

Travelling man

THERE are not many people who can lay claim to have lived and worked on four continents by the age of 22.

Murray Campbell from Oban has done just that, managing to find employment in Australasia, the Americas, the Far East and Europe.



Father and son in Shanghai. Murray Campbell pictured with his father Dugie in Shanghai, when Murray's parents visited China last March.

He left Oban High School to train to become an accountant. However, his initial hopes and plans didn't work out and he decided to pursue a career as a footballer.

Having a wealth of raw football talent, playing with Oban Saints coupled with his family's strong football links, it seemed an almost natural decision.

Murray's father, Dugie, also played with Saints in his younger days and, more recently, Murray's Australian cousin Scott also turned out for the Oban amateur side. Scott went on to further success when he turned professional and signed with Scottish Premier League side Dunfermline Athletic.

Having ambitions to travel, Murray decided against pursuing his career in Scotland. At the tender age of 18 a door opened for Murray in America and he accepted a football scholarship at the University of Indianapolis.

Murray played for the University in the Great Lakes Valley Conference for two years, before once again deciding it was time to move on.

'I went there in an attempt to make myself a better player and it got to stage where I realised that wasn't going to happen,' said Murray.

'Training wasn't great and the season was over really quickly so I wanted to do something different,' added Murray.

Although he decided to move on, Murray still looks positively on his time spent in America.

He said: 'I had the fantastic opportunity to travel through quite a lot of the American Mid West and made a lot of friends from different parts of the world. So it was certainly worthwhile'.

After leaving America, Murray returned home to Oban for a brief spell before flying out to Australia to stay with his cousin. Having spending the previous summer on holiday there, he was convinced it was the right move and began searching for work.

Murray spent three months in Brisbane working as a labourer building a supermarket car park.