competition Glasgow won easily with 30 points. St Andrew's scored 72 and Aberdeen 87.

There had been away wins for the Hares and Hounds against both Queen's University (Belfast) and Trinity College (Dublin). One big disappointment had been the Hares and Hounds' performance over their own six and three quarter mile trail during the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship. Factors responsible were injuries sustained by the Captain himself and by John Gray, the loss of form by Stan Horn, the effects of recent flu on Douglas Gifford and Calum Laing, and finally:

“the fact that Jim Bogan (as a Youth) was forbidden to run over the distance. The latter was pointed out in a letter received just the day before the race from Mr. George Dallas of the Scottish Cross Country Union.”

In this race the previous course record of 36min 56sec set by Jim Finlayson had been bettered by the winner, A.S. Jackson from Edinburgh. However, in the final major races of the season, the National Championships held at Hamilton, the Hares and Hounds had finished fifth in the Junior Six Mile event. The Captain then went on to mention some of the outstanding individual performances of the season. Stan Horn was sixth fastest in the Senior Race of the Midland District Relays, and Jim Bogan took the Lanarkshire Youths' and Midland Youths' titles as well as winning the Helen Corbett Youth Race over $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles sponsored by Bellahouston Harriers. He also came fourth in a Youths' race at Clydebank. Stan Horn and Jim Bogan had been put forward for *Blues* which were duly awarded. First Team Colours were presented to:

Jim Bogan	Douglas Gifford	Jim Gray	B. Habbick
Stan Horn	Stuart Hunter	David Johnston	Calum Laing
Nick Rogers	P. Woodcock		

The Captain concluded by expressing regret that three long-standing members of the Club were leaving, ie Jim Hamilton, Stuart MacFarlane and Jim Pearson.

The Secretary/Treasurer (Nick Rogers) believed that the outstanding feature of the season was the great rise in the standard of cross country running in Scotland in general, and at Glasgow University in particular. For the first time there had been real competition for every position in the First Team, and often too for positions in the Second Team. Two new social events had taken place during the season, the Smoker in the Martinmas term and a Lacrosse match in the Candlemas term against the Ladies' Lacrosse Section; this was followed by tea at Garscadden.

The Section's finances were still not particularly healthy; there was a Balance of only 13/91/2 (around 69p!) at the end of the season. This was mainly due to a loss on the Smoker, and from costs incurred during the Manchester trip.

The President (Mr. Diverty) mentioned:

“various points of difference of opinion between the Hares and Hounds and the Scottish Cross Country Union which had occurred during the season, mostly concerning the running of Jim Bogan (a Youth) in distances greater than three miles. There then followed a discussion about whether the Hares and Hounds should run Youths or not, a discussion which became extremely spirited and long drawn out.”

Eventually Stan Horn proposed that Youths be allowed to run for the Section subject to jurisdiction by the Committee. Stuart MacFarlane made a counter-proposal that Youths be not permitted to run. In a vote Stan Horn's proposal was carried by 14 votes to six.

In the elections Mr. Diverty again became President, Nick Rogers Captain and Douglas Gifford Secretary/Treasurer. David Johnston and Nick Rogers were congratulated on winning their *Blues* in the previous season. Finally it was decided that Stan Horn and Douglas Gifford should stand for positions on GUAC.

4.10 1959-1960

The 1960 Annual General Meeting was held in the Union at 7pm on Monday 7 March. Twenty-one members of the Hares and Hounds were present.

The Captain (Nick Rogers) spoke about the mixed fortunes of the Club during the previous season. The First Team Trial had seen six men beat the *Blue's* standard of 38 minutes over the Garscadden course (later that night this was lowered to 37min 30sec). Then a Glasgow Eight "*hammered*" Queen's University (Belfast) by maximum points over the Garscadden course. The Hares and Hounds had finished 10th in the Midland District Relay.

"Edinburgh, our arch enemies, were also soundly trounced at last after 10 years, Gifford, Bogan, Horn and Hunter finishing in that order before the first Edinburgh man"

On this occasion Douglas Gifford also set a new course record of 36min 51sec over the Garscadden course. Unfortunately, the Hares and Hounds had not improved on last year's 13th position in the Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay. However, both Aberdeen and St Andrew's had succumbed to the Club. The Christmas Handicap had been resurrected and had proved a great success; it was hoped that this race would continue.

The highlight of the Candlemas term's running was in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship held at St Andrew's where Douglas Gifford and Jim Bogan finished first and second respectively. Stuart Hunter also put in a tremendous effort to finish fourth. Nevertheless, the following week the Hares and Hounds "*suffered a surprising and shameful defeat by a new and vigorous Edinburgh Team*". The Junior Team had finished third in the Scottish Cross Country Championship at Hamilton. The English Universities versus the Scottish Universities match remained "*as much of a farce as usual*", and Nick Rogers recommended that the Hares and Hounds discuss with other Scottish Universities some ways of making this a fairer competition. Douglas Gifford and Stuart Hunter had been nominated for *Blues*, which were subsequently awarded.

Financially the Hares and Hounds was much better off (having a Credit Balance of £10/12/6) mainly due to donations from Vice-Presidents.

Team Record for the 1959-60 Season		
3 October	McAndrew Relay	GU 10th out of 81 Teams
31 October	versus Queen's University (Garscadden)	GU won (21-62 points)
7 November	Midland District Relay (Steps)	GU 10th
14 November	versus Edinburgh University (Garscadden)	GU won (26-54)
21 November	Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay	GU 13th
28 November	versus St Andrew's (St Andrews)	GU won (34-44)
5 December	versus Aberdeen (Garscadden)	GU won (24-56)
9 January	Nigel Barge Race	GU 10th
16 January	versus Aberdeen & St Andrew's	GU won (34,46, 63)
23 January	Midland District CC Championship	GU 11th
6 February	In the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship the Hares and Hounds narrowly won the event from St Andrew's. (Glasgow 38, St Andrew's 44, Edinburgh 63, Aberdeen 94 points). Gifford, Bogan, Hunter and Horn were picked to run for the Scottish Universities against a Team from the English Universities.	
13 February	versus Edinburgh University	Edinburgh won (49-55)
7 March	SCCU Championships (Hamilton) GU Junior Team 3rd, GU failed to field a full Senior Team, but Jim Bogan finished 14th, Stuart Hunter 20th, Douglas Gifford 27th and Dick Hartley 28th.	
14 March	Scottish versus English Universities The English won 21 points to 57. (Stuart Hunter was 7th, Stan Horn 8th and Jim Bogan 13th).	

The President (Mr. Diverty) then spoke of "*the seemingly habitual friction between the SCCU and the Scottish Universities*". He mentioned a letter from Jim Bogan to the aforesaid body, and requested:

"that those with complaints to lodge should consult himself beforehand so that he could act in his capacity as the Hares and Hounds' representative to the SCCU."

Under AOCB several interesting topics were touched upon. These included:

- (a) Ways of running a Club dance successfully, as the first effort had flopped.
- (b) The raising of funds and increasing the number of members by various means.

(c) A Club scarf.

(d) A possible run from Lands End to John o' Groats.

(e) A raising of Club *Blue's* standards.

The new Committee elected was as follows, President: Mr. Bill Diverty Captain: Douglas Gifford Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Bogan

Club Colours were awarded to:

Jim Bogan	R. Clarke	Douglas Gifford	Jim Gray
Dick Hartley	Stuart Hunter	David Johnston	Nick Rogers

The meeting eventually closed at 10.45pm! The following week at the GUAC AGM Jim Bogan was voted on to Council as Entertainments Convenor, and both Douglas Gifford and Stuart Hunter were awarded *Blues*.

Chapter 5

The 1960's

5.1 1960-1961

The 1961 Annual General Meeting was held at 7.30pm on 17 March in George Service House in the presence of 12 members of the Hares and Hounds.

The Captain (Douglas Gifford) began his report by saying that the past year had been one of both remarkable success and failure. The Team Trials had been characterized by Calum Laing's admirable running. He had been undefeated in inter-University competition, and had also won the North of Scotland Cross Country Championship. The Irish tour had been excellent; the Hares and Hounds had been treated exceptionally well by their hosts. Thirtyfour runners had taken part in the six-odd mile race in Belfast, which started at King's Bridge, and went via Newforge Lane, Barnett's Park and the Tow Path to Strathmillis. Calum Laing was first in 34min 53sec, Douglas Gifford second in 34min 55sec, J. Gray third in 35min 13sec, Stuart Hunter fourth in 35min 26sec and Jim Bogan fifth in in 36min 00sec. Calum Laing also led his Team home in the race against Trinity College (Dublin). In other inter-University competition St Andrew's and Aberdeen had been beaten comparatively easily by the Hares and Hounds, but Edinburgh had regained their strength to win the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship.

“In the Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay everyone had run their hearts out and the Team had finished third - their best ever position in a time of 3hr 50min 24sec.”

Calum Laing had done the second fastest time on the second stage (29min 51sec) and brought the Team up from 13th to fourth place. In the Midland District Relay Championship the Hares and Hounds also came third behind Shettleston and Victoria Park in the Senior event, and this the day after the GUAC Ball too! Calum Laing finished fifth in 14min 04sec. John Gray taking over, dropped two places to do a time of 15min 14sec, but this was made up by Jim Bogan (14min 45sec). Dick Hartley took over and returned a creditable time of 15min 34sec. The SUSF Championship had taken place in perfect weather. Calum Laing and the Aberdeen runner (J. Glennie) were neck and neck at the half way stage, but Calum won by 100 yards in 35min 28sec. Excellent individual performances throughout the season had come from Calum Laing and Dick Hartley (who were both awarded *Blues*) and from Jim Bogan, J. Gray, G. Hartley and Cameron Shepherd.

The Secretary/Treasurer (Jim Bogan) reported that the Club's membership had risen by five to 29 and there was a Credit Balance of £10/12/6 (a loss of £2/5/2 over the year).

In the elections Dr. David Johnston was appointed President, Jim Bogan Captain and Dick Hartley Secretary/Treasurer. Colours were presented to:

Jim Bogan	Thor Denstad	Douglas Gifford
Jim Gray	Dick Hartley	Stuart Hunter
Calum Laing	Nick Rogers	Cameron Shepherd

It was noted that Jim Bogan had the previous week been re-elected to GUAC, again as Entertainments Con-venor. Under AOCB it was proposed that the name of the Section be changed to "*The Glasgow University Cross Country Club*" and this was carried. Subsequently Dick Hartley and Calum Laing were awarded *Blues*. A photo, supplied by Calum Laing, showing the 1960-1961 Hares and Hounds with their trophies is shown in Figure 5.1.

Team Record for the 1960-61 Season	
GU versus Queen's University (Belfast)	GU won 21-69
GU versus Trinity College (Dublin)	GU won 29-52
Midland District Relay	GU Teams 3rd, 8th, 20th, 35th
GU versus St Andrew's	GU won 26-56
Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay	GU Team 3rd in 3hr 50min 24sec
GU versus Edinburgh & Dublin Universities	GU won 44-59-61
GU versus Aberdeen University	GU won 24-64
GU versus St Andrew's and Aberdeen Universities	GU won 38-70-71
Midland District Championship	GU 10th (Laing 10th, Bogan 17th)
GU versus St Modan's Athletic Club	GU lost 43-37
GU versus Aberdeen University & Aberdeen AC	GU 2nd 63-72-36
UAU Race	GU 7th (Bogan 31st, Laing 39th)
Scottish Universities' Championship (Aberdeen)	GU 2nd (Edin 56 GU 66)
National Championships (Hamilton Race Course)	Junior Race 2nd (Gifford 9th, Bogan 13th, Baillie 32nd, Shepherd 33rd) In the Senior Race Calum Laing dashed off in a whirlwind start and finished third.

5.2 1961-1962

The 1962 Annual General Meeting was held in George Service House at 7.15pm on 19 March in the presence of 19 active members of the Club.

The first item on the agenda involved the name change of the Section. Jim Bogan pointed out that the motion passed at the AGM had been declared invalid by GUAC. It would involve an alteration of the Section's Constitution and therefore necessitated advance notice being given. It was therefore unanimously decided to abandon any further attempts to alter the Club's name.

Mr. Willie Diverty, who was present at the meeting, congratulated the Hares and Hounds for winning the William Ross Cunningham Memorial Trophy for being the most outstanding Club of the 27 in GUAC during the 1960-61 season. The immediate past year had also been most successful with the Hares and Hounds winning the Scottish Universities' Championship and coming fifth in the British Universities' Championship.

Calum Laing had had some magnificent performances during the season, most notably coming third in the Scottish National Cross Country Championship and therefore qualifying for a position in the Scottish Team due to compete in the International match in Sheffield on 24 March. (Subsequently he finished 37th in this race, being the fifth Scot home).

In his report the Captain (Jim Bogan) reviewed the past season in detail:

"He was especially pleased that the Hares and Hounds had crushed both physically and psychologically an excellent Team from Edinburgh in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship."

The season had begun relatively quietly with the Hares and Hounds beating St. Andrew's, Aberdeen and Queen's University (Belfast). The Section very narrowly defeated Edinburgh over the course at Garscadden, and could only manage eighth position in the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay. The Hares and Hounds were then hammered by Cambridge and Durham in a Triangular Match held near the end of the Martinmas Term. In the Christmas Handicap a newcomer (Alan Faulds), who was a football player "*shamed everyone in winning the event by three minutes*". His arrival in the Club had greatly strengthened the First Team. Calum Laing, as always, had been his usual devastating self, winning all the Inter-University races. The Hares and Hounds First Team suffered only one defeat by an open Club. This had been by Aberdeen AAC at Aberdeen, when the Hares and Hounds had been slightly under strength. However, this defeat was avenged the following week.

When the Hares and Hounds travelled down to the UAU Race they had the great pleasure of seeing Calum Laing coming second, and only 120 yards behind, the English Internationalist Ron Hill. On 3 March the Hares and Hounds' Junior Team had won the National Title in the Championship Race held at Hamilton Park Racecourse. Alan Faulds came third, even though Jim Bogan had reminded him "*that Engineers were not allowed to beat Chemists or would-be Chemists*"! Jim Bogan pointed out that the social side of the Section's activities had not been neglected either and:

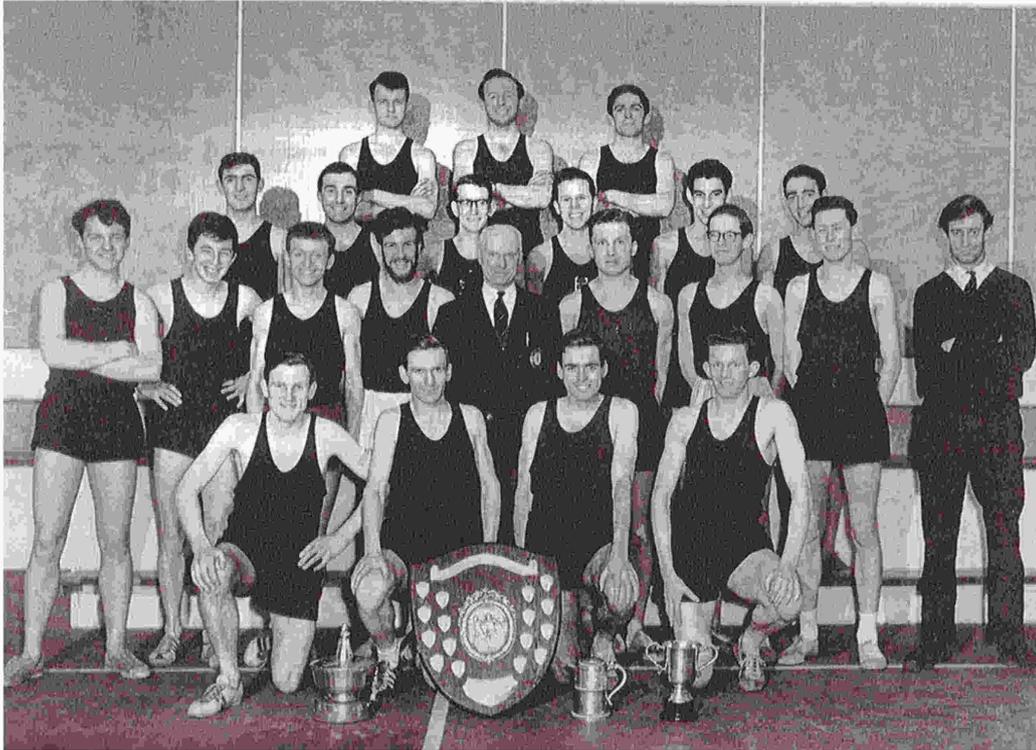


Figure 5.1: A photo, supplied by Calum Laing, showing the 1960-1961 Hares and Hounds with their trophies. Alan Faulds is at the back on the extreme left. Next to him is Paul Jennings and then Jim Bogan's older brother. Iain MacPhail is on the far left in the second row. The others are B. Broderick, Cameron Shepherd, Thor Denstad, R. Clarke and Dave Seagar. In the next row is John (Buster) McColl, ?, Douglas Gifford, ?, Willie Diverty, Nick Rogers, ?, Ray Baillie and Craig Sharp. In the front are Calum Laing, Jim Bogan, Dick Hartley, and Campbell ?

“the Club’s capacity had been greatly increased and women were very conscious of their efforts. However, the number of ensnared men in the Club remained at a pleasant zero.”!

The highlight of the season had been a run up Ben Nevis.

The Hares and Hounds’ Second Team had also raced on 10 occasions and a full Third Team had been fielded once. Mr. Diverty wondered about obtaining a Cup for the Second Team in the Scottish Universities’ Cross Country Championship. On 12 Saturdays during the season the Hares and Hounds had more than 14 runners competing. Unfortunately the date of the Midland District Relay in Stirling had clashed with an inter-Universities’ event, and so only the Second and Third Teams had taken part, finishing 19th and 27th out of 38 Teams.

The Secretary (Dick Hartley) spoke a few words about the general aims of the Section. He thought that these should be not only to encourage people to take up running and raise the standard of competition, but also to provide a marvellous relaxation from the mental strains of University life. Dick Hartley pointed out that the present racing times over the Garscadden course could not really be compared with those of previous years, because there had been no fewer than four alterations to the course. The record for the new course of 37 minutes 14 seconds (avoiding the bog and Housing Scheme) was now held by Calum Laing. Dick Hartley thought that the Hares and Hounds should think of establishing new standards for the course, eg A 39 minutes 30 seconds, B 42 minutes and C 46 minutes. Most members now looked on all the year round five days a week training as a good thing, if not yet perhaps a necessity or an actuality. This year there had also been an encouraging number of people of all standards running from the Gym at lunchtime, or at five o’clock. Dick Hartley finished by saying that he thought the Second

First Team - Record for the 1961-62 Season		
7 October	McAndrew Relay	GU 12th
21 October	versus Maryhill H (Garscadden)	GU won 27-52 (GU 1 3 4 5 6 8)
28 October	versus Queen's University (Belfast) at Garscadden	GU won 22-57 (GU 1 2 3 4 5 7)
4 November	versus St Andrew's (Garscadden)	GU won 26-56 (GU 1 3 4 5 6 7)
18 November	Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay	GU 8th (2nd University Team)
25 November	versus Edin Univ & Glasgow Police (Garscadden)	1st equal 40-40-133
2 December	versus Aberdeen AAC & Aberdeen University at Aberdeen	GU 2nd 73-31-80
9 December	versus St Andrew's, Aberdeen AAC & Dundee Harriers	GU won 45-90-89-99
12 December	versus Cambridge & Durham Univs.	GU 3rd 124-40-51
6 January	Nigel Barge Road Race	GU 10th
13 January	versus St Andrew's & Aberdeen (Garscadden)	GU won 24-88-79
20 January	Midland District Championship	GU 4th (155 points)
27 January	versus Edin. Univ. & Edin Sthn H.	GU won 42-65-75
3 February	versus Victoria Park & St Modan's	GU won 37-67-102
10 February	British Universities' Championship	GU 5th (2 10 17 48 55 65)
17 February	Scottish Universities' Championship	GU won (1 2 3 7 8 13) Edinburgh 2nd!
3 March	Scottish National Championships	GU Junior Team 1st (4 5 16 23) Senior Team 8th (3 27 38 67 123 146)

Team Fixture List could be expanded.

“However, this should not be at the expense of the splendid tradition of the two Teams travelling away together (a marvellous way of furthering Club spirit), or have the effect of pitchforking runners into competitive cross country racing before they were ready for it or had caught the disease.”

The Hares and Hounds' finances were healthy with cash in hand standing at £11/5/5, although quite a lot of money was still owed.

The elections resulted in the positions being filled as follows:

President:	Dr. David Johnston
Captain:	Calum Laing
Secretary/Treasurer:	Cameron Shepherd

The resignation of Professor Campbell as a Vice-President was received with regret; he had now moved out of the Glasgow area.

Under AOCB it was proposed that Mr. Diverty should deliver a formal protest to the SCCU about the types of courses used for Championship races. Of particular concern were the Midland District course at Renton, which involved a number of dangerous barbed wire fences, and the National course at Hamilton which was considered by many to be too easy to be deemed as *bona fide* cross country. Jim Bogan undertook to prepare details of possible additions to the course at Hamilton, which would be submitted by Mr. Diverty to the SCCU. (When the issue was subsequently raised at the AGM of the SCCU, however, the Hares and Hounds' views were not sympathetically received. The National Committee considered that the types of National Championship courses were now geared to those used in International events where the emphasis was on speed).

Because of the probable increase in expenditure next season, it was decided a good idea to appoint an Entertainments Convenor, whose duties would be to organize a dance in the Union, and be responsible for activities

such as mid-term outings and pack runs. The Assistant Secretary (John McColl) undertook to carry out these functions.

Douglas Gifford then told the meeting that he knew of a cottage near Fort William owned by the Caledonian Canal Trust which could be rented for £15 *per annum*. He suggested the Hares and Hounds take steps to acquire the cottage as a place for weekend or vacation visits, and as a Training Camp. This idea was enthusiastically received and Douglas Gifford was instructed to go ahead and arrange for the cottage to be rented. (However, as it turned out, Inverness County Council prevented the Hares and Hounds from obtaining use of this cottage. Nevertheless Douglas Gifford reported at the following AGM that the Section had an open and permanent invitation to use the facilities of Lochaber Harriers, and that he had a key to these in his possession).

First Team Colours were awarded to:

Ray Baillie	Jim Bogan	Alan Faulds
Douglas Gifford	Richard Hartley	Calum Laing
N. McPhail	Nick Rogers	Cameron Shepherd (who also won a <i>Blue</i>)

Shortly before the meeting closed at 10.15pm! it was decided to arrange four statutory Committee meetings during the year, two before Christmas and two afterwards.

5.3 1962-1963

The 1963 Annual General Meeting was held in George Service House at 7pm on Friday 8 March. Twenty members of the Hares and Hounds were present.

The Secretary (Cameron Shepherd) began his report by listing the Captain's (Calum Laing) successes during the season. Calum had also been elected Captain of the Scottish Universities' Team, and had yet again been unbeaten in any of the inter-'varsity races in which he had participated. He now held three of the four records for the Scottish Universities' courses, and was winner of his leg in the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay in which, for only the second time, the Hares and Hounds came third, in a time of 3hr 48min 35sec. The race had been held over a wind-swept and snow-covered course. Glasgow University's complete Team was Dick Hartley (27min 38ecs), Calum Laing (29min 07sec), Jim Bogan (22min 21sec), Douglas Gifford (30min 14sec), Ray Baillie (28min 50sec), Alan Faulds (34min 33sec), Cameron Shepherd (29min 21sec), and L. Scott (26min 31sec). Calum had finished eighth in both the UAU Race and the Scottish National Cross Country Championship. Finally he was to be congratulated upon winning a place in the Scottish National Team due to compete in the International Cross Country Championship that would be held in San Sebastian. (In this race Calum was to finish 37th).

Cameron Shepherd then touched upon some of the Club's activities during the season, including the socially and athletically successful Irish tour, the visits from Universities and Colleges from the south, the organization of both the match in December in which a Team from the Scottish Universities competed against a National Select squad, and also the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship Race at Garscadden. Cameron also spoke about the formation of the Hares and Hounds' Social Club as a subsection of the parent body, designed to raise funds to finance the Club's activities. He mentioned the dance it had run. He also expressed his great appreciation of the gift of a Championship Tankard from Mr. George Esslemont, by now the City Chamberlain of Glasgow and one of the Hares and Hounds' Vice-Presidents.

The Section's funds now stood at £12/13/10, up from £1/8/5 last year. This was thanks mainly to the generosity of Drs Johnston and Galbraith and Mr. Laing.

A report on a race at Aberdeen on 26 January and of the Scottish Universities' Championships appeared in the *University Guardian* on 8 February 1963. This makes interesting reading:

HARES and HOUNDS

GLASGOW TRAMPLE ABERDEEN AND ST. ANDREWS INTO THE DUST

A weakened Glasgow Team met Aberdeen and St. Andrew's Universities at Aberdeen on 26 January, but despite the disadvantage managed to pull off an excellent victory. Outstanding was the performance of Team Captain, Calum Laing, who won the race breaking his own record for the course in a time of 34 minutes 37 seconds, beating Scottish marathon champion and internationalist Alistair Wood, and Scottish 3 - mile champion Steve Taylor of Aberdeen AAC also running in the race.

Laing, held back by treacherous conditions in the first two miles, opened out on the long stretch to the beach. He and Wood were well ahead of the rest of the field across the dunes and in the final mile through fast parkland Laing showed his superiority by beating his opponent to the tape by 20 seconds. We look to Laing to improve on his previous year's performance in the National Championships. Laing now holds three of the four records of the Universities' courses. Alan Faulds, suffering from the previous evening's festivities at the GUAC Ball, found the sand cramped his style and failed to do better than sixth, closely followed by Cameron Shepherd seventh and Brian Scobie consolidating his return to form in eighth position. Tor Deustaal, back in form after a long absence, justified his selection by finishing an excellent 11th and the counting six was completed by B. Kennedy 18th. Norman McPhail ran well to win the Second Team Race by more than two minutes.

It is unfortunate when a Team fails to hit form in an important race, but it is even more unfortunate when that race happens to be the Scottish inter-'varsities Championships. Such was the fate of the Hares and Hounds on Saturday 2 February, when after beating every other University twice during the season, they failed to produce the form and lost the Glasgow Herald Trophy to Edinburgh. The one redeeming feature was again the performance of Calum Laing, who in the almost unbelievable time of 35 minutes 11seconds was the individual winner.

In the elections the following were appointed as Hares and Hounds' Officers:

President:	N.C.C. Sharp
Captain:	Cameron Shepherd
Secretary/Treasurer:	John McColl

Under AOCB Terry Kerwin proposed the revival of Wednesday afternoon Pack and also evening runs. The possibility of a new Hares and Hounds' course was also raised, and a Sub-Committee was formed to look into this, keeping in mind the developments taking place at the Garscube Estate. The situation regarding trophies was discussed. It was proposed that the first Glasgow University man home in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship should receive the Esslemont Tankard and this was duly awarded to Calum Laing. A collection was also made to buy a present for David Johnston and £2/6/0 was raised.

The following week Jim Bogan was voted on to GUAC - this time as Publicity Convenor, and Alan Faulds was awarded a *Blue*.

In May 1963 the University *Guardian* had a profile on Calum Laing. Part of it read as follows:

"Calum Laing was educated at Dingwall Academy, a class mate of "fat man" Dan Mackay. Calum had his baptism in running when he was second in the Inverness-shire Schools one mile and beating five minutes the same week as Bannister beat four. After two years in the R.A.F. he arrived at University in 1958. His first two years were rather undistinguished, running mainly in the Second Team until at the end of a race in 1960 he was carted off to a hospital in Edinburgh of all places, and had his appendix cut out. Coincidental or not, he never looked back. Since 1960-61 he has never been beaten in any inter-'varsity race. In 1961-62 he came second in the British Universities, our highest ever, and at the end of the season came a magnificent third in the Scottish National Championships to gain the Hares and Hounds' first ever cap.....

Our first ever six mile champion he ran in the Athletics International against Ireland. The 1962-63 season saw Calum as Captain of the Hares and Hounds and a fine job he performed as well. We gained our best ever in the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay, with our fastest ever time, and Calum had the fastest time over the important second lap where he actually led the field at one point. He gained a meritorious eighth in the U.A.U., an eighth in the Scottish Championships and had representative honours for British Universities and the Scottish Team. He again won the Scottish Universities' title for the third time in a fine race with M. Craven of Edinburgh.....

With the new track season now getting into full swing, we hope that Calum's rigorous winter training will again produce results on the track. He has even been heard to express the desire of running the marathon this year (shades of Tokyo 1964??) - who knows he may emulate the feat of another University runner, Joe McGhee, who won the Empire Games Marathon in Vancouver.

This unassuming, well-disciplined Highlander, has dominated University running now for three years in a most remarkable way. By his deeds he has shown what dedicated training can do, he is an inspiration to many and epitomizes the concept of ‘the little man with a great heart!’ ”

Team Record for the 1962-63 Season		
6 October	McAndrew Relay	GU 8th & 27th
27 October	versus Queen’s University at Belfast	GU won 35-44 (Shepherd 1st)
29 October	versus Trinity College (Dublin)	GU won 28-53 (Shepherd 1st)
3 November	Midland District Relay (Stirling)	GU 1st Team 5th, 2nd Team 17th
5th November	versus Loughborough College	GU won 23-47 (Laing 1st)
10th November	versus Durham, St Andrews & Aberdeen Universities	GU won 36-68-90-133 (Alan Faulds 1st)
17 November	Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay	GU 3rd
24 November	versus Edin Sthn H. & Edin H.	Calum Laing 1st
8 December	versus St Andrew’s University	GU lost 43-35 2nd Team lost 69-21
15 December	Scottish Univs. versus SCCU Select	(Result not given)
5 January	Nigel Barge Road Race	GU 4th & 12th
12 January	versus Edinburgh University	Result not given
19 January	Midland Dist Champs (Renton)	GU 2nd (Alan Faulds 5th)
26 January	versus Aberdeen AC & St Andrew’s Held at Aberdeen	(Calum Laing 1st)
2 February	Scottish Univs’ Champs	GU 2nd (Calum Laing 1st)
9 February	UAU Champs (Brentwood)	GU 9th (Calum Laing 8th)
23 February	Scottish National Championship	GU Junior Team 3rd; Senior Team 7th (Calum Laing 8th, Alan Faulds 16th)

5.4 1963-1964

The 1964 Annual General Meeting of the Hares and Hounds was held in the Union on Monday 27 April in the presence of the President Craig Sharp, Vice-President Mr. Bill Diverty, and 12 active members of the Club.

The Captain (Cameron Shepherd) reported that the Hares and Hounds’ First Team had experienced a great year, being unbeaten by any other Scottish University Team, and finishing sixth in the Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay. At SUSF in St. Andrews Calum Laing, individual winner for the past three years had, however, to bow to the magnificent running of Fergus Murray of Edinburgh. Fergus Murray’s time was 37min 00sec, Calum’s 37min 51sec. Alan Faulds was fifth (38min 50sec) and Brian Scobie sixth (38min 57sec). Cameron went on to single out individuals who had performed exceptionally well, these being Calum Laing, Brian Scobie, Alan Faulds and Terry Kerwin. Brian Scobie had had an exceptional season, and the Club was very disappointed that he had not been awarded the *Blue* for which he had been nominated¹. Calum Laing had again been picked to represent Scotland in an International Cross Country Union Championship race in which he subsequently finished 63rd. Cameron Shepherd commented on the fact that the old team spirit, formerly so good, seemed to be returning to the Hares and Hounds. The formation of the new University of Strathclyde, and its entry into University racing fixtures, was discussed. It was agreed that, although races against Strathclyde were desirable, these should not be at the expense of those with Aberdeen and St Andrew’s, as the smaller Universities looked forward very much to visits from the Hares and Hounds.

The President (Craig Sharp) presented a beautiful silver trophy to the Hares and Hounds to be known as the J. McCulloch Award in remembrance of a great friend of Craig’s who was now dead. The McCulloch Cup was to be awarded on a points basis for races in which members of the Hares and Hounds took part, and the first recipient was Alan Faulds. The Esslemont Trophy again went to Calum Laing.

The Secretary (John McColl) then addressed the meeting, and mentioned how in November the Hares and Hounds had organized a highly successful Open Road Race from Westerlands over the Christmas Handicap trail.

¹He was, however, awarded it the following year

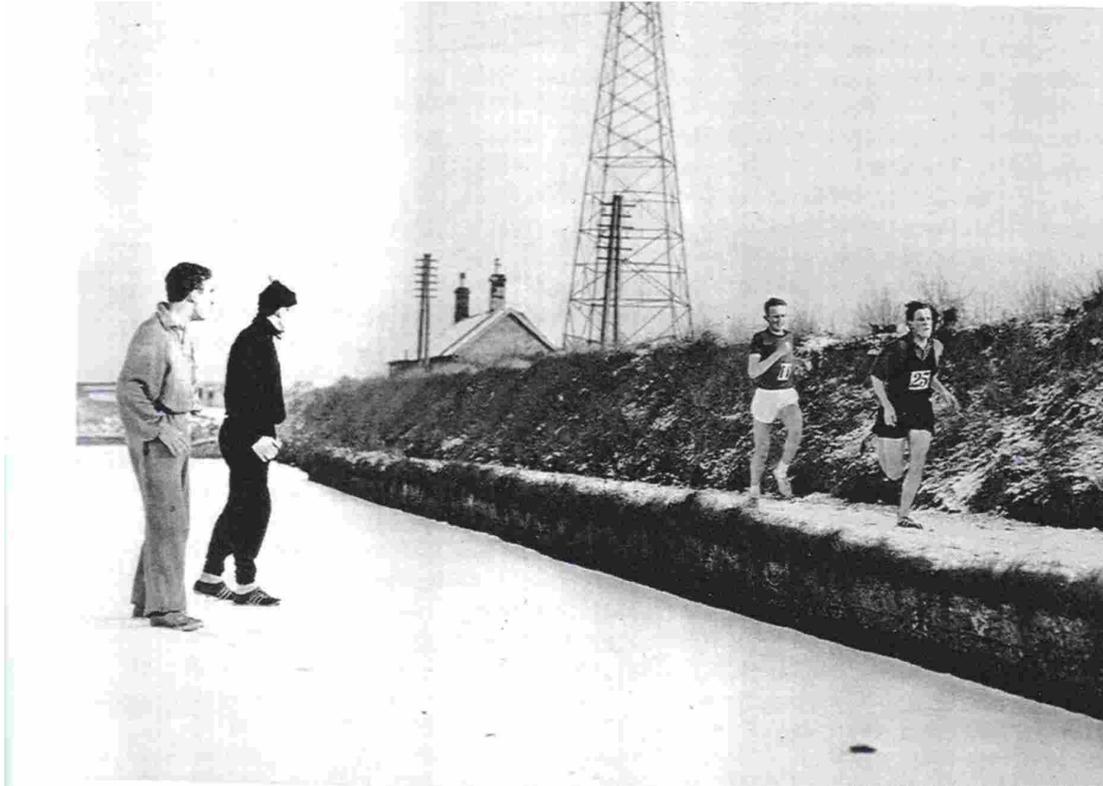


Figure 5.2: A photo taken during the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championships in February 1963. The race was organized by the Hares and Hounds from Garscadden. Running along the Canal Tow Path is Calum Laing leading Morton Craven of Edinburgh.

The race was well attended by Clubs in the West of Scotland, and much of the credit for the race's success was due to Dick Hartley. He had provided maps of the course, and printed circulars advertizing the race. It was intended to hold the race again next November. Barclay Kennedy recalls that the race was the brain child of Dick Hartley. He perceived that there was a break in the cross country/road racing calendar before the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay and this break was used by many Clubs as a trial for the Relay. Dick almost single-handedly persuaded these Clubs to come along to Westerlands on that date and participate in a Road Race. Willie Diverty was a bit sceptical of the idea, but was eventually won around and provided great support.

In the elections Craig Sharp again became President, although he apologised that he would be away for much of the forthcoming season working in Africa. Brian Scobie was elected Captain and Raymond Baillie Secretary/Treasurer.

Colours were awarded to:

Ray Baillie	Jim Bogan	Alan Faulds
Dick Hartley	Dick Hodelet	Terry Kerwin
Calum Laing	Brian Scobie	Cameron Shepherd

5.5 1964-1965

The 1965 Annual General Meeting of the Hares and Hounds was held in George Service House at 7.15pm on Thursday 18 March and chaired by Mr. George Esslemont.

The Secretary/Treasurer (Ray Baillie) reported that membership of the Section now stood at 30, and that on most occasions during the season two Teams had been competing; a Third Team had also raced twice. The First Team had not performed too well, however, being beaten three times by Aberdeen, twice by Edinburgh and

Newcastle Universities, and once by St Andrew's and Queen's University (Belfast). St Andrew's and Strathclyde Universities had both been beaten twice and Durham and Trinity College (Dublin) once. The Hares and Hounds had finished third in the Scottish Universities' Championship and 13th in BUSF. In the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay the Section had slipped to 15th place and only finished 10th in the Midland District Relay. However in the Midland District Championship the Hares and Hounds had recovered to take fifth place, the best performance of the season. Individual performances of note were those of Brian Scobie and Cameron Shepherd (seventh and eighth in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship). Both represented the Scottish Universities in the race against the UAU. Brian Scobie, Ray Baillie and Barclay Kennedy were also picked to race for the Scottish Universities against a Scottish Select Team. The University Road Race, now a popular open event, was again very successful with 75 competitors, about 50% higher than in the first race held the previous year.

"The Irish Tour was one of the best social events of the season, even though only seven members of the Hares and Hounds went along. Philip Hartley had entertained everyone by wandering all over the Irish countryside and consequently reaching the finish 15 minutes after everyone else. He then kept all in the best of spirits in the after race activities."

First Team Colours were awarded to:

Ray Baillie	Barclay Kennedy	Marshall Prentice
Brian Scobie	Cameron Shepherd	

The outstanding member of the Hares and Hounds over the season had undoubtedly been Brian Scobie; this was recognized by his winning of the Esslemont and McCulloch Trophies and the award of a *Blue*.

The Club's finances were sounder than previously; there was a balance of £25/16/6 in the Bank. An excellent total of £9/3/0 had been received in donations. Ray Baillie was pleased to note that GUAC had increased the tour grant by 25% to £20/1/8.

The Captain (Brian Scobie) regretted the big drop in the Club's standard, resulting in a very poor season. One reason for this was the graduation last year of several members of the First Team. Consequently the Hares and Hounds now had only three or four with First Team experience. Another reason for the Club not doing better was that only a small number of men were in training. Brian Scobie cited Barclay Kennedy as an example of what training could do. He said:

"that no-one could claim that Barclay was built as a cross country runner, and yet he had reached the standard of a Scottish Universities' Select."

Finally Brian Scobie congratulated Ray Baillie upon being elected Secretary of GUAC.

Mr. Diverty (Vice-President and the Club's Midland District Representative) then spoke. He mentioned how he served on the SCCU General Committee and presented all the Universities' views there. The SCCU were now demanding 16 athletes to compete in a Scottish Universities' Select against a SCCU Team. Not all the Universities agreed to this, and the matter would need to be finalized at the next SCCU meeting. The Hares and Hounds believed that 12 runners were the maximum that could be raised.

Craig Sharp was then re-elected President, Ray Baillie became Captain and Marshall Prentice Secretary/Treasurer.

It was reported that a new Hares and Hounds' trail had been mapped out on the other side of Maryhill Road from the Garscube Estate. However, Wolfson Hall was unsuitable for changing. The Director of Physical Education at the University (Mr. Graham Niven), who was always extremely kind and most helpful as far as University sport was concerned, suggested using Westerlands as a starting place and going out at the back of the grounds to the Canal and thence to Garscube. Dick Hartley suggested that a Trophy be awarded for the biggest improvement by any runner over the season, as an inducement for Second Team runners.

5.6 1965-1966

The 1966 Annual General Meeting of the Hares and Hounds was held in the Union Extension on Monday 14 March. Three Vice-Presidents (Messrs Dallas, Diverty and Esslemont) attended along with 11 active members of the Section.

It was reported by the Captain (Ray Baillie) that membership of the Hares and Hounds now stood at 27, slightly down on recent years. One of the encouraging aspects of the season had been the large part played by Freshers.

These included Graeme Orr, Alan Irvine, Willie McDonald, Ian McFarlane, Alistair MacPhee, Stuart Polwart, Alistair Reid and Alan Turnbull. Interestingly, it has been pointed out by Graeme Orr, that back in the 1960s the different University GUAC Sections were always on the lookout for new recruits and that he had been contacted by the Hares and Hounds after finishing 12th in the Glasgow Schools' Cross Country Championships.

The Club record for the season in matches against other Universities was as follows:

Team Record for the 1965-66 Season		
	First Team	Second Team
Versus Edinburgh	Lost six events	Lost five events
Versus Aberdeen	Won one, Lost five events	Lost three events
Versus Strathclyde	Won three, Lost two events	Won two events
Versus St Andrew's	Won three, Lost two events	Won two events
Versus Heriot Watt	Won one event	

The First Team had also beaten Newcastle University (twice), and Queen's University (Belfast), Maryhill Harriers and Strathclyde Police. They had lost to Manchester and Durham Universities and also to Aberdeen AAC, Victoria Park AAC and a combined London Hospitals' Team. In the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship held in Aberdeen, the First Team had finished fourth and the Second Team third (out of three!). Individually Ray Baillie was ninth, Douglas Gifford 12th and Marshall Prentice 21st. No Teams were sent to BUSF this year, but Ray Baillie had travelled to Newcastle for the race and came 52nd out of 204 finishers. In Open Races the Hares and Hounds finished a disappointing 23rd in the McAndrew Relay, 18th in the Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay, 14th in the Midland District Championship and eighth and 12th in the National Junior Championship held at Hamilton Racecourse. Individually Ray Baillie was the best performer, coming 26th in the Midland District Championship, 11th in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship and 33rd in the Scottish Nationals. Dick Hodelet came a commendable 10th in the Scottish Universities' Trial Race, and Douglas Gifford 12th in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship.

Graeme Orr has pleasant recollections in particular of the races against Newcastle University. The Hares and Hounds used to travel there by car via Peebles and return by the old Roman Military Road following Hadrian's Wall. After a tough race, including a gluey ploughed field over the University course near Heddon-on-the-Wall, there would be a Bacchanalian evening in the Newcastle Union. On one occasion a Geordie with a powerful voice regaled one and all with his rendition of the Lambton *Woam*. All the Hares and Hounds picked up on the chorus:

"Hoosh lads, sheet your gob, I'll tell thee aal an awful story, Hoosh lads, sheet your gob, I'll tell thee boot tha woam."

All the Home fixtures had taken place this season over the new trail from Westerlands, which included Dawsholm Park and the Garscube Estate. This trail was regarded as satisfactory by the Captains of the other Scottish Universities' Teams. This year the University Open Road Race had attracted 114 runners. The event had been won by Lachie Stewart of Shettleston Harriers in a time of 21min 25sec. Marshall Prentice in 21st place (27min 50sec) was the first member of the Hares and Hounds to finish.

First Team Colours were awarded to:

Ray Baillie Willie McDonald Iain McFarlane
Marshall Prentice Graeme Orr

Ray Baillie was congratulated on his ascendancy to the Presidency of GUAC. Mr. Dallas then begged leave to speak, and began by saying how saddening it was for former members of the Hares and Hounds to witness the present depression of the Club, especially when our rivals Edinburgh were sweeping all before them. He hoped the older members could stimulate the younger ones and provide some progress next season. Mr. Dallas then presented the Esslemont and McCulloch Trophies to Ray Baillie. In the elections that followed Mr. Willie Diverty was elected President, Marshall Prentice Captain, and Stuart Polwart Secretary/Treasurer.

Under AOCB Jim Bogan said he considered the new trail from Westerlands too short and suggested it could be improved by extending it to the other side of Maryhill Road or introducing a large loop in the Garscube Estate. Jim suggested that the Club's poor form could be attributed to the new easier trail. Ray Baillie, however, pointed out the difficulties in crossing Maryhill Road, and of constructing a loop in the Garscube Estate since there was

only the one bridge across the River Kelvin. As regards training, it was decided to seek advice from Fraser Riach of the Department of Physical Education. It was also considered desirable to introduce group running, especially on Sundays, from Westerlands.

Mr Diverty suggested that a Team event be incorporated into the University Road Race, but the meeting felt that, as a race for individuals, it was almost unique in Scotland, and therefore, since it was successful it shouldn't be changed. Jim Bogan said that GUAC should be approached about paying for the runners' teas, since the race was held along similar lines to the Badminton Section's tournament to which GUAC gave a grant. There had been a poor response to the Daft Friday Handicap Race (held last year on a Thursday from Westerlands). It was therefore decided to change it back to a Friday and to start it from the Stevenson Building.

At a meeting held in the Stevenson Building Committee Room on 22 April, the new trail at Westerlands was discussed in detail. It was agreed that the course would have to be lengthened, possibly by using country on the far side of Maryhill Road. It was also decided to introduce organized interval training twice a week, possibly in Kelvingrove Park over a 400-600 yard circuit. Application would be made to GUAC for a stopwatch to use in the interval training.

5.7 1966-1967

The 1967 Annual General Meeting of the Hares and Hounds was held in the Union Extension at 7.30pm on 13 March.

The Captain (Marshall Prentice) said that the season had been one of mixed success, but overall there had been little change from the previous year's fortunes. One good performance was the Section's second place in the Scottish Universities' Trial held on 26 November from Westerlands, when several older members took part and ran well. On other occasions there had been less support by the Club's better runners, and illness and injury had also interfered with the Hares and Hounds' performances. Despite this, the Club came 16th in the Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay. Undoubtedly the Hares and Hounds' leading runner during the past season had been Iain McFarlane. Right from the beginning he had finished well in races; on five occasions he was in the first 10 in inter-University matches, including one second, one third and one fourth place. He thereby gained the McCulloch Trophy. Ray Baillie still managed to hold number two position in the Club and Willie McDonald qualified as the third best member of the Section. The "*Irish capture*", John Hickey, put in excellent runs on the few occasions he turned out, but there were eight Edinburgh University vests in front of him in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship. John, in ninth position, was the first member of the Hares and Hounds to finish. He also came 30th at BUSF and was awarded the Esslemont Trophy.

"Socially, the most outstanding exploit of the season was Iain McFarlane outdrinking 'Old Bogie' and in general being the leading light at away fixtures."

In the McAndrew Relay the Hares and Hounds entered three Teams and the First pulled itself up from 35th position at the end of the first leg to finish 16th. The other Teams came 35th and 49th. The Irish tour had been disappointing, as the Hares and Hounds were unable to obtain a match in Dublin. Against Queen's University (Belfast), they had been defeated by 33 points to 46. Marshall Prentice had finished fourth, Ray Baillie fifth and Jim Bogan seventh. A week following the trip to Ireland, the First Team finished ninth in the Midland District Relay.

In the University Road Race, the Hares and Hounds managed to field 22 of its own runners. A total of 110 entered, and amongst these was Lachie Stewart who again broke the existing record with a time of 25min 16sec. Iain MacFarlane was the first member of the Hares and Hounds to finish; he was 23rd in 27min 59sec. Jim Bogan was 29th in 28min 20sec and Willie MacDonald 36th in 28min 46sec. After the New Year, the only Team performance of note was a third in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship held in Edinburgh. Jim Hickey was ninth, Ray Baillie 14th and J. Crawford 16th. The Club finished ninth in the Midland District Championship and seventh in the Junior National Championship held in Hamilton. The only outright wins of the season were against Strathclyde University on 14 January at Cambuslang, and against a combined Dundee/St Andrew's Team on 18 February.

Iain MacFarlane makes no bones about relating a most amusing incident that occurred early in 1967. In February the Hares and Hounds took part in an away fixture against Aberdeen University. The weather was cold and snowy and consequently most football and rugby matches were off. For this reason the party travelling to Aberdeen were joined by a pal of (Garry), a medic who although a good runner, usually played rugby. Garry had

planned to do a bit of revision on the train and brought along with him some notes plus a human femur marked with ink to show the muscle attachments etc.

In spite of snow on the beach and ice 20 yards out to sea, the Hares and Hounds turned in a pretty good result, and afterwards descended on the University Union to celebrate in the usual way! Both Iain and Garry got into some serious drinking because neither could recall the end of the evening. On Sunday morning Iain awoke in the house of a friend, who lived in Aberdeen, to find that although his kit was with him he had lost his coat. After a quick bite to eat he set off for the station to join the others for the journey back to Glasgow on the 11am train. There he met up again with Garry who could not remember their spitting up the previous evening and who'd spent the night wandering about and managing to snatch a few hours sleep in doorways. He had lost his bag!

They decided it best to head off and report their losses to the Police. Putting on the best appearance they could muster (difficult after 12 pints of heavy the night before!) they told the Station sergeant of their loss. "Can you describe the coat?", Iain was asked, and the details were duly provided. It was then Garry's turn. "What sort of a bag and running kit did you say?". The reply from Garry was "Shoes, sox, jock-strap, shorts, vest and tracksuit, and - oh - a set of notes and - er a bone.". The sergeant gave one of those looks that means - I think you're wasting police time and I'm either going to kick you out or even arrest you. "Oh, a bone", he said. "What a dog's bone?". "No", Garry replied, "a human bone - a femur-.". It took a bit of persuasion to convince the sergeant that they were serious and not simply drunk - which they probably still were! Eventually the details were left with the Police and a later train was caught home. However, neither the coat nor the bone and the other contents of the bag were ever seen again.

The Secretary (Stuart Polwart) then read out a proposal from Willie MacDonald and Jarl Aagedaal "that the aim of the Club is to promote and encourage cross country running and orienteering in the University.". Jarl explained that the proposal had been approved in principle by GUAC and the matter now lay in the hands of the Hares and Hounds before it could be proceeded with officially. However, Mr. Diverty said, that as a Vice-President of the SCCU, he was of the opinion that the proposal was against their Constitution. He would check on this at their next meeting. Alan Irving and Jim McHardy argued very strongly against the proposal, stating that cross country running and orienteering did not really have much in common and that the mental approach to each was quite different. The general feeling of the meeting was that:

- (a) the constitutional changes and consultation with GUAC and the SCCU would be extremely lengthy and laborious,
- (b) the two separate sports were not really comparable and would cause clashes of loyalty in the one Club. Once both sports had attracted sufficient numbers they would eventually split, and the constitutional changes would again become a burden. On a vote the proposal was defeated 9-3.

Another proposal that the post of Secretary/Treasurer be split was accepted unanimously. The following were elected Office Bearers for the 1967-68 season:

President:	Mr Willie Diverty	Captain:	Willie MacDonald
Secretary:	Graeme Orr	Treasurer	I. Irving

5.8 1967-1968

An EGM of the Hares and Hounds was held in the Union on 15 May 1967, in the presence of Mr. Willie Diverty and eight members of the Club. The main business of the meeting was the proposed amendment to the Hares and Hounds' constitution put forward by Jarl Aagedaal and seconded by Stuart Polwart. This was to alter the objectives of the Club to include the organization and promotion of orienteering, as well as cross country running. Jarl said that GUAC had approved the change in principle, but it now had to be ratified by the Club. Mr. Diverty questioned the wisdom of taking a decision on the matter with so few people in attendance, and wondered if those present represented a good cross section of Club opinion. However, it was generally considered that with examinations imminent the nine present were probably the most that could be expected to attend. Jarl then went on to argue that the Club's membership could benefit from an influx of orienteers. Furthermore, the Hares and Hounds' members would also be assisted from an extra day of competitive training (orienteering events generally being held on a Sunday). He was also of the opinion that orienteering was a more interesting sport than cross country running and

that in any case the Hares and Hounds' members could use it as a form of training. Iain MacFarlane raised strong objections to this remark and argued that the prospect of an orienteering race on a Sunday would have an adverse effect on the running of the Hares and Hounds at Saturday matches. Graeme Orr objected to the extra travelling expenses that would be involved. Mr. Diverty raised constitutional objections to the proposed amendment. He said that the Scottish Cross Country Union and Scottish Orienteering Association were completely different Bodies and there was no precedent for the formation of a Club promoting both sports. He suggested that Jarl Aagedaal form his own breakaway orienteering Club. Jim McHardy said that he would have religious scruples about running on a Sunday. Eventually in the vote the amendment was defeated by five votes to three.

Under AOCB Graeme Orr said that he had just received a letter from the Captain (Willie MacDonald) offering his resignation for neglecting his duties. Alan Irving suggested:

“that Willie was getting daft ideas into his head from studying too hard for his exams.”!

Iain MacFarlane said:

“it was clear MacDonald just wanted the old confidence vote.”

Mr. Diverty suggested Willie be told to keep calm and that everyone appreciated his Captaincy. (Apparently this advice worked, as Willie continued in the job). Alec Turnbull suggested that the Club take part in a Training Camp, based at Fort William Youth Hostel, at the end of September. He would explore the possibilities of this and let members know how he fared.

Graeme Orr recalls that in the 1960s the Scottish Universities were a varied bunch. Glasgow's old rival Edinburgh had a wonderful hilly cross country course up to the Braid Hills from the King's Buildings, along farm tracks and then completed by a downhill dash which could be hazardous in snow. In those days Edinburgh had an even more elite first team than today with two Olympic athletes in Fergus Murray, the barefoot prodigy, and Gareth Bryan-Jones. The rest of their team included Alistair Blamire, the Wight twins and Andy McKean. This supremacy had its downside, however. On one occasion in an inter-University race Edinburgh was hosting, they omitted to mark the course. Their reasoning was that Edinburgh's runners would be leading the charge which was correct, but they were wrong in assuming the rest of the field would keep the leaders in sight!

The fixtures calendar thirty years ago was much more University-orientated and there was no hill-running or marathon running for the ordinary Club runner. Orienteering gained recognition and popularity through the Norwegian students studying in Scotland.

Aberdeen was a good away fixture, with a lively night scene around Marischall College and the Union. Choruses of *'The Northern Lights'* vied with *'I belong to Glasgow'* or *'The sweetest song is the song of Strathclyde.'* Strathclyde was very new and thus somewhat suspect and referred to disparagingly as *'The Tech'*, while they in riposte called Glasgow *"Strathkelvin"*.

“Gone now are the communal baths after the races and the 'party songs'. In those days a pair of Onitsuka shoes cost only 10 bob (50p) and they'd last for a season. If you wanted style you splashed out three quid for a pair of Ripples. Vests and tracksuits were of cotton.”

The 1967-68 Annual General Meeting of the Hares and Hounds was held in the Union on Monday 11 March 1968.

In the Chair was Mr. Diverty, and 10 members of the Club were present. In his report as Captain, Willie MacDonald said that the season had been a poor one as regards results, but he saw encouraging signs for the future in two good athletes (Ron Beaney and Ken Lunn) gained from Springburn Harriers. There had been a match against Queen's University (Belfast) and Strathclyde early in the season, over the Hares and Hounds' course. Although the Hares and Hounds had not performed well overall, John Hickey had won the race. Ninetyeight had participated in the University Road Race, which had been won by Lachie Stewart in 25min 30sec. Willie MacDonald had finished 18th (27min 49sec), Ron Beaney 27th (28min 33sec), Jim Bogan 37th (29min 08sec) Ken Lunn 39th (29min 11sec), S. McNeill 40th (29min 13sec) and Ian MacFarlane 42nd (29min 15sec). The Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay Race had been disastrous for the Club, which had finished 19th. This was due to a lack of planning and an understrength team; the only run of merit was by a rejuvenated Jim Bogan. Graeme Orr had picked himself to run the long fourth leg. In the event he had the humiliating experience of losing two places and recording the slowest time for that stage on the day. Willie MacDonald finished by saying that he did not approve of the present training sessions which took place in Kelvingrove Park on hard tarmac, and suggested that in future training be transferred to Westerlands.

The Secretary (Graeme Orr) said that despite the Club's overall poor performance during the season, there had been some excellent individual runs. In races against Strathclyde University the Hares and Hounds had won on two occasions, but lost on eight. The Second Team, however, had performed a lot better. Against Aberdeen University the Hares and Hounds had won one match and lost six, and had been beaten eight times by Edinburgh University. Willie MacDonald had won the McCulloch Trophy with 81 points, well ahead of Jim McHardy who came second with 55 points. Ron Beaney was third. Willie MacDonald may have scored even higher but for an unfortunate incident when he had overslept and missed the train for a match against Newcastle University! The match had then been aborted. The pre-season and Christmas Training Camps had taken place, but with little support.

The Treasurer reported that the Club had an appreciable surplus due to:

- a) a poor attendance at some away fixtures meaning a smaller payout to those travelling,
- b) to sharing a bus to away fixtures with Strathclyde University,
- c) the cancellation of the match in Newcastle and a consequent saving in travelling expenses allocated for that event,
- d) to a cheque for US \$20 from the Vice-President Dr. Nick Rogers "*which had been converted into somewhat over eight devalued pounds sterling.*"

In his Presidential Report Mr. Willie Diverty launched straight into an attack on the year's worst performance ie in the Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay Race. He hoped that the Hares and Hounds would qualify for next season's event, as he said it would be most embarrassing for him (as President of the SCCU) if his Club's Team was not represented. However, he expected to see Paisley Harriers drop out, thus improving the Hares and Hounds' chances of competing. Willie Diverty emphasised the importance of the Edinburgh to Glasgow race, saying it was the major event of the season - being even more prestigious than the National Championship. Mr. Diverty said that he had pointed out to his fellow SCCU officials how the Universities were at a disadvantage when it came to picking Teams for races early in the season, as they did not know the form of their new members. As a consequence of his intervention, the Midland District Relay had been put back to the first weekend in November. However, this would require an alteration to the date of one of the Hares and Hounds' own races.

It was pointed out that a notable fixture in the coming season would be the International Cross Country Championship to be held at Clydebank. After the race there was to be a dance, with young ladies from the Singer's Works at Clydebank in attendance. Members made some pertinent comments about how Mohammed Gammoudi (the world-renowned Algerian internationalist and France's best distance runner), would appreciate the Clydebank talent!

In the elections the following were voted into office:

President:	Mr. Willie Diverty	Captain:	John Hickey
Vice-Captain:	Jim McHardy	Secretary:	Stuart Polwart
Treasurer	Doug Stein		

Mr. George Bradley was added to the list of Vice-Presidents in recognition of his presenting a Second Team Trophy for the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship. It was announced that next season's SUSF Championship would be hosted by Heriot Watt University and that BUSF would take place in Sheffield.

Graeme Orr suggested that, as a means of attracting new members, a joint Irish Tour with Strathclyde University be organized. Mr. Diverty however, was of the opinion:

"that Strathclyde has a disreputable element and that the tour might disintegrate into a brawl"

Members strongly disagreed. Alan Irving did point out though, that the numbers involved in such a tour would be intolerably large and place a great burden on the hosts, especially for sleeping accommodation. Jim McHardy suggested the appointment of a Club doctor to deal with leg muscle strains etc.

It was decided to circulate a newsletter describing the Club's activities at the start of the new season in the autumn of 1968-69, particularly in an attempt to attract new members to the section. A copy of this newsletter still exists and makes interesting reading. A few extracts are detailed below. It began with a welcome to the Club written by Mr. Willie Diverty.

Dear Member

Welcome back to the new cross country season and a special welcome if you are a newcomer to the Club or the sport. For the past few years the Hares and Hounds has been prominent only for its lack of success producing no notable team successes. This is in sharp contrast to its standing in the 50s when its name was respected throughout Scotland. The decline since has not gone unnoticed either, as a quote from *The Glasgow Herald* just before the Glasgow Championship of 1967 shows: *“The time was when Glasgow University could be relied upon to offer more than a token challenge to any Glasgow club in cross country races. Those days are, one hopes, gone only temporarily and soon Victoria Park will have the stimulus of seeing Hares and Hounds’ members up alongside them towards the finish of a race and not only in the first few hundred yards.”*

This season must then be the turning point. We are also-rans in University and national circles and in very grave danger of being thrown out of the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay Race. It is up to you as a club member to do your best in helping to alter this. With this in mind I wish you a very successful season.

There was also a section on training written by Willie MacDonald which read as follows:

“All that you require to begin running is the will. This is what people, from twice a week keep fit enthusiasts to the world’s top athletes, have in common, but what separates them is the strength of will, the importance to them of running, the ability of training time and facilities and a fair share of luck. Those who begin cross country running at University, or carry it on from school, should know how much time and sacrifice they are prepared to give to it, whether it is to be a relaxation, a means of conditioning for body and mind and a way to spend Saturdays, or a medium of achievement and wholesale commitment. These attitudes graduate into one another and may change with time and experience, but they will determine the basic approach to cross country training, whether as an end in itself, a means to improvement in the winter season’s competition, or an approach to track athletics in the summer. The amount and intensity of training will depend on this and there are many good books to guide the individual into the proper channels of effort, among which the best are probably ‘Modern Distance Running’ by Anthony Ward (Stanley Paul), ‘Improve Your Athletics’ by Peter Hildreth, in Penguin Paperbacks, and two AA publications ‘Middle Distance’, again by Ward, and ‘Long Distance’ by Martin Hyman and Bruce Tulloh (who has just had a book issued ‘Tulloh On Running’ which speaks good sense in the main). There are two important fundamentals to remember, however.

a) The runner should have both a short-term aim, to keep up interest over the immediate future, and a long-term aim, to which his training can be basically directed. Both should be attainable, not too easily so that the athlete has to work hard for any worthwhile reward, but neither should it be in the realms of the widely impossible, and both should be raised when reached.

b) Every runner has an immediate physical potential determining the limit of his performance at a given time, and the purpose of his training is to increase the immediate potential so that it gradually approaches closer to the absolute potential. Remembering this, the most important characteristics of the determined athlete should be determination and patience.

Whoever the athlete, and whatever his temperament, the only effective training schedule is that which concentrates on a gradual build up in the amount and intensity of training. The only effective approach to long term success is to be enquiring about the various training methods and their suitability for the individual, and about the top athletes of the day who had all begun running somewhere, many with no more than average physical ability.

At Glasgow University, few can find time to train long enough and hard enough to reach national standard and in University competition we have been no more than an average team over the past few years. It is not necessary to be successful to enjoy running. Once it has become a habit it can be, if approached in the right spirit, the most valuable part of the day whether it is 20 minutes or two hours, since another attractive aspect of the sport, besides its intrinsic value for good health, is that nearly always the return from it is in direct proportion to time and effort spent on it, if sensibly directed”

Of some interest was a description of the various University courses over which races were held. How much of this is true today?

ABERDEEN	$6\frac{1}{4}$ miles	large proportion of road/path; very tough section along the sands
DUNDEE	$5\frac{1}{2}$ miles	attractive varied path/country course.
EDINBURGH	5 miles	road/path/country round a golf-course tough continuous 2 mile uphill stretch near start.
GLASGOW	$6\frac{3}{4}$ miles	road/path/country; no large hills; some short sharp ones.
HERIOT WATT	$4\frac{1}{2}$ miles	over hills behind Edinburgh; new course planned for this year's Scottish Universities' Championship.
ST ANDREWS	$6\frac{1}{2}$ - 7 miles	lot of country; fresh air great!; rising first half.
STRATHCLYDE	$6\frac{1}{4}$ miles	country/path; fairly flat but two steep hills.

Finally, a most amusing account was given by the Assistant Secretary (Ken Lunn) of what happened at the pre-season training camp held at Macrahanish, near Campbeltown, from 23 to 28 September 1968:

“A caravan was hired and the opportunities for training were endless. A golf course lay right on the doorstep and four miles of golden sand, with plenty of hills and dunes, were not far away. The attendance was not outstanding, five in fact, but everyone a class athlete, let me assure you. There were many outstanding features to the week's training, a few of which I will try to remember. First was undoubtedly the fact that everyone (willingly) rose at 7.30 to run five miles before breakfast. This was partly caused by Willie MacDonald rising at 7am and waking everyone else. Another outstanding performance was Willie's five mile run, into a howling gale and driving rain, on soft sand with a rucksack on his back. It had to be seen to be believed. Training also included sessions on the sandhills and runs on the golfcourse with one session on the roads. This was undertaken after a pint of special at the local and was to be a four mile jog. However, we finished up doing a four minute mile (or something). In all, the training went rather well, everyone clocking over 80 miles in the week. However the highlights of the camp were not limited to running.

The star turn of our shopping expedition to Campbeltown was an attempted pickup by three school-girls, which was quickly discouraged (after a discussion on the age of consent). Also of note was the fact that only three pints were consumed during the week. This was no doubt due to the barman's stock answer, 'Sorry, the lager/heavy/export is off'. Anyway, we convinced each other we were only there to watch the television. A game of football squeezed in between training sessions for light relief, ended in a display of rock-climbing by Willie MacDonald (is there no end to his talent?) to retrieve the ball. He also managed to wander off with the bog key at the most inconvenient moments. The other members of the party were Doug Stein, who ably looked after the finances and still managed to make a profit; John Gilbert, who had to retire hurt on the Thursday; Alisdair Reid, gaily anticipating his paid holiday at University and Ken Lunn, whom words cannot describe. Honourable mention should also go to Campbeltown's Jock Strain who made a valuable contribution to our afternoon sessions. Plans were made to hold another camp at Easter. Whether we do or not depends on *your enthusiasm.*”

An Emergency General Meeting of the Hares and Hounds was held on 12 October 1968 to elect a new Captain as John Hickey had written to say that he had been seriously ill over the summer and would be prevented from participating in the Club's activities for at least a year. Jim McHardy was elected in his place.

Colours for the season were awarded to:

Ron Beaney	Alan Irving	Ken Lunn	Willie MacDonald
Jim McHardy	Graeme Orr	Alasdair Reid	

5.9 1968-1969

The 1969 Annual General Meeting was held in the Union on Monday 21 April. Mr. Diverty and 11 members of the Club were present.

Jim McHardy commented on how much he had enjoyed his year as Captain, especially because of the manner in which the First Team had trained so faithfully. The Club had experienced one of its best seasons in years despite having lost several members including Douglas Gifford, John Hickey and Sandy McNeil.

Stuart Polwart, in his report as Secretary, said that the Road Race had attracted 177 runners. Ron Beaney was 15th in 26min 37sec, Willie MacDonald 20th in 26min 46sec and Jim McHardy 24th in 26min 58sec. The Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay Race was probably the highlight of the season, with the Club improving to 13th place. On 30 November the Hares and Hounds had beaten Edinburgh, Heriot Watt, Newcastle and Strathclyde Universities by a convincing margin over the home course. John Crawford had finished second in 35min 05sec; the fastest ever time by a Hares and Hounds' member. In the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship the First Team was only narrowly beaten into second place by Edinburgh. Willie MacDonald was the first Club member home in ninth position. BUSF was a race to be forgotten, except for Willie MacDonald finishing 56th (seventh Scot). In the Scottish National Championship the Hares and Hounds finished fourth; Jim McHardy came 16th. Individually, Ron Beaney ran consistently well throughout the season to win the McCulloch trophy. Ron Beaney, Jim McHardy and Willie MacDonald had been nominated for *Blues*, but unfortunately all had been turned down.

Doug Stein (the Treasurer) produced the Club's Balance sheet. He reported that the finances (although down a little from last year because of the expense of going to BUSF in Sheffield) were still very healthy.

In his Presidential report Mr. Diverty said he was extremely honoured to become President of the SCCU and it reflected greatly on the Hares and Hounds. In fact, only once before (in the 1890's) had a University supplied a SCCU President - he had been from Edinburgh. Mr. Diverty reported that the International Cross Country Championships held at Clydebank had gone very well. Mr. Diverty had also approached Dr. Charles Hepburn (Honorary President of the ICCU for 1968-69 and a Hares and Hounds' Vice-President) regarding a trophy for the University Road Race and he had been delighted to present the Club with one.

In the elections the following were voted in:

President:	Mr. Willie Diverty	Captain:	Ron Beaney
Secretary:	Alasdair Reid	Treasurer:	John Strain

Under AOCB attention was drawn to the Maryhill Road Redevelopment Scheme which could jeopardize the University Road Race course. It was decided that Dawsholm Park and the Garscube Estate should be examined to see if they might be used in future. There was some discussion about whether an entry fee should be charged for the University Road Race and prizes be awarded. In a heated debate Alan Irving voiced very firm opinions about the irrelevance of prizes in a race well known for its informality and lack of red tape. A vote resulted in a tie so it was moved to retain the *status quo* for the time being. Preliminary plans were made for another autumn Training Camp. Alistair McPhee, who was shortly to graduate, offered to supply a Trophy to encourage competition amongst Second Team members.

5.10 1969-1970

The 1970 Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 9 March. As the Captain, Ron Beaney, was absent, the Treasurer John Strain took the Chair.

The Vice-Captain, Alan Reid, gave a *resume* of the season's activities. It began with another training camp at Macrahanish where a great deal of solid work had been put in. The following week the Club finished 20th in the McAndrew Relay Race. The Hares and Hounds were then beaten by Strathclyde in a match in which Queen's University (Belfast) also took part. At St. Andrews the Club had lost to Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Strathclyde Universities. Then, in the Midland District Relay, the Hares and Hounds finished 12th despite Jim McHardy coming in sixth at the end of the first leg. There were 176 finishers in the University Road Race, Jim McHardy being first Glasgow University man home in 15th place. Ken Lunn finished 25th. The Club was 17th in the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay, and Jim McHardy came first in the trial for the Scottish Universities' Team to run against the SCCU.

A lot of 'flu' amongst Club members over Christmas affected early results in the New Year. In the Midland District Championship Jim McHardy finished 15th and the Hares and Hounds came fourth, behind Strathclyde, Law & District AAC and Springburn Harriers. At BUSF the Hares and Hounds finished 18th with Jim McHardy 48th (fourth Scot home). Alasdair Reid came 90th despite suffering a heavy fall. In the Scottish Universities' Championship, the Club was a disappointing fourth, and came 34th in the Hyde Park Relay out of more than 80 teams. The Junior Team came fifth and the Senior Team ninth in the Scottish National Cross Country Championships. Jim McHardy was 32nd individual in the latter. Jim McHardy and Alasdair Reid were each nominated for *Blues*, but only Jim was awarded one. It was emphasized that both were the backbone of the First Team during the past season.

The Secretary's report began on a sad note with Alasdair Reid expressing his deepest regret on the death of the President Mr. Willie Diverty. Alasdair said that one of Willie's major achievements on behalf of the Club was the University Road Race which had gone from strength to strength. The former Captain and Secretary Ray Baillie had written to Dr. Charles Hepburn in Canada, and suggested that the trophy which he had donated for the Road Race be a memorial to Mr. Diverty and named after him.

Alasdair Reid said that Club membership was about 20, down on the previous year and in the second half of the season the Club had only been able to field one Team. Jim McHardy had won both the McCulloch Trophy and the Esslemont Tankard for being the first Glasgow University runner home in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship. John Gilbert won the McPhee Trophy which was awarded for the first time to the best Second Team runner.

John Strain (the Treasurer) said the Club's finances were in good shape, but suggested a greater publicity drive to try and recruit new members.

The result of the elections was as follows:

President:	Jim Bogan	Captain:	Alasdair Reid
Secretary:	John Strain	Treasurer:	Jim Clow

Under AOCB it was agreed to nominate Ken Lunn for a position on GUAC. It was also decided to investigate a new venue for the Training Camp as the opinion was expressed "*that there were not sufficient women available at Macrihanish*"!

Chapter 6

The 1970's

6.1 1970-1971

The 1971 AGM was held on Monday 15 March in the presence of nine members of the Club.

In his Captain's report, Alasdair Reid began by saying the Club's best effort had been second in the Ingleborough Fell Race the previous May. The Club had not competed in the McAndrew Relay Race this year because it fell outwith the University term. However, a lot of new members had joined the Club and 24 runners took part in the first inter-University race at Morryston Park, Cambuslang. Alan Reid, who came sixth in 33min 37sec, was the first member of the Section to finish. The Hares and Hounds finished second to Strathclyde, beating Queen's University Belfast and Cambuslang Harriers. There had also been a tour to Ireland which was voted very successful socially at least. Campbell Joss, only 17 at the time and in his first year at University studying Law, was one of those who made the trip. It was just after the beginning of the latest Troubles and Campbell recalls that the runners were slightly unnerved at having to go past various army checkpoints during the race on the Saturday against Queen's University (Belfast), Strathclyde University and the New University of Ulster. Glasgow's Team finished fourth; Ken Lunn, in seventh position, was the first Hares and Hounds' man to finish. A second race was held in Dublin against a Team from Trinity College on the Sunday.

In the Midland District Relay, held in Bellshill on 7 November, the Glasgow University A Team (Alan Reid, Jim McHardy, John Strain and Ken Lunn) was 12th, and the B Team (Alan Hill, John Gunstone, Chris Lennox and M. Barge) was 25th. The C Team was 29th. The University Road Race had attracted similar numbers to the previous year; 173 finished. Fergus Murray of Edinburgh Southern Harriers had shattered Lachie Stewart's course record of 25min 16sec set in 1966; he finished in 24min 41sec. Kenny Lunn, in 25th position, was the first member of the Hares and Hounds home. In the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay, the Club had finished 13th, despite the fact that no-one had an outstanding run. In the Scottish Universities' Team Trial in Edinburgh, the Hares and Hounds had come a close second to Aberdeen. Alan Reid had finished sixth, and Jim McHardy and Kenny Lunn 10th and 11th respectively. All three gained selection for the Scottish Universities' Select that ran against a Team representing the SCCU. The Hares and Hounds had organized the match, which took place in Knightswood Park. However, the performance of the members of the Team from Glasgow University are best forgotten. Nevertheless, the Hares and Hounds came second to Victoria Park AAC in the Glasgow Championship Race held at Rouken Glen.

The Club was sixth in the Midland District Cross Country Championship Senior Race held in Stirling on 23 January. Alan Reid was 38th, Jim McHardy 39th and Alasdair Reid 43rd. Then in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship, held at Morryston Park in Cambuslang on 30 January, the Hares and Hounds came second to Strathclyde, just ahead of "*a rather piqued Aberdeen*". Alan Partridge had run particularly well in this race to finish second. Alan Reid was 13th, Jim McHardy 14th and Alasdair Reid 16th. Glasgow University won the B Team Race. Alasdair Reid had finished 63rd at BUSF (the sixth Scot home). Alan Reid was 94th and Jim McHardy 109th. The race had been held at Guildford in Surrey, and the Team came 15th out of the 41 entered. In the Scottish National Championships not enough runners had turned up for a Junior Team to be entered, although Alan Hill was 49th individual to finish. The Senior Team had a mediocre performance; Alasdair Reid was 50th, Jim McHardy 56th and Chris Lennox 68th. In the final two races of the season at Aberdeen and Newcastle, the Club had finished second and first respectively. In the latter race Alan Partridge was first and John Strain third.

The Secretary (John Strain) gave a report on a Training Camp held in Brodick on Arran just before the start

of term. Five Club members had attended. He also told how a night out in London after BUSF had been a great success, and included:

“a return visit to a fine restaurant of Herr Schmidt and a somewhat amusing encounter in a pub with a friendly, but rather well-worn lady of our great Capital’s streets.”

The Treasurer (Jim Clow) commented how there had been increase in money from GUAC due to an accumulation of three years’ tour grant and from the GUAC-sponsored walk. The Club’s finances were therefore quite healthy.

In the elections Jim Bogan was again voted President, Alan Hill became Captain, Campbell Joss Secretary and John Mikel Treasurer.

Under AOCB there was a discussion about seeking another course for training. Due to the increase in traffic on Maryhill Road, running along it was becoming difficult. The Cochno Estate was suggested as an alternative. It was also agreed to again arrange a Training Camp on Arran in Mrs. Sillars’ caravans, just before the start of the Martinmas term.

6.2 1971-1972

An Emergency General Meeting was held at Westerlands on Saturday 13 November 1971, the business being to elect a new Captain as Alan Hill had resigned. The Vice-Captain, Chris Lennox, was voted as a replacement.

The 1972 Annual General Meeting of the Hares and Hounds was held on Monday 13 March in the presence of the President, Dr. Jim Bogan, and 10 members.

The Captain (Chris Lennox) said it had been one of the Hares and Hounds’ most successful years for some time. A major factor in the improvement of the Club’s fortunes had been the presence of the former Edinburgh University runner Dave Logue, who had commenced a Ph.D. at the Veterinary School. Only three had attended the Arran Training Camp, but it was hoped there would be more in future.

The first race of the season had been one from Westerlands against Strathclyde and Queen’s University (Belfast), which the Hares and Hounds won easily. Dave Logue was first, Chris Lennox second and Jim McHardy third. The B Team had come second; Sam Alexander won this race. Despite several runners getting lost in the woods in an inter-Universities’ Race at Dundee a week later, the Hares and Hounds still won, beating Aberdeen, Dundee, Newcastle, St. Andrew’s and Strathclyde. Twelve members of the Section took part. The Hares and Hounds were the second University Team home in the Alan Scally Relay, being narrowly beaten by Edinburgh. They were 10th overall. In the Midland District Relay the Club finished ninth. Jim McHardy did the fastest time on the day for the Hares and Hounds (12min 31sec). There was a slight drop (to 156) in the numbers participating in the University Road Race, which had been won by P. McLagan of Victoria Park Athletic Club in 25min 05sec. Dave Logue broke the Hares and Hounds’ record for the distance, as also did Chris Lennox, finishing in 25min 59sec and 26min 26sec respectively.

Because of ‘flu, the Captain unfortunately missed the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay in which the Club finished 12th. Dave Logue had pulled in five places. In the trial match at St Andrew’s, to pick a University Team to race against one representing the SCCU, the Hares and Hounds came first. Dave Logue, Chris Lennox and John Strain were all picked to compete for the Universities, whose Team was only very narrowly defeated in the event. The Hares and Hounds swamped the field in the Glasgow Championship humiliating a poor Team from Victoria Park. Dave Logue was second, Chris Lennox third, Alasdair Reid fourth, John Strain fifth and Jim McHardy sixth. Glasgow University came third in the Nigel Barge Road Race; Chris Lennox was 14th to finish and Dave Logue was 18th. The Club easily won an inter-University race held at Cambuslang, scoring 33 points, and came fourth in the Midland District Championship held over a muddy course at Bellshill. In this Dave Logue was first home for the Hares and Hounds (in 21st position).

Despite the dropping out of Jim McHardy with an ankle injury, six of the Hares and Hounds’ runners finished in the first 16 in the Scottish Universities’ Cross Country Championship at Aberdeen, so easily winning the race. Dave Logue finished fourth, Alan Reid seventh, John Strain eighth, Chris Lennox 11th, John Gunstone 14th and Sam Alexander 16th. In the Second Team Race the Club had five runners in the first six! Unfortunately, however, the Hares and Hounds were brought down to earth at BUSF finishing 15th out of 30 teams, the most disappointing performance of the whole season. Dave Logue was first home for the Hares and Hounds in 50th position and Chris Lennox came 86th.

“The poor performance could be partly attributed to strenuous exertions on escalators the night before and to Alastair Hunter (a Fresher taking Engineering and better known as ‘Punter’) talking himself to

exertion! On the evening following the race Dave Logue had only narrowly failed in getting himself thrown out of the Sheffield Union.”!

Nevertheless, it was generally agreed that this trip, along with that to Aberdeen, where the Club emerged as Scottish University champions, was the most enjoyable of the season.

In the National Championships, held at Currie, the Junior Team finished fourth. John Gunstone came 20th and Campbell Joss 28th. The best performance by a member of the Senior Team was by Chris Lennox who came in 28th. Alasdair Reid was 47th and John Strain 73rd. In both the Grangemouth and Balloch to Clydebank Races the Hares and Hounds had finished third. It was the first time that the Hares and Hounds had competed in the latter, and Chris Lennox was seventh of 29 finishers, in a time of 65min 30sec. Alastair Reid was ninth and John Strain 15th. Finally, in the Edinburgh University 10 Mile Road Race held on 4 March, Chris Lennox finished fourth in 52min 57sec, and John Gunstone was 11th in 55min 32sec.

The Secretary (Campbell Joss) said that although the Club’s membership stood at only 23, there had nevertheless been an extremely good attendance at races.

John Mikel then presented the Club’s accounts, which showed a healthy balance.

In his Presidential report Jim Bogan praised Frank Miller for stepping in at the last minute to replace Chris Lennox in the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay, and to Mike Smyth for his tremendous sprint up the hill at the end of the Scottish Universities’ Second Team Race. Jim expressed his regret for the mix-up of the University Road Race results, “*partly due to the presence of several 80 year old Officials.*”! He stated his intention of introducing funnels to ensure a smoother finish in future.

In the elections Jim Bogan again became President, with Campbell Joss Secretary. John Gunstone became Captain, and Alastair Hunter Treasurer.

Under AOCB, the continuing suitability of the present Hares and Hounds’ cross country course was discussed. Various alternatives were put forward, and the Cochno Estate was eventually agreed as the only really suitable venue. There was then a lively debate about Second Claim runners. Chris Lennox was strongly opposed to the term itself. He said that the only way such persons could run for the Hares and Hounds was to release them to their own Clubs when they did not choose to run for the University. Chris said it was unfair for these runners to turn out on only one or two occasions a season, but in doing so deprive others of places in a Team or of prizes. Some members expressed concern that any definitive rule prohibiting Second Claim runners from competing for the Hares and Hounds could have a detrimental effect on the Club’s performance in inter-University races. Jim Bogan then proposed the following resolution concerning the eligibility of Second Claim runners for Team selection:

“That the position of First Claim membership be fully explained to all new members of the Hares and Hounds, and that in all situations the Committee shall decide the merits of each case, but in all cases First Claim members shall have preference over Second Claim members for Team selection.”

The resolution was passed. Chris Lennox proposed a second resolution concerning selection for the Scottish Universities’ Cross Country Championship:

“That Second Claim members will only be considered for selection if they have run for the Club in at least two events that season.’

This resolution was also passed. It was agreed to support Campbell Joss for a position on GUAC to which he was duly elected. *Blues* were awarded at the GUAC Dinner to Chris Lennox and Dave Logue.

6.3 1972-1973

The 1973 Annual General Meeting was held in Room 2 of the Men’s Union at 7.15pm on 8 March. Fifteen members of the Hares and Hounds were present, and Jim Bogan took the chair.

In his Captain’s report, John Gunstone began by mentioning the Arran Training camp. He said that the five who went “*ran up more hills, got less sleep, drank more beer and ate less food than was good for them*”. They also ran badly in the Fernieside Relay at the end of that week. Paul Bannon put in his first appearance for the Club in the McAndrew Relay in which the Hares and Hounds fielded 18 runners. One of those competing was a New Zealander, Des Gilmore, recently arrived in Scotland from Massachusetts. The A Team came 12th. The A Team was third in the Dunbartonshire Relay, held on a bright sunny day over a Golf Course in Knightswood, with Paul Bannon doing the fastest time. In this race Archie Dodd’s famous shorts made their first competitive appearance.

Archie was a mature student, having just entered the University after a stint in the Royal Navy. (Incidentally, a black singlet bought in Paisley's that day cost 90p).

Twenty-two members of the Hares and Hounds participated in an inter-University Race in Edinburgh organised by Heriot Watt, with the A Team winning and the B Team beating both Heriot Watt's and Strathclyde's First Teams. Paul Bannon came second to Andy McKean; Dave Logue was fourth and John Gunstone fifth. Dave Logue did an excellent time in the Alan Scally Relay Race, in which the Hares and Hounds had four Teams. Unfortunately, however, Paul Bannon was injured and didn't compete and the A Team only managed to finish ninth overall and third in the inter-University competition. Mainly because neither Dave, nor Paul took part in the Midland District Relay, held over a course in the Pollok Estate, the Hares and Hounds could only manage a disappointing eighth. However, this was also the week in which the Club acquired its first female member (Janice Armstrong). Janice became quite a celebrity in the Club, making her presence known at most of the social functions.

In the University Road Race there had been 146 starters. The race had been won by Doug Gunstone in 25min 21sec. His brother John was the first member of the Hares and Hounds to finish; he was 10th in 26min 09sec. Jim McHardy was 19th and Dave Logue 20th. The Hares and Hounds put in a great performance in the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay to finish seventh in 3hr 47min 38sec and narrowly beat Edinburgh University. It was in this event that Willie Reid (a medical student) defected from Clydesdale Harriers to compete for the University for the first time. On the same day the Second Team travelled to Dundee for a race in Camperdown Park. Only arriving at 2.55pm for a 3.00pm race, the Hares and Hounds managed to get the start postponed so that they could at least change into their running gear! In the Scottish Universities' Team Trial, organised, by the Hares and Hounds over the Veterinary School farm at Cochno, the cows showed a great interest in the flags; few were uneaten by the time the race started! These were the days before BSE too! The Hares and Hounds won the event, with Dave Logue third, and had six members selected for the Team to race against one picked by the SCCU. Paul Bannon won the Dunbartonshire Cross Country Championship with his A Team coming second. Sam Alexander picked up a plaque for being the first unplaced Junior to finish; he came 11th. John Gunstone was 12th and Dave Logue 13th.

Over the Christmas vacation, members of the Hares and Hounds participated (without any startling performances) in the East Kilbride Road Race, the Nos Galen event in Wales and Beith Harriers' New Year Race. Paul Bannon made his last appearance for the University (before leaving for the USA) in the Nigel Barge Road Race and finished second. Campbell Joss was 31st and John Gunstone 39th. The Club finished fourth. Man of the day at the Springburn Cup was Colin Bruce (a third year veterinary student) who'd discovered the value of iron. He'd been diagnosed as suffering from anaemia, and ran the course about 10 minutes faster than he'd have done in the first term. A new runner, Raphael (Raph) Murray, made his debut for the Hares and Hounds too. Dave Logue finished sixth in the Springburn Cup, John Gunstone was 11th, Campbell Joss 19th, Alan Hill 39th and Colin Bruce 52nd. The Hares and Hounds' Team was third. At an SCCU dance that night there was a snowball fight with a Scottish internationalist (Norman Morrison), and Dave Logue threatened to practise handbrake turns on the Switchback! A rather weak A Team came fifth in the Midland District Championship over an exciting new course which had a suicidal start and three half mile stretches of motorway in it. John Gunstone, in 18th position, was the first member of the Hares and Hounds to finish.

In the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship held in Dundee, Edinburgh won. Dave Logue came fifth, John Gunstone 10th, Jim McHardy 14th, Roy McCrone 15th, Campbell Joss 17th and Alastair Hunter 20th. Glasgow regained the Second Team Championship title, despite the disqualification of Sam Alexander after an impressive win. *"It would appear he was a victim of Edinburgh's pettymindedness and a bad decision by the referee."* (Edinburgh had protested after Sam did a faster time than Glasgow's eighth man in the A Team, Alan Hill). Behind Sam was Stewart Crawford in second place, Colin Bruce third and Bill Fothergill fourth. The social highlight of the year was the BUSF Championship held at Guildford where the Hares and Hounds finished 12th. However, Edinburgh came sixth, and even St Andrew's beat the Hares and Hounds, who had apparently made the mistake of arriving in Guildford the day prior to the race! Dave Logue finished a creditable 28th, John Gunstone was 64th and Alastair Hunter made the first 100, *"but apparently over-reached himself as he passed out later in the evening."* Four members of the Hares and Hounds ran in the Second Team Race, Raph Murray being first home in 48th position. At BUSF also, the Hares and Hounds resumed speaking relations with Edinburgh, who'd not been too popular after their protest at SUSF the week before.

The Scottish National Cross Country Championships were held at Drumpellier Park, Coatbridge, over a snow-covered course. A bulldozer was used to clear snow and ice from the start. In the Senior event, Dave Logue finished a magnificent 15th. The Junior Team came fourth; John Gunstone was 10th, Campbell Joss 17th and Alastair Hunter 19th. Dave Logue also came second in the Irish National Cross Country Championship, and secured himself a place in the Northern Ireland Team for the World Cross Country Championship. Finally, in the

Edinburgh University 10 Mile Road Race, John Gunstone was fifth, Campbell Joss 17th and Archie Dodds 34th.

The Secretary (Campbell Joss) said that the Club's membership had reached 33 this year and the turnout for races had been remarkably good. On the social side Westerlands had become the focal point, many enjoyable evenings having been spent there before folk adjourned to a party. Mike Smyth, accompanied by his guitar, had continued to entertain the Hares and Hounds with his fine Irish ballads. For his consistently good performances John Gunstone had been presented with the McCulloch Trophy and had been nominated for a *Blue*, which was duly awarded. Frank Miller had won the McPhee Trophy.

Beginning his President's Report, Jim said that he had been trying to have this item removed from the agenda for years! He said that funnels had now been rendered unnecessary for the University Road Race because of a marvellous invention called a tape recorder, and by deleting certain octogenarians from the list of Officials. Jim praised John Gunstone "*for his consistently excellent performances during the season*" and Alastair Hunter "*because he'd been the first Treasurer in the Club's history to collect more subscriptions than there were members.*"!

Election of Office Bearers:

President:	Jim Bogan	Captain:	Frank Miller
Secretary:	Mike Smyth	Treasurer:	Alastair Hunter

John Gunstone was appointed as Public Relations Officer and Dunbartonshire AAA representative. Dave Logue and John Gunstone were also nominated for positions on GUAC, but unfortunately only John was elected.

The Annual Dinner was held on Wednesday 14 March in the Refectory, after which everyone moved on to a party at Dave Logue's flat in Highburgh Road.



Figure 6.1: 1973 Annual Dinner. Standing are Alan Hill, Jean Robertson, Des Gilmore, Moira O'Boyle, Doug Strachan, John Gunstone (with beard), Rosemary and Alastair Hunter, Stewart Crawford, Frank Miller, Mrs. Bogan, Willie Sheridan and John Mikel. Crouching in the front row are Mike Smyth, John Kelly, Jim Bogan and Bill Fothergill.

6.4 1973-1974

The 1974 Annual General Meeting took place in Room 4 of the Men's Union on 7 March in the presence of 17 members of the Club.

The Captain (Frank Miller) briefly mentioned the Arran Training Camp, with numbers attending reaching double figures. Much of the week had seen heavy rain and gales, which eventually forced a stalwart member of the Hares and Hounds (Alasdair Campbell) who'd been camping, to seek refuge in Mrs. Sillars' cottages too. The Bars in Brodick had profited greatly from the Hares and Hounds' presence on Arran and by the end of the week most of the locals knew by heart the words of *The Wild Colonial Boy* and *Waltzing Matilda!* Unfortunately, on their way back from a Disco at Blackwaterfoot on the Friday night a group of the Hares and Hounds were mugged by four guys, which resulted in a broken tooth for Sam Alexander and a split eyebrow for John Gunstone.

In the McAndrew Relay Race the A Team (Bill Fothergill, John Gunstone, Bill Sheridan and Dave Logue) came second, with Dave Logue recording the fastest lap of the day (13min 39sec). An American exchange student (Hiram Vaniar) made his first appearance for the Hares and Hounds in this event. The following week the Dunbartonshire Relays were held on a fine but cold day over a very hilly course in Clydebank. Innes Mitchell, a newly arrived postgraduate made his debut for the Club and recorded the best time in the Senior event for a Glasgow man, although he'd competed for the F Team! Twentytwo members of the Hares and Hounds took part, the A Team finishing third.

In an inter-Universities' race in Edinburgh, on what was probably the most miserable (weather-wise) day of the season, Glasgow won the event, with Dave Logue first, Bill Fothergill sixth and John Gunstone eighth. The following week at the Alan Scally Relay the Club finished fourth overall, and won the Scottish Universities' Relay Championship. During the afternoon loads of local kids kept pestering runners for their numbers the second they finished their lap. In the Midland District Relay Race the Hares and Hounds only fielded a weakened A Team (Alastair Hunter, John Gunstone, Bill Fothergill and Innes Mitchell), and as a consequence finished seventh. Four Glasgow University Teams took part.

One hundred and seventy runners took part in the Club's own Road Race held on a dreadful wet and windy day. Prizes, provided by GUAC, were awarded for the first time. Neil Morrison of Shettleston Harriers set a new course record of 24min 48sec. Dave Logue came sixth, Alastair Hunter 23rd and John Gunstone 36th. The Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay proved slightly disappointing as the Hares and Hounds' Team (Bill Sheridan, John Gunstone, Roy McCrone, Innes Mitchell, Colin Bruce, Dave Logue, Stewart Crawford and Bill Fothergill) finished ninth, the time being a second slower than in 1972. Nevertheless, Edinburgh University's Team was beaten. That day 12 other members of the Hares and Hounds travelled to Aberdeen for an inter-University race over a very icy and slippery course. The evening was spent at a Disco at the University, after which there was a long walk home in freezing rain to the digs. Although bed and breakfast cost only 1.75, up to five had to share a room and beds! Those sharing a room with Alasdair Campbell nearly had to resuscitate him, when he practically asphyxiated through swallowing toothpaste while cleaning his teeth!

The Scottish Universities' trial to pick a Team for the match against the SCCU Select was won by Edinburgh. Without Dave Logue and Bill Sheridan the Hares and Hounds could only manage third. Bill Fothergill, however, had a brilliant run to finish fourth and John Gunstone came sixth. Five Glasgow University men (Bill Fothergill, John Gunstone, Dave Logue, Innes Mitchell and Bill Sheridan) were picked for the Scottish Universities' Team. The Dunbartonshire Cross Country Championships were held on 1 December which turned out to be the coldest day in Glasgow for 105 years - 22°C of frost! Twelve members of the Hares and Hounds travelled out to the Vale of Leven Industrial Estate. There was hoar frost on the trees and loads of runners got lost in the freezing fog and had to pull out of the races; only 44 finished in the Senior event. Roy McCrone was the first Junior home (in ninth position), and the Hares and Hounds' A Team (missing four of its best runners) came fourth. Bill Fothergill was fourth individual, Raph Murray 27th and Mike Smyth 28th.

In the Nigel Barge Road Race the former Hares and Hounds' runner Paul Bannon (over on holiday from the United States) came seventh, just behind Dave Logue. The University Team came in fourth. John Gunstone (in 10th place) was the first Hares and Hounds' man home in the Springburn Cup. In the Midland District Championship, held at the Cleland Estate on 19 January, the University finished second with six men in the first 30. Dave Logue won the event, Willie Sheridan was fourth, John Gunstone 11th, Innes Mitchell 21st, Bill Fothergill 25th and Roy McCrone 30th.

In the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship A Team Race, Glasgow dominated the event to win with 58 points to Strathclyde's 73. Dave Logue was the first individual to finish, Innes Mitchell was eighth. Bill Sheridan came ninth, John Gunstone 11th, Bill Fothergill 13th, Roy McCrone 16th, and Colin Bruce 17th. The Hares and Hounds' Teams finished second and third in the B Team Race. At BUSF (again held in Guildford)

on 2 February, the Hares and Hounds were fifth. (This was their third best performance since winning the event in 1939 and coming fourth in 1948). Dave Logue finished sixth, Bill Sheridan 27th, John Gunstone 33rd, Innes Mitchell 40th, Bill Fothergill 58th and Colin Bruce 96th.

In the Scottish National Cross Country Championships at Coatbridge, Willie Sheridan had a great run to finish third in the Junior race and so qualify for a place in the Scottish Team to compete in the World Cross Country Championships at Monza in Italy, in which he subsequently finished 12th (the first Scot home). Only a handful of points prevented the University from winning the Junior Team event; they came second. Roy McCrone was 11th, Alastair Hunter 16th and Colin Bruce 24th. In the Senior Race Dave Logue finished ninth while John Gunstone (24th) and Bill Fothergill (34th) also recorded very creditable performances. Innes Mitchell was 61st and Willie Reid 106th. Dave Logue completed a very successful season by winning the Northern Ireland Championship. On the same day a Team from the Hares and Hounds flew to London and came 15th in the Hyde Park Relay. Finally, in the Edinburgh University 10 Mile Road Race on 2 March, John Gunstone finished fourth in 51min 55sec.

The Secretary (Mike Smyth) made some brief comments on the season. He said that the Club's membership now stood at 32, and that with regard to the Arran Training Camp some members of the Club had tried to reverse the ratio of miles per gallon (*of beer*) to gallons per mile. Mike said that after the muddy Midland District Championships, the newly acquired Antipodean member, Des Gilmore, really deserved the title "*All Black*". The Section had raised some money from a Disco held in November. The McCulloch Trophy was presented to John Gunstone for his consistently outstanding running, and he was also congratulated on being awarded a *Blue*. The McPhee Trophy went to Raph Murray as best Second Team runner.

In his President's Report Jim Bogan said that this season had been the best in the Hares and Hounds' history, with the Club having two members in International Teams. Jim also referred to the importance of the Club's coach ie Des Gilmore's American car (a green Ford Maverick). Finally, Jim recommended that more pack runs take place, especially to places such as Aberfoyle, where the Section had never been before, in order to break the monotony in training.

The following were elected as Office Bearers:

President:	Jim Bogan	Captain:	Bill Fothergill
Secretary:	Des Gilmore	Treasurer:	Alastair Hunter

The outgoing Secretary (Mike Smyth) was also elected a new Vice-President. Mike presented a memorandum to the incoming Committee of which the main points were:

- a) that pack runs and fartlek sessions must be arranged on a more organized basis and that Sunday outings eg to Aberfoyle take place,
- b) because of increased financial benevolence shown by GUAC more away fixtures to the north of England be organized,
- c) prizes should be continued and extended for the University Road Race.

It was agreed to send a newsletter at the beginning of the season to the Club's Vice-Presidents in the hope that this might elicit some donations!

At the GUAC Dinner *Blues* were awarded to Bill Fothergill, Innes Mitchell and Bill Sheridan.

At 5.05am on a cold and miserable Good Friday a group of 11 from the Hares and Hounds headed off to Liverpool *en route* to the Isle of Man. In those days the return ferry trip cost only 8 while a can of lager on the boat was expensive at 17p! Folk stayed on the Promenade in the *Loch Hotel* at £2.50/day full board. There were 170 taking part in the Good Friday evening Race, Bill Sheridan in 46th position being the first member of the Hares and Hounds to finish. The Relay Race was then held on the Saturday afternoon and the Hill race on the Sunday morning. It was a most enjoyable trip despite the three tough races, because a lot of socializing and drinking took place also. The Club's most successful performance was in the Sunday night's Beer Drinking Competition. The Hares and Hounds' A Team (Bill Fothergill, John Kelly, Alasdair Campbell and Robert Conway of kerosene lantern fame) came third.

6.5 1974-1975

The 1975 Annual General Meeting was held in Room 2 of the Men's Union on Thursday 6 March in the presence of Dr. Jim Bogan and 17 active members of the Club.

In his report the Captain (Bill Fothergill) stated that the year had been a very mixed one for the Hares and Hounds in that, although the Club had done better than expected in open competition, the performance in inter-University matches had been far from the complete dominance that had been anticipated. This was partly due to the loss of Dave Logue, and partly the result of inconsistent running by some members. The first success of the year had been the winning of the Dunbartonshire Relay in which Bill Sheridan recorded the fastest lap of the day. In an Inter-Universities' match at Cochno the following Saturday, the Hares and Hounds had comfortably beaten Strathclyde and Edinburgh; Ron McDonald, Bill Fothergill and Innes Mitchell being the first three home. The Club's B Team had also won their race comfortably.

In the Scottish Universities' Road Relay Championship (incorporated into the Alan Scally Relay Race), the Hares and Hounds were beaten into second place by Strathclyde. Then in the Club's own Road Race, Alastair Hunter showed great form by beating both Bill Sheridan and John Gunstone to be first Glasgow University man home. As usual, the Hares and Hounds ran well below form in the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay. However, an excellent performance by Donald Stoddart salvaged some pride. He passed two other University runners and enabled the Hares and Hounds to be the first University Team to finish. By a margin of two points, and without the assistance of Bill Sheridan, the Hares and Hounds defeated Clydesdale Harriers to win the Dunbartonshire Cross Country Championship. The Club also finished a creditable third in the Midland District Championship.

The Hares and Hounds' closest victory was in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship held over a muddy course on the Cochno Estate. Glasgow finished level with Strathclyde on 60 points, but was eventually awarded the title (38 to 40) on a countback. Innes Mitchell was the second runner to finish. In the B Team Race Glasgow won easily, with Danny Mackay and Willie Reid finishing second and third respectively. A large party of the Hares and Hounds travelled down to the BUSF Championships organized by Keele University. Accommodation was found in nearby Newcastle under Lyme. The races were over a really muddy course, but at least the day was very mild. Glasgow's team came seventh in the A Race, with Danny Mackay and Willie Reid the first Scots home in the B race; the B Team was ninth in its event. After the presentations in the University Union most of the Hares and Hounds, along with a contingent from Queen's University (Belfast), remained drinking in the building and organized a singalong much to the disgust of the locals, who unsuccessfully tried to have everyone participating thrown out. Later in the evening several souvenirs were acquired on the way home and Willie "Flowerpot" Reid made a lasting impression on the car driven by some nutters who almost ran down a group of the revellers.

The Hares and Hounds also performed extremely well in the Scottish National Cross Country Championship held at Drumpellier Park, Coatbridge, to finish fourth. Bill Sheridan was sixth in the Junior Race. The Club's A Team then went off to the Hyde Park Relays where they finished a lucky 13th. Congratulations were extended to Bill Fothergill, John Gunstone, Innes Mitchell, Bill Sheridan and Donald Stoddart for being selected to compete as part of the Scottish Universities' Team against one from the SCCU. Bill Fothergill concluded his report by emphasising that although performance-wise the Club had experienced its up and downs, socially it had maintained its usual high standard of enjoyment and drinking, which made all the suffering in training and racing very worthwhile.

In his report as Secretary, Des Gilmore commenced with a brief account of the Arran Training Camp held at the end of September. These included the initiation of Danny Mackay into the Club by his being savaged by a dog while running around a golf course, and the inter-cottage rivalry which culminated in all-out warfare (although on a friendly basis) by the end of the week. At Matriculation a vigorous attempt was made to recruit new members with tremendous success. Several Physiology and Anatomy Department technicians joined the Club including Andy Brown, Maurice Dixon, Andy Lockhart and Danny Mackay. Early in the season the Club had been able to field 22 runners; the turnout remained high throughout the winter.

Hares and Hounds' runners were coerced into wearing the official black vest with the yellow 'G' on the back, after the Midland District Relay at Lochinch, when all four Teams were disqualified by the referee (Brian Goodwin) because of the assortment of gear worn. The University Road Race had attracted more entrants than ever before; once again the efforts of Dr. Jim Bogan contributing largely to the event's success. While the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay was in progress, five B Team runners had travelled to a race in St Andrews finishing a creditable sixth out of the half dozen teams competing! A Team from Queen's University (Belfast), an unholy alliance of Loyalists and Republicans!, had flown in on Friday 13 December to race against the Club over a hastily thought up course from Westerlands that went through the Garscube Estate. A depleted Glasgow Team was narrowly defeated by the Irishmen. That evening a very pleasant time was spent at Westerlands drinking and singing marred, however, by the theft of Andy Lockhart's car from outside the Pavilion. Four members of the Hares and Hounds took part in the Nigel Barge Road Race with Innes Mitchell finishing a creditable 14th. A week later, in the Springburn Cup, Willie Sheridan came in fifth to be the first Junior home. The race itself was won by

former Glasgow University runner Paul Bannon.

For the first time in its history the Hares and Hounds fielded a Women's Team in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championships, held over a course at Cochno, and they finished an impressive second, scoring 15 points to Edinburgh's 12. An account of the race at Cochno received extensive coverage in *The Glasgow Herald* mainly because of a horse's antics. Part of the article by Ron Marshall entitled "*Running Scared of Old Dobbin*" read as follows:

"A wit, decently anonymous, once said of a certain actress 'If she was cast as Lady Godiva the horse would steal the act'. In haste I must exonerate the girls who ran in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championships .. but a horse did indeed steal the show on a bitter windswept course at the foot of the Old Kilpatrick hills. Attending to his own business until a horde of students descended on his field, Dobbin took exception to this intrusion and trotted about butting everyone within range. Two Officials were knocked to the ground, although one of them (Jim Bogan) made it a draw by swinging a well-aimed boot at its posterior. An athlete also was struck on the back by its hooves. Meanwhile the Women's Race and the Men's B Race were getting under way and no one can remember such an energetic start from that standard of runners. Never mind the result, get out of the field pronto - that was the objective."

While the A Team was away to the Hyde Park Relay, four B Team runners competed in the Carnethy Hill Race. Alasdair Campbell heroically raced over the 10 mile Senior course instead of the Junior six mile one so that the Hares and Hounds could field a full Team. Archie Dodds was the first University runner home in 60th position. Finally, in the Edinburgh University 10 Mile Road Race, eight members of the Hares and Hounds took part and two of the Club's Juniors (Robert Stewart and Ian Downey) put in very creditable performances. Other notable happenings during the year had been Alastair Hunter's 21st birthday party at Kilmarnock, and the Disco held at Westerlands after the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championships. The latter was one of the best attended events of the season and a spectacular show! Several of the Club's members had also revealed a tremendous talent as authors by contributing some superb articles about the Hares and Hounds to the *University Guardian*, thereby gaining the Club a lot of worthwhile publicity. Congratulations were extended to Raph Murray and Donald Stoddart for very deservedly being awarded Club Colours. The McCulloch Trophy was presented to Bill Fothergill and the McPhee Trophy to Danny Mackay.

The Treasurer (Alastair Hunter) reported that the Club's turnover during the past season had been £700; this included the tour grant from GUAC. Full travel grants had been provided to all runners who had participated in away fixtures, including the 17 who had travelled to Keele. Although membership at 25 was slightly down on previous years, the Club had more members than ever before participating in away matches. Alastair pointed out that the membership fee of 1.50 was excellent value when one considered that around £2/head had been spent on entry fees alone, and £13 spent on each of the runners who had gone to Keele. The Club had also now adopted a policy of keeping some yellow 'G's in stock since last year's disqualifications. Alastair said that the Hares and Hounds' new current account had been very successful and time-saving, although the cheques had not been accepted in London! Alastair concluded by saying:

"that while he'd worked hard during his three years as Treasurer, he considered it all worthwhile and would always be proud to say he'd been a member of such a great Club."

Jim Bogan commented that he considered the Hares and Hounds had experienced their best season ever. He also wished to encourage runners leaving University to persevere with the sport as they were likely to improve with age. He pointed out how well Campbell Joss (the Secretary two years previously) was now racing for Bellahouston Harriers.

In the elections positions were filled as follows:

President:	Jim Bogan	Captain:	Willie Sheridan
Secretary:	Des Gilmore	Treasurer:	Willie Reid

Four new Vice-Presidents (Bill Fothergill, John Gunstone, Alastair Hunter and Campbell Joss) were also elected.

In the general discussion following the formal business, it was decided to create a new position of 'Women's Convenor' on the Committee. A special General Meeting would be called early in the Whitsun term to elect a

woman to the Committee. John Gunstone pointed out that if the Club was able to recruit enough women members, it might be worthwhile for it to affiliate to the SWCCU. Finally, John Gunstone suggested that the Club consider holding an 'Old Crocks' race; the idea was favourably received.

At the GUAC AGM, held the following Wednesday, both Willie Reid and Bill Sheridan were elected to serve on Council, the latter as Secretary. The same evening the Hares and Hounds' Annual Dinner was held in the University Refectory. Twentyeight members turned up with Alex Johnson along as guest speaker. Later in the evening everyone adjourned to Innes Mitchell's flat for a party. The night was memorable because during a very active rendering of "Old Macdonald's Farm" the Secretary's head collided with that of the host, resulting in a lam visit to Casualty at the Western Infirmary and the insertion of three stitches in the Secretary's left eyebrow!

University Guardian Articles written by or about the Hares and Hounds

Hares and Hounds Section Report 30 January 1975

"The success of the Hares & Hounds Section continued last week with a third place in the Scottish Midland District Paraplegic Cross Country Championships. This can be added to other successes this season such as first place in the Dunbartonshire Cross Country Championships for retired sailors.

Pregnancy Our Club is always on the lookout for new talent (no matter the standard), and prospective members should look at some of the advantages we can offer:

- 1) *Free membership of Alcoholics Anonymous.*
- 2) *Free pregnancy testing service by D. Gilmore Ltd.*
- 3) *Guaranteed bail money when in England.*

Credentials Our Club has an increasing number of camp followers and we are constantly on the lookout for more. Applicants should be preferably female (sorry Danny), aged between 12 and 86, being at least 3ft 2ins tall. Applicants who answer this description should approach any member of the Club who will be delighted to inspect their credentials.

Whip If all this fails to please you, don't worry, there's always the showers. And for those who find not even this enticement enough to join, then you'll be welcome to bring along your own black leather gloves and whip; we're game for anything which will help brighten up our training schedules.

Seriously though folks, if you feel like joining our Gay little band put your name up on our Union notice board or contact any member of our Club in the Stevenson Building. We'd be delighted to have you, and don't forget our Club can offer you free travel to romantic places like London, Springburn, Keele, Coatbridge, etc."

Hares and Hounds' Section Report 27 February 1975

"The brass-monkey season is drawing to a close (the sun was actually seen on two occasions last week) - soon runners will be shedding the extra top and the second pair of fur-lined Y-fronts (remember the aforementioned brass monkeys) - in fact training and racing will possibly become quite a pleasant prospect within the next few weeks - and consequently most of the sadomasochists (about 90% of the Club - the other 10% are simply sadists) will retire into obscurity (from obscurity) for the summer months. The Scottish Championships were held on Saturday at Coatbridge and this marks the end of the cross country season for most people (- the others maybe don't see it as the end of the season, but they'll have a hell of a problem finding another race to run!). I've no idea how we got on - I think we had someone well-placed in the Junior race and some others not so well-placed; and in the Senior race we had a few more than in the Junior race not very well-placed either. More accurate results may be obtained from the Hon., Secretary of the Scottish Cross Country Union at 3/6 per 100 copies (please allow up to 21 years delivery). Actually the Senior Team may have been fourth - we're not sending for results because we might find we were only eighth and we haven't got 3/6 and we can't be bothered waiting 21 years to find out.

For some this has been the first season in the Club, for some the last, and for some of the former it is probably also the latter. Either way I think most have had a thoroughly boring, sober, unenjoyable rotten time and so I hope none of you ever think of coming and joining. See next exciting issue for report of a boring weekend in London, tedious AGM and unappetizing annual dinner with rotten speeches."



Figure 6.2: A group of the Hares and Hounds outside the Stevenson Building. At the front are Gordon Hamilton and Alastair Hunter (bearded) next to Paul Porter. Danny Mackay arrived late and is on the extreme right with his bag, 1975.

6.6 1975-1976

The 1976 Annual General Meeting was held in Room 4 of the Men's Union at 7.15pm on Wednesday 10 March. The President, Dr. Jim Bogan, and 16 active members of the Hares and Hounds were present.

In his report as Captain, Bill Sheridan began by saying that the Training Camp had attracted 17 members of the Hares and Hounds, although not all lasted the pace for the whole week. A fresher (Paul Porter) was initiated into the Hares and Hounds and the until then teetotal Ian Downey had become quite inebriated by drinking spirits "*for purely medicinal purposes*", (He had a bad head cold). Magic markers were very much in use during the week! Most of the Club's members had failed to make the McAndrew Relay, having been held up by rough weather when returning from Arran - the ferry being diverted to Gourock and not arriving there till 1.35pm.

The Hares and Hounds' first proper appearance was in the Dunbartonshire Relay held from Overtoun House in the Old Kilpatrick hills over a very steep course more suitable for wild animals than cross country runners, although some of the Club's members would no doubt qualify under both descriptions. The Hares and Hounds finished third. Willie Sheridan was denied the fastest lap by a Clydesdale runner who adopted the logical approach that if you run a shorter course than anyone else you will also record the fastest time! In the evening a party was held at Jim Bogan's where ouzo was the favoured tipple. At an inter-University Race, held at Morrision Park in Cambuslang, 25 of the 47 runners competing were from Glasgow University. The Hares and Hounds won the race (43 points to Edinburgh's 53), Willie Sheridan coming first. In the Alan Scally Relay Alastair Hunter had a cracker of a run and Ian Downey did a record (slow) time by getting lost. He failed to turn right off the Edinburgh Road and only realised this when he reached open fields and ran out of footpath. There was another shambolic performance by the Club the following weekend in the Midland District Relay Championship held at Bellahouston Park. Although four Teams were entered, several folk turned up late. Others either forgot which lap they were meant to run and so missed the changeover or wandered off and didn't return in time for it.

The University Road Race attracted another record entry (201 runners) and was won by the former Hares and Hounds' member, Dave Logue, in 24min 51sec, while a current (nameless and obviously legless) member of the Club was last. Other members of the Hares and Hounds who finished included Willie Sheridan who was 20th in 26min 43sec, Raph Murray 36th in 27min 15sec, Paul Porter 64th in 28min 13sec, Sam Alexander 50th in 28min



Figure 6.3: A group at the Arran Training Camp. John Kelly, Danny Mackay, Pat Rice, Paul Porter, Moira O'Boyle, Bruce McFadyen, Alasdair Campbell, Janice Armstrong.

33sec, Danny Mackay 52nd 28min 37sec and Andy Lockhart 92nd in 29min 04sec. For the first time an entry fee (10p) was charged. The Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay proved to be yet again a disaster with the Hares and Hounds finishing 18th. Raph Murray (although not running brilliantly) had, however, put in a performance head and shoulders above that of any other member of the University's team. In contrast, at the Scottish National Relay the following weekend, the Hares and Hounds came sixth out of 80 teams. The fact that Willie Reid (primarily an 800 metres runner) had been outsp rinted at the finish by an Edinburgh miler was considered coincidental with the fact that Willie had been married only eight weeks earlier.

A Christmas Handicap Race had been held for the first time in many years and had been won by Barbara Harvie. Bill Sheridan expressed his hope that the event would be continued, and not become too competitive. An inter-University race was held on a clear mild sunny day in Aberdeen; 60 runners took part. The Hares and Hounds almost missed the start because of Des Gilmore taking folk along to the wrong venue! The following weekend, at a race held in Drumpellier Park Coatbridge on a freezing day, Willie Sheridan finished fifth out of a field of 200 runners.

The undoubted highlight of the season had been the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championships held over Heriot Watt's new Campus at Riccarton. Glasgow retained the Scottish Universities' title, Willie Sheridan being the third individual to finish. The Club's second claim member, Roy McCrone, came sixth and Alastair Hunter ninth. All the Hares and Hounds' runners were amongst the first 17 to finish, defeating Strathclyde by 12 points. This was much to the latter's surprise, as they had been over three minutes ahead of Glasgow in the Alan Scally Race earlier in the season. Paul Porter was congratulated for winning the B Team Race, backed up by Ian Downey in third position. Unfortunately however, this Race had been won by a very strong Edinburgh Team.

At BUSF, held at Stirling University, the only creditable performance had been by Barbara Harvie who finished eighth in the Women's Race. Bill Sheridan was unable to compete because of a poisoned foot. Raph Murray, in 82nd position, was the first member of the Hares and Hounds to finish in the A Team event and Archie Dodds was the first man home in the B Race. Robert Stewart was disqualified for joining in late, and Ian Downey turned up without any running gear! The races were held over a mainly fast hilly course, but with a soggy ploughed field too. After the races an enjoyable evening was spent singing and jigging, along with the

Queen's University (Belfast) team, in the Sports Pavilion. Once again Alastair Hunter, John Kelly and Willie McColl excelled themselves.

In the National Cross Country Championship Willie Sheridan ran particularly well to be placed 10th and Alastair Hunter came 45th. The Hares and Hounds finished 12th in the Hyde Park Relay. However, in this case the race was not the highlight of the weekend, but an incident of which some details are better kept from the record. Suffice to say is that a younger member of the Hares and Hounds' Team became somewhat inebriated in the evening after the race and decided that a traffic cone would make good headgear. This was not a wise move as he was 'lifted' by the Police for being drunk and disorderly and spent a night in gaol! Fortunately the case was dismissed by a sympathetic magistrate who had once been a law student himself! Three Senior and two Junior members of the Club took part in the Carnethy Hill Race in mid February, but none excelled. On Wednesday 18 February John Kelly, Alastair Hunter and Raph Murray took part in the Drinking competitions held in the Beer Bar of the Men's Union. In the Schooner Race Punter made it through to the semi-finals, while John managed to down a yard of ale in 55 seconds!

The Secretary (Des Gilmore) then began his report by giving an account of the Goatfell Race on Arran held the previous May. Seven members of the Hares and Hounds had competed. Andy Brown had fallen on his way down (Goatfell had been shrouded in thick mist) and needed six stitches in a shoulder injury. The Secretary himself had been the fourth University man to the top, but appeared to have vanished on the way down, much to the consternation of the Officials waiting at the finish. What actually had happened was that Des had lost his way in the fog and come down the wrong ridge, so ending up in Corrie and having to run several extra miles. To his humiliation he had finished 25 minutes after the last runner (a University man making his debut, John Tolmie) and just as members of the local Mountain Rescue Team, after unsuccessfully scanning Goatfell with a large telescope, were about to go off and search for him. A little later, on Thursday 15 May, Raph Murray, Des Gilmore and Euan Thomson took part in a celebration to mark the demise of Glasgow Corporation and the birth of Glasgow District Council. These three, along with runners from other local Clubs, assembled in George Square around 11pm. Six runners carrying messages, and flanked by young torchbearers, jogged along to Glasgow Green where crowds were congregated around a large bonfire. Unfortunately, however, the official party although due at midnight were late arriving. Consequently the runners had to find shelter for 20 minutes or so until, with the torches burning low, they bounded up on to the podium to meet a somewhat inebriated group of Officials. Des Gilmore remembers handing over his message to the new Lord Provost (Peter McCann) and then going for a slap-up supper in the People's Palace.

The Club's efforts at Matriculation, with a display of photos from the Arran Training Camp and other publicity placed in strategic areas to recruit new members, had stimulated a lot of interest. Congratulations were extended to two Vice-Presidents (Bill Fothergill and Mike Smyth) and to the Treasurer (Willie Reid) who had all recently married. Des Gilmore commented that once again a number of the Club's members had demonstrated their excellent writing ability by providing articles for the University *Guardian*. These literary gems were extremely popular with runners and non-runners alike; this was clearly demonstrated when other sports began to copy their style. Finally Des extended his special thanks to Raph Murray for taking over his duties as Secretary while he spent a period over Christmas/New Year back home in New Zealand.

The Treasurer (Willie Reid) stated that the membership this year had been made up of 19 subscriptions and five omniums. Income had been £509.33 and Expenditure only £481.80; consequently the Annual Dinner would be subsidised. Willie complained that during the season several of the Hares and Hounds' members had frequently indicated that they would race and then failed to turn up on the day. Because a penalty of 40p was imposed on rail tickets presented for a refund, the Club's money was being wasted. Willie suggested that the potential runners themselves be penalised for failing to turn up for a race after indicating they wished to compete. Finally the Treasurer gave his "*somewhat belated thanks for a rather belated wedding present from the Club.*"!

Jim Bogan congratulated the Hares and Hounds on their excellent performances during the season, and especially on that in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship. He also commented on the great social life the Hares and Hounds provided, but apologised for not having been very much involved with the Club himself during the past year. He suggested it might be worthwhile inviting some English Teams up to compete in the University Road Race.

The elections then took place and resulted in the following being voted into office:

President:	Dr. Jim Bogan	Captain:	Alastair Hunter
Secretary:	John Tolmie	Treasurer:	Willie Reid

Des Gilmore (the retiring Secretary) was elected a Vice-President and Dr. Nick Rogers was dropped from the list, as there had been no contact from him for a considerable while. It was also pointed out with regret that a former member of the Hares and Hounds, and a long-standing Vice-President, Mr. George Esslemont CBE, had died shortly before Christmas. For his excellent performances during the season Willie Sheridan was awarded both the Esslemont Tankard and the McCulloch Trophy, while Danny Mackay narrowly beat Paul Porter for the McPhee Trophy. A new Trophy (presented by Bill Fothergill) for the most improved B Team runner was awarded, for the first time to Andy Lockhart.

Under AOCB Jim Bogan suggested that the Club might like to support a League system proposed at a recent meeting of the West District Committee of the SCCU. After some discussion it was felt that the Fixture List was already very full and that such a system might exclude the Hares and Hounds from competing in inter-University races. Alastair Hunter raised the matter of University staff running for the Club (there being several staff at the present time) and wondered if this was strictly legal. However, it was felt that this was only a problem in inter-University competition, and was quite legitimate in other races. The meeting finished at 9.15pm, with several Club members going off to Central Station to meet a visiting team from Trinity College (Dublin).

At the GUAC AGM two days later Bill Sheridan was re-elected to Council (as Assistant Secretary) and Barbara Harvie was voted on as an Ordinary Member.

The Annual Dinner, with trout and chicken for the main course, was held on St Pat's Day in the University Refectory with 38 attending, after which most folk adjourned to a party at Dave Logue's. At 2am two uniformed Police arrived, ostensibly because of a complaint about excessive noise; within a short time, however, they were happily knocking back whisky and lager. Most folk returned home at a reasonable hour, except for Alasdair Campbell and Danny Mackay who went directly from the party to University the following morning!

At Easter Danny Mackay, John Kelly, Des Gilmore, Dougie Strachan, Campbell Joss and an English friend (Robert Beeton) spent a very pleasant few days hiking in brilliant weather along Hadrian's Wall and camping out on the route. This venture is highly recommended. On Saturday 22 May seven members of the Club travelled to Arran for the Goatfell Race. This time Des Gilmore didn't get lost, although once again it was a misty, but mild, day. However, his reappearance for the event caused considerable apprehension amongst the Organizers! Raph Murray ran an excellent race, with John Tolmie being the second man from the Hares and Hounds to finish.

University *Guardian* 12th February 1976

Hares and Hounds

“The sensational return of the Hares and Hounds from the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championships at Heriot Watt is good news for the local pawnbrokers since, against all the odds, we picked up a total of nine medals and two cups. A bit despondent of our chances at first, we gained in confidence on seeing our main rivals. The favourites, Strathclyde all had 'This End Up' printed on their foreheads and the Edinburgh Team were not talking to each other after an argument about which shade of lipstick to wear for the race. So in high spirits we ventured out into the very cold east wind, fur-lined jockstraps being the order of the day.

The first race was the Women's Championship with Glasgow represented by Murphy's moll. Due to her recent attack of foot and mouth disease, she turned in a disappointing performance, and so this filly looks destined for the knacker's yard. In the second Team Race over the frozen fields, Ivan Downley, male model and part-time stud, came in third behind the winner, that hunk of Partick manhood, Paul Porter. Then followed the exciting First Team race which Glasgow proceeded to win out of sight, and a number of creditable performances were turned in. This was despite missing several regulars who are at present helping police with their enquiries into missing sheep. Later the joyful festivities were to last until the early hours with most members ending up in horizontal positions, for one reason or another.

Next week sees Glasgow entering the British Universities at Stirling where great things are expected. The Team will be strengthened by the return of, Mackay and Gilmore who have just been released by the police, although they had their wellingtons confiscated. J.M.K.”



Figure 6.4: May 1975 after the Goatfell Race. John Tolmie, Raph Murray, John Mason, Archie Dodds and Des Gilmore with Alan Reid in front.

6.7 1976-1977

The 1977 Annual General Meeting was held in Room 4 of the Men's Union at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9 March, in the presence of Dr. Jim Bogan and 25 members of the Club.

Alastair Hunter (the Captain) reported at some length on the activities and achievements of the Hares and Hounds during the past season. He said that a mediocre 20th placing in the McAndrew Relay could be attributed to the poor physiological state of the Club's runners after a week of sustained training on Arran. Around 20 folk attended the Training Camp; this number included past and present members of the Hares and Hounds, wives, girlfriends and Janice, along with Jim Dingwall and Robin (YP) Thomas. Seven folk managed the "*Double Ton*", Janice boasted of having seen five "*birdies*" and the favoured drink had been "*friendlies*" i.e. pale ale. The following Saturday 28th Hares and Hounds' runners (including three Youths) participated in the Dunbartonshire Relays held on a beautiful autumn day in Knightswood Park. The A Team came second. That evening Alastair and Rosemary Hunter put on a party for the Club at which both John Tolmie and Alastair ended up more than just "*wet behind the ears*".

Five Teams were fielded in the Kingsway Relay Race in Dundee, with the A Team finishing third behind a good Aberdeen University Team. Willie Sheridan was the fastest individual on the day. In the Alan Scally Road Relay, Aberdeen University again narrowly defeated the Hares and Hounds to take the Scottish Universities' Road Relay Race title. However, Glasgow were able to field five Teams, with the B Team coming fourth in the inter-Universities' competition, ahead of the A Teams from Dundee, Edinburgh, Heriot Watt and St Andrew's. At the inter-University Races in the Braid Hills hosted by Edinburgh, the Hares and Hounds A Team yet again followed Aberdeen home. Barbara Harvie was second in the Ladies' Race. In the West District Relays, held over a muddy course close to the IBM factory at Spango Valley in Greenock, only Donald Stoddart ran well in what was otherwise a dismal performance by the Club. Willie Reid managed to spike himself on a barbed wire fence. The University Road Race, held a week later, attracted a huge entry of 213 runners. Bill Sheridan ran a tremendous race to finish fourth, with the Club's former member, Dave Logue, coming second to Nat Muir.

On Wednesday 17 November (a very cold wet evening) Des Gilmore went along to represent the Hares and

Hounds at an EGM of the Dunbartonshire A.A.A. It was scheduled to take place in Garscube Harriers' Pavilion at Westerton, but only five people turned up and none had keys to the building. Everyone adjourned to a nearby bus shelter and, as nobody was keen to fill the vacant position of Secretary/Treasurer, the least reluctant (Des) was eventually persuaded to take on the job.

On Saturday 20 November a group of mainly Second Team runners from the Club travelled to Dundee for a six and a half mile race in Camperdown Park. Because the train on the return journey was ancient and unheated the Hares and Hounds all moved through to a first class compartment for some extra comfort. In the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay held the following day, Stewart Easton excelled by finishing fourth for the Hares and Hounds on the first leg; the Club was first University home in 14th position overall. Twentyfour members of the Club ran in the Scottish National Relay Championship, which took place in King's Park Glasgow, with the A Team coming 12th. A very well-attended Hares and Hounds' Disco was held at Westerlands that evening. After it several folk were being given a lift along Great Western Road in Pat O'Boyle's van when a tyre went flat. No jack available! No problem! Six members of the Hares and Hounds manly held up one corner of the vehicle while the wheel was changed. The following week, Alastair Hunter and Bill Sheridan were included in a Scottish Universities' squad which raced against Teams representing the SCCU, the Civil Service and Northern Ireland. On the same day the Dunbartonshire Cross Country Championships were held on a fine afternoon, but over a snow-covered course in Clydebank. Of the 11 runners fielded by the Club, Willie McColl put in the best performance, being the first Junior to finish in the Men's Race.

In December the Christmas Handicap was run in fancy dress, and was a great success with 37 past and present members turning out. The race was easily won (because of the generous handicap given!) by a renegade from the Football Section, Fraser Booth. In the New Year on Saturday 15 January 10 members of the Club took part in the Springburn Cup over a snow-covered course. The West District Cross Country Championship, held at Galston, again highlighted the Club's weakness over a muddy course. Only Donald Stoddart managed to perform creditably, but even so it was noted that his father (no longer a chicken) finished ahead of him!

"The Captain then described in an emotional passage composed in a style not akin to many of the great speeches of this century, nor probably of the next, the highlight of the 1976-77 season."

Briefly it was the victory of the Hares and Hounds in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship at St Andrews. It was all the sweeter for being so unexpected. Not only was Aberdeen justifiably confident, having beaten Glasgow consistently throughout the season, but a revamped Strathclyde was also expecting to take the title. Nevertheless the A Team rose ably to the occasion, being led by Bill Sheridan (second) and Stewart Easton (fourth) to win comfortably. The B Team also won their race, Ian Downey and John Tolmie coming second and third respectively. John Kelly, who had led the race for much of the time, finished fifth. Moreover, Ruby Young won the Ladies' race. The Hares and Hounds left St Andrews with nine medals and two trophies. Never one to waste a moment, Punter held a Committee meeting in the bus on the way home. Ruby Young also performed very well at BUSF the following Saturday, being first Scot home, in seventh position.

On 12 February the Scottish National Championships were held at Glenrothes. The course was diabolical as a quote from *The Sunday Times* indicates.

"First the floods, then the snows came to *Glenrothes Golf Course*. The third plague was the swarm of more than 1000 runners taking part in the Scottish Cross Country Championships. Fortunately no-one had to cry 'Fore' for not even the hardy breed of golfer would have indulged his past-time on the three inch covering of snow on the course."

In the Senior event Alastair Hunter, in 56th position. was the first member of the Hares and Hounds to finish. The Club's Junior Team came fourth. In the closing stages of the season the Hares and Hounds finished 12th in the Hyde Park Relay. The final match was an inter-University one at Aberdeen where the Club had a runaway victory with the minimum points. Here, in the subsequent eating contest, a veterinarian (Lyll Petrie) revealed a hitherto hidden talent by consuming three Cornish pasties in approximately five minutes. Alastair congratulated Ruby for finishing third in the Scottish Women's National Cross Country Championship, and for being picked to represent Scotland in an International event in Dusseldorf. Ruby had also been awarded a *Blue*, the first awarded to a woman for Cross Country running. Willie Sheridan was also congratulated on being picked to run in a SCCU Team at Crystal Palace.

The Secretary (John Tolmie) emphasized the consistently good competitive record of the Club's B and C Teams. He was also pleased to announce the success of the Hares and Hounds' two Discos which had each raised over £100. He mentioned that the Arran Training Camp was becoming renowned throughout the country, with

many distinguished and not so distinguished members of other Clubs eager to contribute to the week's success. He also noted that two of the newer Vice-Presidents (Bill Fothergill and John Gunstone) were retaining their links with the Hares and Hounds

“by exhorting less experienced members into higher spheres of accomplishment and self knowledge in the fields of training and the Bars of Brodick.”

John also stated that the President had helped enormously at the University Road Race and reported that at the Hares and Hounds - Women's Hockey Burns Supper Jim's *Toast to the Lassies* was both original and characteristic of his unique sense of humour. His jokes were rumoured to be from *Ygorra* of decades past. Forty had been present at the Burns Supper, with John Kelly acting as M.C., and Ian Downey reciting *Tam o' Shanter*. The girls had sung newly-composed songs about the Hares and Hounds which, although unintended, only served to boost their egos. John acknowledged the important innovation of Captain Hunter that regular Committee meetings be held on Monday evenings after the Pack run. These had done much to ensure the smooth running of the Club and make the Office Bearers' jobs a great deal easier.

The Treasurer (Willie Reid) reported that the major feature of the season had been the rise in membership to 74, although only around 35 had materialised into active runners. Income had been £1267.97 and Expenditure £1256.78.

The President commented wryly that although the Club had never been healthier, the same could not be said about some of the new members. A number of fixtures and social events had given him great pleasure. The University Road Race was now large enough to attract sponsorship and Jim suggested that *White Horse Whisky* be approached. The Christmas Handicap had been well organized and enjoyed by all. Finally, the Burns Supper had been a most satisfying occasion and was now an established feature in the President's busy social diary. Jim noted that Bill Sheridan had continued to run well, in spite of the consumption of prodigious quantities of beer. He concluded by wishing the Club every success.

The results of the elections were as follows:

President:	Jim Bogan	Captain:	John Kelly
Secretary:	John Tolmie	Treasurer:	Graham White

Willie Reid and Bill Sheridan were added to the list of Vice-Presidents, while Craig Sharp and Alastair McPhee were deleted.

The Esslemont Tankard and the McCulloch Trophy were awarded to Bill Sheridan, the McPhee Trophy to Andy Lockhart and the Fothergill Trophy to John Kelly.

Under AOCB Bill Sheridan suggested inviting English Universities to compete in the University Road Race. The Secretary undertook to ensure that Durham, Leeds, Newcastle, Queen's University (Belfast) and Sheffield be contacted regarding this. It was also noted with pleasure that two members of the Hares and Hounds had been voted on to GUAC. John Kelly had become Social Convenor and Barbara Harvie had been re-elected as an Ordinary Member. The Hares and Hounds' Constitution, which had remained largely unchanged since 1927, had been redrafted and brought to the meeting by John Kelly. After some discussion it was approved unanimously.

Two days after the AGM, on Friday 11 March, the Annual Dinner was held. There were 47 present and a meal of soup, trout, sirloin steak and vegetables was served. The best entertainment of the night was undoubtedly provided by Dave Logue up on a makeshift pulpit doing a fantastic takeoff of Ian Paisley. It was after midnight before all the speeches had finished, after which most folk adjourned to a party at Des Gilmore's flat. Dave Logue continued to entertain folk, while drinking his beer from a saucepan, before finally departing for home around 3am. Later that day he astounded everyone by winning the Balloch to Clydebank Road Race in a new record time of 60min 30sec.

University *Guardian* 28th April 1977

Hares and Hounds

“The Hairies' Easter Tour to the Manx Athletic Festival at Douglas this year was a roaring success, despite the fact that Edinburgh Uni. had arrived with 19 prize eejits. Ile A Man wisnae is bizi is wit it is it the glesga Ferr, bit it wiz awright. The first race was at 7.00pm on Friday amid torrential rain. Punter was first man in finishing a glorious 52nd. Clockwork Andy showed no signs of a lazy

ticker as our 2nd finisher, a phenomenal 80-oddth. The most fantastic performance was by falling star Sheribum, who came in a stupendous 100-and-somethingth, as only 200+ raced. Saturday saw the Road Relays for which we ran three Teams. We were extremely disappointed at not coming in 1st, 2nd and 3rd, but were consoled with three magnificent unplaced's. Saturday evening was a nice quiet affair as we all devoted out time to study, reading, meditation and ludo. On Sunday afternoon the cross country race was wrested from our clutches, as the Officials hadn't arrived at the finish quickly enough for our fast men Kelly, Punter and Sheridan. So overwhelmed at this were Punter and Kelly that they somehow got lost and arrived back at the hotel many hours later grievously stunned and unable to speak. So deeply saddened were we that we had not the moral strength to resist being forced into a beer-drinking competition, much against our wills that evening . This we should have taken, but Edinburgh again cheated us by pouring the stuff down their trousers instead of down their throats. They obviously felt as we did to the noxious fluid. The night brightened up considerably when the amateur opera singing began. We left Douglas the following morning feeling content and at peace with the world, knowing that we had held the banner of virtue high. During the whole weekend not a single drop of alcohol passed our lips (apart from the above unfortunate incident), nor did we interfere with very many sheep. The weekend brought our racing season to a perfect close. Roll on next year."



Figure 6.5: A group of the Hares and Hounds at Douglas on the Isle of Man Easter 1977

The Sexual Life of a Real Hound

(to the tune of *The Sexual Life of a Camel*)

The sexual life of a real hound is stranger than anyone thinks
 He gets his kicks from running and the after-race beer that he drinks
 In sheep country he likes to go hounding, but he seems to get lost in the trees
 Which accounts for his terrible race times and the mud on his hands and his knees

Extensive researches at Glasgow by Gilmore and Bogan and Reid
Conclusively proved that while drinking Bill manages to stay on his feet
But now we have information from a source that I dare not repeat
The reason for his upright position is he suffers from prickly heat

Tonight we've heard from dear Danny who recited his poem with class
No longer will people be able to say he talks through a hole in his head
I confess I'm surprised by this talent his ability in public to talk
'Cos when I've seen him this late of an evening he's usually unable to walk

Bill said when passing a VW "To your eyes the tears it does bring"
And he pointed with his shaking finger to the bumper and its pieces of string
And the vision of these little nooses and their purpose it really appals
They are for tying to the back of that Beetle..... Janice's L-plates.

Jackie Dallas *Joint Hares & Hounds and Women's Hockey Burns Supper* - Tues 25th Jan 1977

A Toast to the Hairies

Black vests and tartan shorts, well you know it takes all sorts
But this ain't our idea of sport, not running around in your Y-fronts

It's the silliest pastime that we've ever seen, trotting about over fields not so green
And then going back where you've already been, while running about in your Y-fronts

Dashing about in snow, sleet and mist, truly a sport for the real masochist
Are you really that desperate for an excuse to get pissed, to go running about in your Y-fronts

Most Fridays and Saturdays you're seen to be here, but we've been well warned not to go near
Well, I mean you crowd, you have to be queer, to go running about in your Y-fronts

We ladies of hockey are now rather sad, for no Wednesday matches this term we've had
No chance for you lot to drive us sex mad, by running around in your Y-fronts

And now this poem to you I must end, to your empty glasses I ask you please tend
A toast to the Hairies, the queer sheep's best friend. Here's to the nuts in their Y-fronts!

Read at Hares & Hounds/Women's Hockey Burns Supper

6.8 1977-1978

The 1978 Annual General Meeting was held in Room 2 of the Men's Union at 7pm on Thursday 9 March in the presence of 17 active members of the Club, the President Dr. Jim Bogan and Vice-President Bill Sheridan.

The Captain (John Kelly) reported that the season had really begun with the Easter tour to the Isle of Man. For the 14 participants it was a really enjoyable and cheap weekend (only £14 excluding refreshments). However, some of the party almost didn't reach their destination, despite setting out from Glasgow at 5.20am. Des Gilmore's VW Beetle nearly caught fire in the Lake District, because the hose carrying air to cool the engine had not been replaced by the garage which had just serviced the car. Fortunately John Kelly effected emergency repairs with tape, and Liverpool was eventually reached in plenty of time for the 11am ferry. Others travelling down, however, only just made it for the sailing; in their haste they had to leave their cars at parking meters. (Alan Reid discovered a 1 parking ticket on his return - worth it when the cost of a Public Car Park was £3.28!) Although a few of the Hares and Hounds were put up in Douglas by Andy Lockhart's aunt, most stayed at the *Seacliffe Hotel* (£3.50 per night for dinner, bed and breakfast). The hotel was managed by a very pleasant, and tolerant, Irishwoman by the name of Mrs. Carson. Also sharing the hotel were teams from Dundee University and Wales - 27 folk in all. On a cold wet Good Friday evening 226 finished in the Road Race. These were the days when rules regarding both the team's and individuals' names were rather relaxed. Thus taking part were Edinburgh Zoo (alias Edinburgh University), Es/Sex Maniacs, Hangover Harriers, Great Balls of Fire and Far Canal. Individual runners included W. Indyday, Robin Batman, E. Rection, A. Drunkart, W. Anchor, N. Ebriated, R. Sole, and I. Diot. The Relay

race was held in Douglas on a fine sunny Saturday afternoon starting on the Promenade. Later that evening Alan Malarkey partook of a blackcurrant and gin (without any provocation thrown over him in a pub). The Easter Sunday Hill Race was treated as a fun event by many runners and a lot of folk had a leisurely run back to Douglas after it. In the Beer Drinking Competition that evening in *The Empress Hotel* the Hares and Hounds were quickly eliminated by the professionals. One of the most amusing incidents was provided later by Danny Mackay. Getting up to go to the toilet in the hotel during the night he lost his way going back to his room (due to a combination of alcohol and *Benolin*, and returned to someone else's empty bed. Consequently, when the would-be occupant arrived home later, he ended up having to sleep on a settee in the lounge and complained bitterly about this at breakfast. (Danny sitting nearby naturally kept mum!)

The next outing was the Goatfell race on Arran on Saturday 21 May, which was graced for the first time by a bright sunny and very hot day. Eleven members of the Hares and Hounds took part and in his last appearance for the Hares and Hounds, Allen Brown was the first Glasgow University man home in 29th position in a time of one hour 33min 53sec. John Kelly was 34th and John Tolmie 36th out of a field of 66 starters. Folk lay out in the sun after the race drinking coke before catching the evening ferry back to Ardrossan.

Over 20 folk attended the Arran Training Camp, and although the weather was inclement it did not dampen the participants' enthusiasm, with both the Captain and Bill Fothergill repeating the double ton. Willie McColl also achieved two personal bests, ie by running 38 miles on one day and drinking 21 pints on another. Once more most of the Hares and Hounds missed the McAndrew Relay, because the ferry returning from Brodick was diverted from Ardrossan to Gourock, resulting in a long delay.

Although the race record during the Martinmas term was rather disappointing, the Club was well represented by over 20 runners at each fixture. The best turnout of 26 had been for the Dunbartonshire Relay which the Club itself had organized over the Garscube Estate on a beautiful sunny day. In this event the A Team came fifth and the B Team ninth. In addition, several members of the Hares and Hounds had also acted as stewards at this event. At the West District Relay three of the Club's Teams were in the top 30, and the Hares and Hounds were able to field five and a half Teams in the Alan Scally Road Relay Race. However, they were beaten by Edinburgh in this event and also at the Kingsway Road Relays in Dundee. A good result was also obtained by Glasgow winning an inter-University fixture at Aberdeen. It was around this time that several visits were made to Mearnskirk Hospital by the Hares and Hounds to visit Andy Lockhart there to be checked out for suspected heart problems. This led to his new nickname "*Andy Clockheart*".

In the University Road Race the new recruit from Aberdeen (Fraser Clyne) ran well to finish 9th. Then, despite some diabolical individual performances in the Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay, the Hares and Hounds still managed to finish 18th, largely because of Herculean performances by the seventh and eighth stage runners, Alan Malarkey and Tom Logue. The race had taken place on a very cold day on which there was the odd flurry of snow. Willie McColl had developed blisters and ran most of his stage in bare feet, while Donald Stoddart had got a bad stitch. Fraser Clyne did fourth fastest time in the first leg of the West District Relays held on undulating grassland over sand dunes at Beach Park, Irvine. The Club had 22 members participating in the latter race, and one (Tom Logue) almost didn't make it back to Glasgow. Only Gavin Struthers noticed that Tom hadn't reboarded the bus after a relief stop and then only after it had headed off down the road! Poor Tom had a hard sprint for a second time that day. At the Dunbartonshire Championship held in Colquhoun Park, Bearsden, over a freezing snow-covered seven lap course, Willie McColl in 10th position was first home for the Hares and Hounds. Around this time there was a long cold spell during which a succession of freezing frosts occurred. This led to some very picturesque scenes along the canal towpath and Kelvin Walkway.

Forty took part in the Christmas Handicap which was again run in fancy dress and

"it was a great surprise that no-one wasn't arrested for gross indecency when one considered some of the costumes, or rather lack of them."

Unfortunately Bill Fothergill, who had come up from London especially for the event, sustained a head injury which required stitching after he crashed into a pole protruding from a Lockup. The pole, although undamaged, was severely shocked! Danny Mackay, as the invisible man, won the prize as the best fancy dress with "*Scarecrow*" Andy Brown a close runner-up.

In contrast to their performances before Christmas, the Hares and Hounds were much more successful in the New Year. This was totally unconnected with the departure of Danny Mackay to a job at Sheffield University. (Incidentally Danny shortly afterwards went on to take a B.Sc. there). In an inter-Universities' race held over the Garscube Estate, Edinburgh was narrowly beaten. Then Fraser Clyne was sixth in the West District Championship held over a diabolical frozen rutted course at East Kilbride on 21 January. At Stirling the SUSF title was retained. Fraser Clyne was second, and Donald Stoddart gained his fourth consecutive Scottish Universities' Team medal.

Glasgow also won the B Race with eight men in the first 11. Alan Malarkey was first in this event, winning by over a minute, and Barbara Harvie was third in the Ladies' race.

At the Burns Supper, chaired by John Kelly, Chris Bradley addressed the haggis, Des Gilmore proposed *The Immortal Memory* and Jim Bogan toasted the lassies. The girls responded by singing a newly-composed song *Mull of Westerlands*:

Mull of Westerlands

(To the tune of Mull of Kintyre)

Westerlands fields, oh smog rolling over the pitch
Our desire is always to play there, on Westerlands fields

We've played many matches, at home and away
Got covered with mud, grass, snow, sleet, rain and clay
There's nothing so fine after all our hard play
To come back to a bath at the end of the day

Westerlands baths, oh mist rolling in from hot steam
Our desire is always to soak here, in Westerlands baths

Far have we travelled, we've seen many bars,
But none can compare with this haven of ours
Beers, haufs and vodkas, Mars Bars and gin
With our drunken boat races to welcome you in

Westerlands Bar, our heads frothing on our half pints
Our desire is always to drink here in Westerlands Bar

It's not just as peaceful and quiet as you think
When you see the queer folk that come here to drink
They sit in a corner and buy lots of rounds
Yes, you've guessed it's those perverts, the Hares and the Hounds.

Westerlands Bar, complete with John Kelly and co.
Our desire is always to them, in Westerlands Bar

Willie likes schoolgirls, John Kelly likes sheep
Des likes reproducing, his status to keep
The others like boozing, at such a great pace
That they stagger in drunk, at the end of each race

Westerlands fields, oh mist rolling over the Bar
Our desire is always to be here, on Westerlands fields.

Composed and sung by the girls of the Women's Hockey section of GUAC at a Burns Supper - 25th January 1978.

In the BUSF Championships at Keele, both the A and B Teams raced well to finish eighth in their respective events. Fraser Clyne was the first Scot home, finishing 17th overall. The Edinburgh University 10 Mile Road Race took place in atrocious conditions, icy underfoot and a raging blizzard. Nevertheless, the Hares and Hounds A Team was third. The following week in Newcastle the Hares and Hounds finished second to Newcastle University in a fixture arranged for the Scottish Universities and for English Universities from the North and Midlands.

Only a makeshift Team competed in the Hyde Park Relay and it came 21st. On the same day in the Carnethy Hill Race, run over a misty and partly snow-covered course, Graham White was first Glasgow University man home in just over 67 minutes. The Scottish National Cross Country Championships were held on Saturday 4 March, over a course in Bellahouston Park that was to be used for the World Cross Country Championships later in the month. The Club was 11th in the five-lap Senior Race. Fraser Clyne, despite a heavy cold, was 21st. Particularly pleasing too, was the second place achieved by the Junior Team comprising Euan Thomson, Alan Malarkey, Paul Porter and Willie McColl.

John stated that the reason for the Hares and Hounds' success this year was the same as in the past, namely team spirit, enthusiasm and hard work. He thanked Jim Bogan and Des Gilmore for their help at the University Road Race and at fixtures arranged over the Garscube Estate. John also said that the social events during the season had again been a great success, with over 70 at the Burns Supper held jointly with Women's Hockey. There had also been a Punk Disco at Westerlands, which had permitted the materialisation of not a few members' (including the Captain's) fantasies. Willie McColl had won a bottle of plonk for being "*the worst-dressed person*" in attendance. "*This was despite the Captain's vociferous protest that his dress sense was even more disastrous.*"! Finally John congratulated Nicos Scholarios (a prominent field athlete, but also a member of the Hares and Hounds) for his election to GUAC as Finance Convenor. Graham White had also been voted on to Council as Publicity Convenor.

In his report the Secretary (John Tolmie) also mentioned the Easter Tour which had been packed with incidents that made fine stories for all but one's relatives. He also mentioned that the President had earlier complained that the Hares and Hounds' singing prowess was no longer dominant at Westerlands, at a time when their athletic endeavours were flourishing. In contrast, the Rugby Club's ability on the field was at an all time low, but their voices were in fine fettle. John attributed this to the departure of Danny Mackay; he would have seen that the lubrication and exercise of members' vocal chords were not neglected.

The Treasurer (Graham White) said a total of 41 subscriptions had been received during the year and the Punk Disco, University Road Race and Burns' Supper had all brought much-needed revenue into the Club.

Jim Bogan reported his pleasure at the Hares and Hounds' performances during the season. He had not expected the SUSF title to be retained after the departure of Bill Sheridan and Willie Reid. However, the arrival of Fraser Clyne had been a big boost to the Club. Jim was also very gratified by the rapid improvement in the ability of many B Team members; this gave a lot of hope for the future. Jim was delighted too, that the Hares and Hounds had won the William Ross Cunningham Trophy awarded for being the most successful section in GUAC, during the 1976-77 season. This was only the second time the Hares and Hounds had won this Trophy in its long and illustrious history (the first being in 1961), and was mainly due to the enthusiasm and athleticism of Alastair Hunter and Willie Sheridan. Jim thought that the Hares and Hounds' image had improved considerably with the SCCU, partly due to the work of Des Gilmore, who had revived an ailing Dunbartonshire Amateur Athletic Association after taking over the position of Secretary/Treasurer and then arranging to stage the Dunbartonshire Relays over the Garscube Estate. Jim finished by saying how much he'd enjoyed the Burns Supper,

"although he was surprised that no efforts were made by the Club's members to establish a more intimate and personal relationship with the Ladies of the Hockey Club."

He recommended that such reticence be abandoned next year.

In the voting Jim was re-elected President, Willie McColl became Captain, Donald Stoddart Secretary and Graham White was re-elected Treasurer. Club Colours were awarded to: Fraser Clyne, Alastair Hunter, Willie McColl, Alan Malarkey, Raph Murray, Paul Porter and Donald Stoddart. Fraser Clyne was presented with both the Esslemont Tankard and McCulloch Trophy. The McPhee Trophy went to Gordon Hamilton and the Fothergill Trophy to Alan Malarkey.

Under AOCB Willie Sheridan requested that members of the Hares and Hounds who were graduating this year should consider joining the newly-formed Westerlands Cross Country Club. From its initial performances this season, there seemed to be little doubt that it could establish itself as one of the most successful Clubs in the west of Scotland. The issue of Second Claim members running for the Hares and Hounds in the SUSF Championships was also discussed. Although it was felt the situation was unsatisfactory, it was difficult to establish a ruling on the matter. However, it was decided to ensure that all the Hares and Hounds' competitors in BUSF should also compete in other fixtures during the season.

The Annual Dinner was held at Westerlands on the 11 March, the same day as the Balloch to Clydebank 12 1/4 mile Road Race in which Raph Murray in 14th place (65min 48sec) was the first member of the Hares and Hounds to finish. Alastair Hunter came 23rd and Tom Logue 31st. At the Dinner a super meal of soup, chicken and trifle was provided for only 2.50. The dinner was followed by the usual singing and dancing. Later that month the Club won two trophies and three medals in a cross country race in Tayside at Arbroath. Fraser Clyne was second, and Willie McColl was the first Junior home. Gordon Hamilton was the third member of the Team which finished second overall. Then on Saturday 13 May five members of the Hares and Hounds took part in a race up Ben Lomond which was dominated by English Fell runners. John Tolmie in a time of 1hr 23min 08sec was the first member of the Club to finish. Derek Hart was close behind (only 29 seconds slower); 116 competed. The following weekend only four from the University took part in the Goat Fell Race and they made no impression on the results.

Five in a Row

'Having thrown off our hangovers and recovered from the assault on our ears by the Women's Hockey Choir, the Hairies made their way through the snow to Stirling for the SUSF Championships. We continued our dominance of this event by winning both Team Races and a host of medals. Fraser Clyne finished second in the First Team race and with placings of seventh, eighth, ninth, 11th and 14th, Glasgow won for the fifth year running. The Second Team Race was won by Alan Malarkey with Euan Thomson second. With Lyle Gordon, John 'Tae a Sheep' Kelly and JT finishing well up in the field the Team trophy was won easily. The strength of the field is reflected in the fact that the C Team finished ahead of the B Teams of Strathclyde and St. Andrew's. Barbara Harvie came third in the Women's Race while her sister Carol and Barbara Crea both put in fine performances.

At the final count Glasgow won three trophies and 10 medals and these were prominently displayed in front of the Embra punters after the race. Tom Logue was unable to display his own trophy due to his earlier accident which came to light after he was hear to say 'Mine came off when I pulled it.' Explain that at confession! Meanwhile the First Team were celebrating by smashing up tables in the Clubhouse. However, rumour has it that the table collapsed after Punter sat on it. En route back to Westerlands it was discovered that the Club had been infiltrated by the far Left when our own red under the bed Donald Stoddart tried to convince us of his socialist philosophy. Needless to say he failed, possibly due to certain members of our company requiring the bus to make an emergency stop. Our next race is BUSF so anyone wishing a quiet peaceful weekend stay away from Keele. For those joggers still to make our acquaintance, we train daily from the Stevie at 12.00.'



Figure 6.6: A group of the Hares and Hounds at Westerlands during the summer. Nicos Scholarios, Willie McColl, Andy Lockhart, John Tolmie, Willie Sheridan, Willie Reid and Des Gilmore.

6.9 1978-1979

The 1979 AGM was held at Westerlands at 7pm on Thursday 15 March with 20 active members present along with the President, Dr. Jim Bogan.

Willie McColl (the Captain) began his report by mentioning that the Arran Training Camp, based as usual at Mrs. Sillars' cottages, was only poorly attended, but perhaps because of this the Hares and Hounds put in an improved performance in the McAndrew Relay with five Teams competing and the A Team coming 12th. Six Glasgow University students who would remain "nameless" also ran for other Clubs in this event. A weakened A Team, consisting of Tom Logue, Paul Porter, Willie McColl and Fraser Clyne, finished a creditable second in the Dunbartonshire Relay, which were again organized by the Hares and Hounds over a course at the Garscube Estate on a damp misty day. The Club had fielded four Teams and several members had laid out the course the previous afternoon. However, some of the cows and donkeys present there had knocked over most of the markers, which had to be replaced. Fraser Clyne recorded the second fastest time. In the West District Relay, held from the Bocclair Academy in Bearsden, and jointly organized by the Hares and Hounds and Westerlands CCC. The A Team finished sixth; the Club had five Teams competing in this race. Twentytwo members of the Club took part in the National Relays held at Beach Park, Irvine on a fine sunny afternoon, but a poorly-selected A Team could only finish 11th, being beaten by Edinburgh University.

In the Alan Scally Road Relay Race Edinburgh University again sneaked a win over the A Team which only finished 16th overall. The fact that the GUAC Ball took place the previous night may have had some bearing on the poor performance. The University Road Race attracted 253 athletes, which bettered the previous year's record entry. Due to financial support from Dr. Jim Bogan and the Westerlands Cross Country Club free entry to the race was provided, but this did not appear to be fully appreciated by the runners. Willie suggested that in future an entry fee, along with better prizes, might attract more competitors. Nat Muir won the race for the third successive occasion with Fraser Clyne coming ninth. A most enjoyable and well-attended Disco was held at Westerlands that evening. The Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay took place on a bitterly cold day with an icy head wind for the runners. The Hares and Hounds only finished 20th out of 21 teams. However, Fraser Clyne had an outstanding run to come in second on the first leg and Peter Kemp and Tom Logue also performed well.

Alastair Douglas made his debut for Glasgow University in the inter-University race at Edinburgh, which he won; the A Team finished third behind Edinburgh and St Andrew's Universities. Dancing commitments kept Fraser Clyne from the Dunbartonshire Cross Country Championships which were again held in Colquhoun Park. The Club fared badly and Tom Logue in 22nd position was the first Hares and Hounds' man home in this event. However, the weather was once more atrocious; snow was lying and more fell during the afternoon. Twentyeight took part in the Christmas Handicap which was won by Paul Danielson. "Tin Man" Andy Brown was voted to have the best fancy dress, despite strong competition from Tom Logue as a can of McEwen's lager and Alasdair Campbell as *Satan*.

In the New Year Fraser Clyne came fifth in the Nigel Barge Road Race, and third in the West District Championship Race held in Bellahouston Park on an afternoon of biting wind, sleet and rain. In an inter-University match held over the Garscube Estate, Glasgow won the event and its B Team was fourth. Stevie Brennan, Gordon Colvin, Dougie Macdonald and Angus McLachlan all made their first appearance for the Club in this race. On 27 January at Stepps, the Hares and Hounds became the first University Team ever to win SUSF six years in a row. Seven Glasgow runners, led home by the "ageing" Fraser Clyne in first place, finished in front of Edinburgh's third man with only 22 points; Strathclyde was second, with their runner Ian Orton finishing just behind Fraser. Glasgow also won the B Team race. In this Tom Logue came in first in a sprint finish. Dave Gisbey was third.

At BUSF, held at Stirling, a sadly-depleted A Team still managed to finish seventh. Fraser Clyne was 11th man home and Alastair Douglas 18th. In the B Race Glasgow came fifth, with Steve Brennan (in 10th place) first Scot home. Both Fraser and Alastair were selected to represent BUSF against Teams from the English Cross Country Union and the Combined Services in a race held at Camberley.

In the Scottish National Championship, held in Livingston New Town, Fraser Clyne finished 11th with the A Team coming 12th. A group of Club runners had travelled to London for the Hyde Park Relays where they met up with Des Gilmore. He, however, competed for his old club, the Royal Veterinary College, as he was back working there on a short sabbatical. Everyone spent a most enjoyable evening in the Bar at Imperial College despite the inconvenience of the toilets being locked at 10.30pm! In the Dunky Wright Road Race Tom Logue was the first Glasgow University man home.

Socially, Willie McColl claimed he was told that both the Disco and Burns Supper were a success. He himself was incapable of passing judgement, even though he'd done the *Toast to the Lassies.Tam o'Shanter* had been recited by Danny O'Neil. Finally the Captain expressed his sincere thanks to the Secretary (Donald Stoddart) for

all his hard work during the season.

The Secretary then added a few points to Willie's account of the season's activities. He bemoaned the fact that so few runners who competed in the University Road Race stayed on for the Disco, and he too emphasized the lack of the runners' appreciation of being provided free entry to the race. Donald said that for him the best event of the season was definitely that at Newcastle. Donald also mentioned certain other feats of the Club and especially those of the Captain (who on one occasion couldn't even recall his first name!), but who for long will be remembered by some unfortunate other fellow train passengers! It was reported with pleasure that both Chris Bradley and Graham White had been elected to GUAC as Ordinary members the previous week.

No Treasurer's report was included in the Minutes, but Jim Bogan gave a short account of the Road Race, which he said greatly enhanced the University's image. Jim also expressed his deep regret at the absence of women in the Club. A shout from Paul Porter that Tom Donohue be appointed as the Women's representative, due to his magnetic personality with members of the opposite sex, was ignored. However, the following Officers were elected.

President:	Jim Bogan	Captain:	Danny O'Neil
Secretary:	Chris Bradley	Treasurer:	Ian Munro

The McCulloch Trophy and Esslemont Tankard were awarded to Fraser Clyne, with the McPhee Trophy being presented to Donald Stoddart and the Fothergill Trophy to Tom Logue. At the request of GUAC the following sentence was added to the Hares and Hounds' Constitution:

"At the AGM the Treasurer will present a financial statement of the Club's accounts."

Under AOCB Raph Murray suggested that spot prizes be awarded in the Road Race as an encouragement to less talented athletes.

Two days after the AGM, on Saturday 17 March, the Balloch to Clydebank Road Race was held. Raph Murray improved on his previous year's position to finish 11th. Although his time for the distance was a little slower, a strong wind and flurries of snow handicapped all the runners. That evening the Annual Dinner was held at Westerlands and was most enjoyable. It was followed by a long trudge through the snow to a party at Robert Smith's. Most folk eventually made it home at some stage, except for Punter whose car slewed off a country road in Ayrshire on his way home to Kilmarnock. Fortunately both Punter and the car were undamaged and a friendly farmer, using his tractor, got the vehicle back on the road once daylight arrived.

On Saturday 12 May several members of the Club again took part in the Ben Lomond Hill race on a pouring wet day.

6.10 1979-1980

The 1980 AGM was held at Westerlands at 6.15pm on Wednesday 5 March in the presence of the President Dr. Jim Bogan and 11 active members of the Hares and Hounds.

The Captain (Danny O'Neil) began his report by reminiscing on the Arran Training Camp, again held during a dreadfully wet and windy week at the end of September. He lamented the fact that no-one managed the "double ton", although there were valiant attempts by Ian Munro, Ian Archibald, Dougie Macdonald and Danny himself; with Dave Calder recording the greatest number of knockbacks. Danny then proceeded to detail the season's results.

Three teams competed in the McAndrew Relay on 6 October, with the A Team only managing 20th place. However, Ian Archibald (Archie) did an excellent time of 14min 22sec. It was at this race that Donald Stoddart announced his resignation from the Hares and Hounds to rejoin his former club (Greenock Wellpark) as a first claim member. His loss was compensated by the arrival of a new recruit from California (Dave Reed). The Dunbartonshire Relays had once more been organized by the Hares and Hounds on a chilly misty afternoon over a course at Garscube. In these the A Team (consisting of Raph Murray, Dougie Macdonald, Ian Archibald and Dave Reed) finished second, while in the West District Relay held the following week over a very steep muddy course at Johnstone, the A Team could only manage 13th. However, in the National Relay the Hares and Hounds improved to 12th. That night a party was held in Graham White's flat - a shocking experience for him! Graham sitting on someone's shoulders was attempting to change a lightbulb when a punter entered the darkened room and pushed the switch down to the "on" position!

Edinburgh University defeated the Hares and Hounds in the Alan Scally Relay; Glasgow thus lost the University Road Relay title yet again! Two hundred and sixtyfour runners took part in the University Road Race, which once more was won by Nat Muir, with Willie Sheridan fourth. Ian Archibald was the first Glasgow University runner home in 14th place. A most enjoyable Disco was held at Westerlands on the evening after the Road Race. It was here that Tom Logue distributed the Hares and Hounds' Song Book he had compiled surreptitiously at his school. In the first inter-University match held in Edinburgh, Raph Murray finished in third place with the A Team coming in behind Edinburgh and St. Andrews. The Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay Race proved to be a total disaster with the Hares and Hounds not even managing to finish. Raph Murray, who was meant to have run the first lap didn't appear. As a consequence everyone else's place was shuffled forward. Ian Archibald and Steve Brennan had run very well, but as neither the first nor second reserves turned up the Club had to pull out at the end of the seventh lap in Baillieston when in 18th position.

November sadly saw the death, at the age of 90, of Mr. George Dallas, for many years one of the Hares and Hounds' Vice-Presidents. He had been the Western District Junior Champion in 1910. Between 1921 and 1946 he had held the joint post of Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the National Cross Country Union and remained as Honorary Secretary until 1961.

In the Dunbartonshire Cross Country Championships, held on a mild afternoon over a course at Faifley, the Hares and Hounds came third behind Clydesdale Harriers and Westerlands CCC in the Senior Race. Archie was the third runner to finish and Raph came seventh. Only 10 members of the Club took part in the West District Championship which was held at Clydebank over a snow-covered course in Dalmuir Park. The A Team was 10th; Raph, in 42nd place, being the first Glasgow University man home. Twentyone participated in the Christmas Handicap, with most runners appearing in drag or dressed as flashers. Dougie Macdonald was resplendent as a yellow fairy, while Tom Logue and Andy Brown showed great ingenuity to run along together as the Gilbert Scott Building. On 12 January the Hares and Hounds organised an inter-Universities' race over the Garscube Estate; 43 men and three women took part.

The joint Women's Hockey-Hares and Hounds' Burns Supper was again a huge success. Tom Logue was M.C. and Dougie Macdonald gave an excellent rendering of *Tam o' Shanter*.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly SUSF, held in Aberdeen. The Hares and Hounds managed to win by 64 points to Edinburgh's 82 thus making it seven in a row. Alastair Douglas was second followed by Raph, Jim Docherty, Archie, Steve Brennan and Dougie Macdonald. The Club also won the B Team race with Dave Reed leading the runners in. Fiona McQueen completed a fine day by easily winning the Women's Race, finishing half a minute ahead of the next runner. To Edinburgh's chagrin all the Glasgow folk emerged from the Changing Rooms after showering, wearing their 'Six in a Row' T-shirts. The Easterners were so miffed at the result that they boycotted the prizegiving. At BUSF (held in Loughborough), although the Hares and Hounds performed poorly in both races, everyone enjoyed themselves. Raph had a brilliant run to finish 28th; the A Team was 21st overall. In the Scottish National Championships (again held at Irvine) the Senior Team came 19th and the Junior Team sixth. Finally, in the Balloch to Clydebank Road Race, Raph was yet again the first member of the Hares and Hounds to finish (this time in seventh position, 64min 27sec). Tom Logue came 21st (67min 57sec), Gordon Colvin 25th (68min 52sec) and John Tolmie 31st (70min 09sec). The Club finished fourth in the Team event. Danny completed his report by saying that although it had been a good year for the Hares and Hounds in every way, very few new members had joined and the Club was in danger of becoming a clique. A big recruiting drive would need to be carried out next autumn.

The Secretary (Chris Bradley) also gave a brief *resume* of the season's activities and emphasised a problem that had reared its head on a number of occasions, ie of certain members of the Hares and Hounds selecting only particular races in which to compete.

The Treasurer (Ian Munro) stated that Expenditure during the year had amounted to £731.87 - a large increase from the previous year's £460. Much of this was accounted for by the £120 spent on entry fees and £118 on T-shirts. Income amounted to £731.94.

Jim Bogan thanked members of the Hares and Hounds for all the help they'd given him with the University Road Race. However, he was unenthusiastic about looking for sponsorship for the event so that better prizes could be awarded. Jim felt that all most runners wanted was a race and a time. He felt the Club had made the right decision in turning down *Scottish & Newcastle's* £50 sponsorship offer. Jim raised the possibility of women taking part in the race, stating that:

"there were easy facilities for women at Westerlands - and indeed facilities for easy women."

He would look into obtaining the necessary permits for women to participate. Jim also said it was very helpful to the Hares and Hounds that he was on the West District Committee of the SCCU, as there was presently some

antagonism towards the Universities because of the situation regarding First and Second Claim runners. Jim also suggested the purchase of medals for the seventh and eighth members of the winning SUSF team, as it was unfair that under the present situation they missed out. Jim praised Danny O'Neil's work for the Club and said that as members of the Hares and Hounds were close friends it was inevitable that outsiders (especially joggers!) would regard it as a clique. However, he pointed out:

“that it was worth remembering not to be rude to a spotty-faced Fresher and show him your bum.”!

Finally Jim informed the meeting that Fiona McQueen had been picked as a reserve for the World Student Cross Country Championships .

In the elections Jim was again voted President and Dougie Macdonald became Captain. Chris Bradley and Ian Munro were re-elected Secretary and Treasurer and Susan Etherson was appointed Women's representative on the Committee.

Under AOCB Ian Archibald suggested that the size of the Road Race should be increased and small sponsorships be sought from several Companies. He also proposed that Alastair Douglas be put forward for a *Blue*. Dave Calder advocated that the Hares and Hounds mount an advertizing campaign to attract new members and the Club should also emphasize that even terrible runners could join!

Throughout the year Friday nights had seen several of those Hares and Hounds' members living in the West End go drinking in *The Snaffle Bit* pub in the company of some runners from Westerlands' and Victoria Park's Clubs. Amongst the latter was Graham Diverty (son of the former President). However, although a student at Glasgow University, Graham had never run for the Hares and Hounds.

During the week following the Hares and Hounds' AGM three members of the Section were elected to GUAC Council, Chris Bradley as Entertainments Convenor, Paul Danielson as Travel Convenor and Dougie Macdonald as an Ordinary Member.

On Good Friday 1980 a group of the Hares and Hounds travelled to the Isle of Man via Liverpool. (A weekend return ticket had risen to £13). Danny Mackay (now at Sheffield) joined the party, as did Des Gilmore who went directly there on his way back from New Zealand. Other past and present members of the Hares and Hounds travelling were Ian Archibald, Chris Bradley, Dave Calder, Gordon Colvin, Alastair Douglas, Barbara Harvie (now doing a Ph.D. at Aberdeen University), Dougie Macdonald, Ian Munro, Raph Murray, Moira O'Boyle, Pat O'Kane, Doug Robertson, Bill Sheridan, John Tolmie and Graham White. Steve Brennan's cousin (Gerry McGettigan), then a first year student at Strathclyde University, came along too. The Hares and Hounds stayed at *The Glenfaba Hotel*, run by Elio Valerga, an Italian. Westerlands' Club members were accommodated nearby.

Good Friday was a bright sunny Spring day. Bill Sheridan managed to finish second in the Road Race that evening. Saturday was another glorious day, and that afternoon Bill Sheridan ran superbly to win the Hill Race at Peel; there were over 300 participating. In the evening most folk went off to a Disco, but were refused admission because of a “no jeans” policy. Easter Sunday was fine and sunny yet again. The Hares and Hounds entered two and three quarter Teams in the Relay Race and the A Team (Dougie, Archie, Raph and Al Douglas) won the event. At the presentations in *The Villiers Hotel* that night the Hares and Hounds shared the award for the best overall team with one from Ireland. Bill Sheridan was declared the weekend's top athlete. That night Andy Brown was persuaded to taste a glass of recycled beer by an Edinburgh University punter!

At the Goatfell Race on Saturday 17 May only a few from the Hares and Hounds ran. Gavin Struthers was first home for the Club in 1hr 46min. It was such a hot afternoon that many went swimming or took part in a haggis-throwing competition.

Chapter 7

The 1980's

7.1 1980-1981

One of the most notable features of the 1980-81 season was the emergence of a strongly competitive Ladies' Section of the Hares and Hounds. The Arran Training Camp was held again at the end of September and was quite well supported, with Bill Sheridan, YP Thomas (now with Hunter's Bogtrotters) and Danny Mackay (up from Sheffield) along too. Also attending was a new recruit from Garscube Harriers (Fraser Arnott). Many clocked up big mileages; one day Dougie Macdonald managed 40! It was during this week that Ian Munro received his nickname Stonker (dreamt up by Danny). Perhaps the most significant event during the week was the announcement of their engagement by Raph Murray and Barbara Harvie.

The McAndrew Relay was well attended, but the Club as usual did not excel. The following Saturday, on a glorious sunny afternoon, the Dunbartonshire Relays were once more run over the Garscube Estate. It was here that Tom Donohue's younger brother Mike made his debut for the Club, as did Gerry McGettigan, who had just transferred to Glasgow University. The Relay was somewhat of a disaster for the A Team. On the first lap the three leading runners, led by Paul Danielson, went off the course and ran an extra half mile. Consequently the Hares and Hounds only finished fifth. However, Ian Archibald received medals for recording the fastest lap time overall and also for being the fastest Junior competing. In the West District Relay at East Kilbride the University's A Team finished 13th, and the following Saturday in the National Relay held for the first time in the Highlands at Inverness, 16th.

Only 13 runners from the Hares and Hounds took part in the Alan Scally Relay Race. That night there was a Disco at Westerlands. Stonker entertained everyone with his Freddy Mercury impression (dancing about in a string vest). Later most folk went on to a party hosted by Steve Brennan.

At the University Road Race athletic history was made in Scotland when women were permitted to compete against men for the first time. Three hundred and twentyseven finished in the race which was won by Nat Muir in 24min 27sec. Alastair Douglas (running for Victoria Park) was third in 24min 50sec and Bill Sheridan (competing for Westerlands) fourth 25min 03sec. The first member of the Hares and Hounds to finish was Ian Archibald, in sixth position (25min 15sec). Tom Logue came 83rd in 27min 50sec, Dave Calder 119th in 28min 45sec and Pat O'Kane 124th in 28min 47sec. Barbara Harvie (competing for Aberdeen University) was the first woman to finish, in 131st position. Fiona McQueen, who came 156th in 29min 08sec, was the first female member of the Hares and Hounds to complete the course.

Glasgow University *Guardian* 27 November 1980

Women in Road Race

"This year's Glasgow University Road Race was the most successful ever thanks to a special effort by the Section in recognition of GUAC Centenary year. There was a record entry of 336 for this five mile race, an increase of 70 on last year's entry and as in the past three years it was won by Nat Muir of Shettleston Harriers, Britain's fastest 5000 metres runner this year. Athletics history was seen in the making when for the first time ever in Scotland women were allowed to compete against men, with Barbara Harvie, a former student of Glasgow, finishing first woman in 131st and Fiona McQueen, a present student finishing in 156th. Highest placed University athlete was Ian Archibald who ran an

excellent race to finish sixth. This year's race highlighted an unfortunate problem that could strain the Club - that of students opting to compete for their Clubs rather than for the University. We need the experience of Club runners to pass on to new runners and we need them as competing members to push Glasgow University to the top in Scottish athletics, an occurrence not unlikely should we have the services of all our students. On a more hopeful note the race also saw the appearance of joggers from the Stevenson Building who ran well, enjoyed themselves and saw that they were not outclassed in racing. Finally, further evidence that the Hares and Hounds are straying from the not so straight and alcoholic path with the wedding of Raph and Barbara and the engagement of Andy Lockhart and Dorothy. We wish them all the best for the future. I notice that Dave Calder is off his drink - could he be next?"

On a very mild Saturday 22 November, a busload of Hares and Hounds travelled to Edinburgh for the Braid Hills' Race. Perhaps because they were saving their energy for singing on the journey home quite a few folk only completed one of the two laps. Despite the next weekend also being gloriously sunny and mild, only eight members of the Hares and Hounds took part in the Dunbartonshire Cross Country Championship held in Loch Lomond Park at Balloch. Dougie Macdonald in 17th position was the first member of the Club to finish; Pat O'Kane was 24th, Dave Calder 25th and Tom Logue 32nd. That evening at Westerlands the Hares and Hounds and the Rugby Club competed against one another singing in the Bar.

The Christmas Handicap, held from Westerlands, was not well attended. Andy Brown easily won the fancy dress competition as a bisexual ie the right side of his body being female and left side male! As Mike Donohue later described Andy in his *Guardian* report,

"His daring creation earned him much respect from Club members, who appreciated the courage it required to run in such an outfit"

Others taking part were Ian Munro as *Superman*, Alastair Campbell as a *Bedouin* and Gerry McGettigan as a *Bover Boy*. Pat O'Kane turned up in the New Year wearing a brown and yellow tracksuit of which he was very proud, although this Christmas present reminded most folk of a large banana skin. Unfortunately Pat met disaster while wearing his tracksuit on a run through a really mucky section near the old Kelvindale Paper Mill; it ended up thoroughly mud-splattered and that was the last anyone saw of it.

On Saturday 3 January 1981 several members of the Hares and Hounds took part in the Nigel Barge Road Race; none excelled. The following weekend a crowd from the Club travelled by coach to Aberdeen for an inter-Universities' race which took place over a snow-covered course. Most of those running, including all five women, were from Glasgow. Susan Etherson was first in the Women's race. Glasgow won the Men's Team race, Ian Archibald being first home. On the return journey Ian Munro distributed song sheets and led everyone in a loud rendering of *Poor Little Angelina*, *The Engineer's Song*, etc. Conditions were dire on the day of the West District Cross Country Championship and only five members of the Hares and Hounds took part over a snow-covered course in Bellahouston Park.

It was during January 1981 that, to save money, the University decided hot water at Westerlands would only be supplied on Saturdays; not an incentive to stay clean in the middle of winter!

On Saturday 24 January the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championships were held at Camperdown Park, Dundee. About 24 members of the Hares and Hounds took part. Although it was a sunny Spring-like day, there was a cool wind. Fiona McQueen won the Women's race with Barbara Murray (*nee* Harvie), running for Aberdeen, coming second. It appeared that Edinburgh had won the Men's B Race. Euan Ferguson led the 12 Glasgow runners home to finish first, but both Ian Munro and Pat O'Kane had bad runs; Mike Donohue finished seventh. Glasgow won the A Race easily. There was a real tussle between Ian Archibald and Alastair Douglas with Al just pipping Archie at the post. It was then discovered at the presentations that Glasgow had won the B Race too, as the second Edinburgh man was a non-counter. Edinburgh made vigorous protests about Glasgow running so many Second Claim men. However, it was correctly pointed out that as nearly all Edinburgh's runners were English, they had no allegiance to local clubs in that city. There was a very festive atmosphere in the bus returning to Westerlands with singing, drinking and a vivid description by Dave Calder of his pet roundworms!

Glasgow University *Guardian* 5 February 1981

Hares and Hounds

"On the 24 January at Dundee, Glasgow University Hares and Hounds stamped their authority on the Scottish Universities' cross country scene. The Men's Team title went to Glasgow for an eighth successive time, with Alastair Douglas and Ian Archibald first and second respectively on the individual

front. Fiona McQueen retained her individual title in the Women's Race, leading the Glasgow Team completed by Shona Tate and Jennifer Garrioch to their first SUSF victory. In the minor placings Marion McEnespie continued her meteoric rise to the top beating Sara McDonald who found one of the stewards more interesting than the race and stopped to chat him up. In the Men's B Race Ewan Ferguson ran his best race to date finishing fourth and leading the Team to their fifth successive title defence. The customary traditional folk songs on the return journey were enjoyed by all. The Burns Supper held in conjunction with the Women's Hockey Club was a cultural success with many unprintable phrases and incidents emanating from the evening's entertainment. Let it be said, however, that Captain Courageous has changed his name by deed poll to Captain Comatose."

On the Wednesday following SUSF the joint Hares and Hounds' and Women's Hockey Burns Supper was held, in candlelight. The food was excellent, although Pat O'Kane lost his appetite because of a reference that painted too true a picture of him. Ian Archibald was the M. C. and Dave Calder addressed the haggis. Isobel Blakeway of Women's Hockey did *The Immortal Memory*, and Pat O'Kane recited *Tam o' Shanter* (almost all without reference to notes). Dougie Macdonald toasted the Lassies and also Jean Tannock literally in her reply when he set fire to her speech! Jim Bogan, in a nightshirt and carrying a candle, recited *Holy Willie's Prayer*. The meal and speeches were followed by Scottish Country Dancing accompanied by Dave Gisbey on his violin. Towards the end of the evening Tom Logue turned up in full Territorial Army uniform much to the disgust of many of the revellers. His cap ended up being used as a football on the dance floor before disappearing into oblivion and causing Tom great distress!

BUSF was held at Keele University on Saturday 7 February. The Hares and Hounds' Men's Teams didn't perform at all well, but the Women's Team comprising Fiona McQueen, Shona Tate and Caroline Hair was fifth. Fiona was also the fifth individual to finish. At the National Championships, held in Callendar Park, Falkirk, on a miserable cold wet day with sleet and snow showers at the end of February, Alastair Douglas (running for Victoria Park) won the Junior Men's event.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 5 March with 16 members of the Club present. There was a long discussion regarding the status of Second Claim runners. All other Scottish Universities wanted them to be ineligible for SUSF competition. However, only two members of the Hares and Hounds were in agreement with this proposition.

The Treasurer (Ian Munro) reported that Income for the year had been £1027.40 and Expenditure kept to £842.25. In the elections Jim Bogan was re-elected President, Dave Calder was voted Captain, Mike Donohue Secretary, Pat O'Kane Treasurer and Ian Munro a Vice-President.

The Balloch to Clydebank Road Race was held two days after the AGM. Graham White in 34th position was the only representative of the Hares and Hounds taking part. On the same day the Club set a trail over the Garscube Estate for an inter-Universities' match. However, the latter was cancelled when not a single representative from another University turned up!

On 10 March Dougie Macdonald was elected unopposed as the GUAC President, while Dave Calder was voted on to Council as Convenor of Grounds Management. Three days later the Annual Dinner was held at Westerlands with the catering carried out by *The Kitchen*. Fortythree folk were present, and the guest speaker was Frank Clements. Star of the night was undoubtedly Archie with his new straw-coloured hair. After a lunchtime session in the Beer Bar, and prompted by Gerry McGettigan, he decided to bleach his hair (using *Domestos!*) and then dye it. However, by the time the *Domestos* had acted, Archie had sobered up and decided not to dye his hair as well. Nevertheless, for a long time thereafter he was referred to as *The Peroxide Prince!* After the meal and speeches, most folk adjourned to Yorkhill for a party in Tom Logue's flat. A popular song that night was one written by Pat O'Kane entitled *Hey Big Stonker* (sung to the tune of *Hey Big Spender*). Around 2am everyone meandered off with Pat loosely clutching a brown paper bag containing a substantial amount of money (payment for the dinner). Two members of the Club decided to move a temporary Bus Stop in Highburgh Road, not a good idea when a Police Panda car was in the vicinity! One of the two obeyed a call from the Police to halt and was sent on home with a flea in his ear. The other made an unsuccessful dash for freedom, spent the remainder of the night in a cell and was later convicted for Breach of the Peace!

On Friday 20 March Steve Brennan celebrated his 21st with a *Bad Taste* party; Dave Calder went as a pluke! The following day GUAC organised a Superstars competition at Westerlands. It was here that nine took part in the first ever *Chunder Mile*. A week later Alastair Douglas ran in the IX IAAF World Cross Country Championship in Madrid. The Scottish Team was 15th with AI in 192nd position.

Easter 1981 was late. On Good Friday 17 April a group of the Hares and Hounds left Glasgow at 7am *en route* to the Isle of Man via Heysham. (Those travelling were Archie, Fraser Arnott, Dave Calder, Jim Docherty,

Al Douglas, Des Gilmore, Tom Logue, Dougie Macdonald, Ian Munro, Rod Taylor and Neil Walker. Upon arriving at Heysham it was discovered that the early afternoon ferry was fully booked and that folk could only be accommodated on the 11.45pm sailing of *The Manx Norseman*. The afternoon was spent at a fun fair in Morecambe (without Tom, who got mislaid), and the evening was occupied watching two films *Skin Deep* and *Werewolf Woman* (without Tom who disapproved!). It was 6am on Easter Saturday before the party reached *The Glenfaba Hotel*, where Edinburgh University were again staying. The day turned out bright and sunny. Around 300 took part in the Hill Race at Peel. Ian Archibald in fifth position was the first of the Hares and Hounds to finish; Barbara Murray won the Women's race. On Easter Sunday the Club fielded three Teams in the Relays with the A Team finishing fourth; Archie did the third fastest leg; Barbara Murray was the fastest woman. Poor Ian Munro was devastated to learn he did his leg a full second slower than Des Gilmore did his! In the Beer Drinking Competition the Hares and Hounds were eliminated in the second round. Later everyone adjourned to a Pub full of Irish in fancy dress. Here Tom Logue had an argument with a pint; the pint won. Later Tom had no option but to learn *the facts of life* when one of his room mates brought back a colleen to share a bed for the night! Tom later complained of not getting a wink of sleep; neither did the other two apparently! The return journey to Glasgow commenced very early Easter Monday morning, with the ferry leaving at 7.30am.

Summer 1981 saw the departure from Glasgow University (and therefore the Hares and Hounds) of several stalwart members, including Ian Archibald, Dave Gisbey, Tom Logue, Ian Munro and Danny O'Neil. On Saturday 13 June Willie McColl held his stag night at Westerlands, another memorable occasion for all, but Willie! He ended up rather blue (and not just from the cold bath he received), as well as suffering a sore head from a fall.

7.2 1981-1982

The start of the 1981-82 Cross Country season saw Alastair Douglas join the Hares and Hounds as a First Claim member. Amongst other new recruits were an English postgraduate (Andy Girling) and an American exchange student (Rod Adams).

In the Dunbartonshire Relays held over the Garscube Estate on a fine, but nippy afternoon the University's A Team could only manage sixth position, with the B Team 13th and the C Team 14th. (Eighteen teams competed in the Senior race). At the West District Relay, held at Port Glasgow, the Hares and Hounds fielded four teams; the A Team finished seventh. It came 10th in the National Relays held at Torrance House Golf Course in East Kilbride on 24 October. The Alan Scally Relay was held on a showery afternoon on Saturday 31 October. The Hares and Hounds First Team (Al Douglas, Pat O'Kane, Graham White and Dougie Macdonald) was just pipped by Edinburgh University on the last leg in the inter-University competition.

The University Road Race on 7 November attracted 430 entrants. The event was won by Graham Williamson (Springburn Harriers) in 24min 28sec with Andy Girling 10th in 25min 48sec, Al Douglas 14th in 26min 03sec and Pat O'Kane 37th in 26min 39sec, Graham White 67th in 27min 15sec and Rod Adams 95th in 27min 51sec. Once again there was a Disco at Westerlands in the evening, which raised £80 for the Club. At the Braid Hills' Race 13 runners from the Hares and Hounds took part. Andy Girling finished third, Dougie Macdonald 22nd and Rod Adams 24th; the Team was fifth. In the Women's race Anne Gordon came fourth. The Dunbartonshire Cross Country Championships were again held at Balloch at the end of November. The Senior Race was won by Bill Sheridan of Westerlands. The Hares and Hounds finished third with Andy Girling second, Al Douglas seventh, Dougie Macdonald 13th and Pat O'Kane 21st. Neil Walker just beat Tommy Harrison, the oldest competitor, to finish 80th out of a field of 82 runners; a week later the reason became clear when he was diagnosed as suffering from severe anaemia. The Hares and Hounds' A Team came third. At an SUSF representative match held in Stirling on 12 December, Lawrie Spence representing the SCCU was first; Andy Girling finished 11th and Pat O'Kane 39th.

Only 14 turned up for the Christmas Handicap held on a freezing day with lying snow. Mike Donohue and Gerry McGettigan ran as Punks, Dougie Macdonald and Marion McEnespie as a horse and Des Gilmore as a bunch of grapes. The best fancy dress, however, was that worn by Pat O'Kane who competed as *The Knave of Hearts*. A number of runners from Trinity College, Dublin, arrived after Christmas and an impromptu four mile race was arranged on Hogmanay in Kelvingrove Park. Teams from Strathclyde University and Westerlands also took part. Although Alastair Douglas was the individual winner, Westerlands narrowly defeated the Hares and Hounds for first place in the Team event. Several members of the Hares and Hounds took part in the Nigel Barge Road Race on 9 January 1982. Alastair Douglas was second in a field of 188, while Mike Donohue was 89th and Dave Calder 91st. Then, a week later, the Hares and Hounds organized an inter-University race at Garscube over a very icy course. No representatives from the other Scottish Universities turned up. Apart from the Glasgow