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Welcome to this year's edition of the High School yearbook, The Erasmian. This is the first year that the yearbook will be produced in its entirety by the pupils of the school.

This involves every stage from collecting and writing articles to the final stage of page setting using the desk-top publishing facility in the computer room.

This year's Erasmian is substantially larger than any previous publication. This is due to the efforts of a small team of dedicated pupils who endeavoured to make it a more interesting yearbook for all its readers. An example of their proactive approach is the article in 'Special Features' which profiles pupils who are successful in activities outside school. The production team consisted of the following pupils:

Justin Cramp - author of the history article outlining the events with regard to the transfer of the school from Harcourt St. to Danum. Justin also profiled new teachers to the school.

Loughlin McSweeney - expert user of desk-top publishing. Loughlin also contributed a number of articles throughout the book.

Henrietta O'Neill - instrumental in com-

piling the section on girls' sports. Henrietta also wrote a number of articles.

Scott Wynne - profiled two local primary schools. Scott also wrote a number of sport's articles.

Daniel Manley - compiled the special feature on pupils and carried out an interview with Mr. Cole.

David Bradshaw - photographer

All members of the team were involved with the ordinary tasks of collecting and typing articles.

The team undertook a daunting project which they have accomplished by accepting total responsibility for their respective roles. Any employers who needs evidence of their commitment need look no further than this yearbook. As a team they were a pleasure to work with.

I hope all readers enjoy this year's Erasmian.

Kieran Mills
Production co-ordinator.

The production team would like to thank the following people who helped out with various tasks: Vanessa Carswell, Geoffrey Griffin and Mark Nolan.



Editorial

Before I joined The High School I was forewarned, I would never be able to find my way around, and people knowing my sense of direction, were sure that I would be continually lost. Well I am happy to report that I now know every 'nook and cranny' there is to High School. No longer is it the big daunting building that it appeared to be in 1990 when I was a first year. After a few weeks, High School becomes very familiar and it remains that way until the day you leave. However when I think back over my years in the school I realise how many changes have taken place affecting the building, the school community and the curriculum and how quickly they become integrated into the fabric of the school.

In 1990, all we wanted was a locker, nothing else troubled us, never mind computers or school extensions, just lockers. And lo and behold, after ten years of being in the 'pipeline', they were introduced much to the relief of parents and pupils alike. Today, however, it is hard to imagine what High School looked like without them, as they are now prominent at every spare corner. The new astro-turf hockey pitch was also of great importance just a few years ago, requiring huge fund-raising events. Now, however, it is as much part of the school as the old one was with few even remembering that at one stage, we simply couldn't survive without it!

There has been one change which obviously we cannot neglect to mention and that is the transfer of power from the 'Headmaster' Mr. Brook, to our new 'Principal' Mr. Duffy. Mr. Duffy has introduced a few subtle changes which many appreciate. For example, this year for the first time ever, parent-teacher meetings have taken place for second year pupils. It is hoped to expand these meetings in the future with the co-operation of both staff and parents. This will please many, as parents have requested this type of meeting for some years. The school uniform is also being closely monitored to the delight, no doubt, of many parents. The introduction of the new uniform was seen as a great improvement by everyone connected with the school although you may find it hard to get a student to

admit to this! A new code of conduct was also introduced along with a revised approach to Assembly.

Other changes involved the school curriculum. For example, the new Junior Certificate was introduced in 1992 to replace the old Intermediate Certificate. However, the question still remains about the increased levels of stress on fourteen and fifteen year olds, brought about by the reduction in the course length from four years to three. It comes as no surprise then, that every student enjoys the slightly more relaxed atmosphere of Transition Year. This year offers excellent opportunities for pupils to experience new activities, to sample different subjects and to develop new hobbies. We must not forget the invaluable periods of work experience which many find of great assistance when trying to choose a career. It also gives students a chance to take part in foreign exchanges. The Transition Year is under constant appraisal and incorporates annually any changes which may be suggested by pupils and staff.

As with all change we must also look to the future. There are detailed plans to extend the school to include the Library, the Home Economics room and the Woodwork room. The computer room is also being upgraded and includes the latest technology, for example, connection to the Internet. Also, we wait for the details of the new Leaving Certificate and wonder exactly how much it will change.

Not only are there these physical alterations, but there have also been changes in attitudes since I joined. As sixth year pupils, we are no longer the shy and timid people we were when we entered High School. We have managed to form many friendships with both students and staff. These relationships have built up slowly over our six years as they will continue to do for every student who crosses the High School threshold. The friendly atmosphere which I encountered on entering High School still remains and I hope that it is something which will never change.

Trudie Carroll (6th. year)

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History of The High School

The move from Harcourt St. to Danum

Justin Cramp, the Erasmian's history author, writes about one of the greatest changes that took place in the school's history.

In 1971 The High School moved from Harcourt Street to its present location at Danum. The move had been a long process with much deliberating and planning going on behind the scenes. The move marked a significant change for High School. Within a year it had a new building, location and headmaster.

The site at Rathgar was purchased by the school in 1954. It was to be used as playing fields. The school had been using Belgrave Square in Rathmines for games, but this became far too small for the schools burgeoning sporting population. After much deliberation it was decided that the most advantageous location for a new school would be at Danum. The land was already school property and it would bring pupils into closer proximity with their games facilities. The school had doubled in size under Dr. Reynolds. It had grown from about two hundred pupils to over four hundred and fifty pupils. The building at Harcourt Street simply could not cope with any more pupils. It was decided that a move was *sine qua non* for the development of the school. There was also a survey carried out by a geography teacher, a Mr David Langside, which found that potential entrants to the school were mainly from the southside. A move would benefit these pupils. Parking in the city centre location of Harcourt Street had become increasingly difficult, and was set to cause major problems as the school grew and Dublin "became even more hectic". All these factors, combined with the vision of Dr. Reynolds, made a move both essential and possible.

The planning of this new school was an enormous undertaking. Many people and other factors influenced the way our school looks today. The central question in the planning was what would people need? Constraints were put on the planners by the fact that the site was not that large and the new building could not afford to take up too much of the playing fields. The Board of Governors of Erasmus Smith did the bulk of the work. The leading figures on the board at that time were W. S. Cunningham, Robert Willis, Reg Booker, Max Ellis, Sam Myer and Mary Dell. A special sub-committee was set up to research the planning of the new school. Dr

Reynolds had quite a large input into what he wanted but, in those days, he was not allowed sit with the board. He was consulted in an adjoining room! An architect called J. Hubert Brown was brought in. He was a specialist in school architecture (amazing, when you consider the eyesore that he created). Harcourt Street was sold two years previously to this in 1968 and

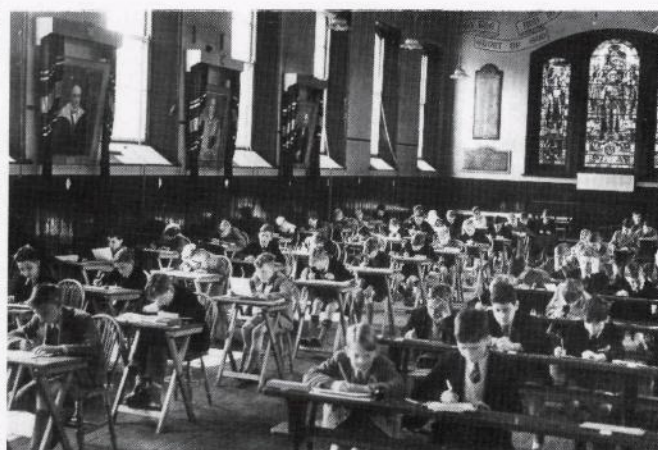
so there was no difficulties with payment. The Government also affected the planning of the school. If the Board of Governors had applied for a grant, they would have had to use the guidelines set down by the Department of Education on the planning of new schools. This would have resulted in much smaller classrooms than we have today. Thankfully the Board of Governors resisted the

lure of money and put the comfort of the pupils first. Eventually a plan was agreed upon and work began on the site.

The site was owned by the Bewley family of cafe fame. They were a Quaker family who had contributed much to the commercial life of Dublin. The Bewley family had lived in an imposing family home in the site. It was in fact two red brick houses back to back with the rear one having a spectacular view of the Wicklow Mountains. The Bewley family kept a herd of Jersey cows on the property. The cow stalls used for milking the cows are now the away rugby changing rooms. The grounds were far from



Pupils working in the woodwork room in Harcourt Street



Pupils studying in the Clock Room in Harcourt Street

fit for play. The gardens and orchards had to be levelled out and prepared for playing fields. The pupils would actually go on stone picking expeditions to assist the groundstaff. The gate lodge and the Sergeant's house are sadly all that remain of the resplendent original buildings. The Bewley family moved their farm to it's present day location in Leixlip. Before the developers came some of the features of the site were put to good use by the

saying:

"It is one of the great tragedies of life that the late Dr. Reynolds did not live to see the school completed".

An Taoiseach then unveiled a plaque which marked this event. The plaque may be seen in the reception hall today. In his speech he paid tribute to the new facilities and commented on W B Yeats' inglorious stay at The High School. He also praised the contribution of Dr. Reynolds:

"It was not only Dr. Reynold's contributions to Irish education which were outstanding, his life of service to Christian ideals would be a lasting example and inspiration to all those whose vocation lay in the education of youth".

Mr. Brook, the new headmaster, then spoke. He compared the new school building with the old one. Harcourt Street had cost £7,300 and Danum had cost £400,000. Harcourt Street consisted of one large school room, three classrooms, and one reading room. Danum now had space for 500 pupils. It was equipped with 25 standard classrooms, 2 tutorial rooms, a library and study area, 2 art rooms, 5 laboratories and a 100 seat demonstration theatre. A service of thanksgiving for the new building was held in Zion Parish Church on Sunday 28 November, 1971.

The building at Harcourt Street housed the school for one-hundred years. It was never intended to be a school though and was very impractical. Many people have expressed the feeling to me that it was shabby, cold, dirty, and inconvenient. The ladies in the junior school were unable to wear their good clothes to school because they were ruined by the dirt and grime. The yard in Harcourt Street seems to have been particularly poorly constructed.

school. On the site of our present day gym there was a tennis court which was sunken several metres below ground level. This became a sunken amphitheatre where many Greek plays were performed by the pupils and ex-pupils for twelve years leading up to the move from Harcourt Street. A temple front was constructed by Mr. Peters, a woodwork teacher, which was placed at the back of the court. A young David Norris was once part of the auspicious cast.

The move itself seems to have caused little trouble. Dr. Reynolds died six months before the move was a due to take place and George Keegan, the vice principal, took over the organisation of the move. The antiquated furniture of Harcourt Street had no place in the new building and so none was taken. One thing that was transported was the library. The pupils were heavily involved in this task. Before the books could be transported from Harcourt Street they had to be delicately cleaned and covered with a thin plastic coating. This was a very soporific operation only moderated by the enthusiasm of youth.

On the 26th of November, 1971, Danum was officially opened by An Taoiseach, Jack Lynch. It was dedicated by the most Rev. Alan Buchanan D.D. The opening ceremony began with the singing of the National Anthem in Irish. Mr. M.G.H. Ellis, Chairman of the Board of Governors presided. He commented on Dr. Reynolds' untimely death,



The Bewley family home in Danum



The Gate Lodge at Danum

It was a small play area made up of nothing more than pebbles and earth. It became a bog-like feature in winter and many pupils may have been lost in the swirling dust storms which occurred there in the summer. The consensus among teachers and pupils alike seems to be that it was a great move to get out of the building. Many surviving members of staff seem quite indifferent about the old building. One feature of the old building which was popular were the open fires. They were lit in the morning by a boy who seemed to disappear after this. Some of the individual characteristics of the classrooms were lost in the ultra-modern environment of Danum. However, this ultra-modern environment had its advantages. It had the novelty of a well equipped kitchen and dining room with the opulence of central heating. Victor Graham the most senior member of the staff had the pick of rooms in the new building. He chose A9 because it was the easiest one to get to. He did not realise his mistake until he found that the room was actually sitting right above the boiler and could have served as the school's own Turkish Bath!

Mistakes were made in the planning and construction of our present school. The greatest one was that there was no room planned for pupils to congregate. This is a fault which has still to be rectified. The corridors in our building, as most people will have experienced, are far too narrow for the volume of people who use them.

As I have said Dr. Reynolds, the headmaster of the school at this time, was the instigator of the move. His untimely death took place six months before the move occurred. He had been ill for a short time before his death, but the heart attack that he died from was quite sudden. His death caused a great deal of shock to the school community who were already in a state of flux. Dr. Reynolds taught Latin and Greek, but is possibly best remembered for his general classes where anything could, and often would be, discussed. He was Secretary of the Headmaster's Association and a member of the General Synod's Board of Education. Under him the school doubled in size from 200 to 400 pupils. He also started the now defunct junior school. He was particularly strong on the academic side of the school. He had a high profile in Irish Education.

The move was a time of great change for High School, but it was not only High School that was changing. Ireland as a whole was changing. In 1967 the Education Act introduced free secondary education for all. This caused an enormous expansion in Irish Education. Many other schools such as Alexandra College and Wesley College were moving out of the city centre to more convenient and spacious grounds. High School followed suit. This marked the end of an era for High School. The old building at Harcourt Street was stuck in the Dickensian era, which anybody who has read Dickens will tell you was not the most inviting of atmospheres. The new building at Danum was a modern building. It was truly a leap from the nineteenth to the twentieth century, for not only the building, but the school in general.



The Bewley family home in Danum

Justin Cramp was highly commended in this year's Trinity College Schools Prize in History, in association with the Irish Times. This is a prestigious competition which takes entries from Northern Ireland as well as Southern Ireland. His prize-winning essay was entitled "Charles Bewley - Irish Minister in Europe". He was the most controversial diplomat in the history of the state. He became Minister to Berlin in 1932. He was a very unstable character who became involved with

Hitler's National Socialist movement in Germany. He became a prominent figure in the Nazi movement, and was an embarrassment to the Irish government. He was also a committed republican who resented De Valera's neutral position in the war, which obviously aided Britain against Germany. After constantly criticising De Valera's position on this issue he was recalled in 1939. He then worked for German intelligence during the war. He was picked up by the allies in Italy after the war in 1945. He was almost executed for spying by the Allies ad hoc government, but was saved by some skilful diplomacy from De Valera. De Valera realised his family connections with the Dublin Quaker family Bewley, who had done much for the commercial life of Dublin, and moved quickly to save him. This was the same Bewley family who used to live on the present site of Danum. Bewley then retired to Italy where he died.

Justin and his teacher Miss Wilson attended a prize giving ceremony in the Department of Mediaeval History in Trinity College on the 15th of May.

Local Primary Schools

Every year *The High School* attracts new pupils from the surrounding primary schools in the area. *Scott Wynne* went to two of these schools to meet the staff and pupils.

RATHFARNHAM PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

100 YEARS A NATIONAL SCHOOL

Most of you know the church in Rathfarnham Village, but what you probably don't know is that it was built in 1795 by the Shaw Family. Along with the church they built a schoolhouse right beside it. This operated as a small church school for many years until 1868 when the Rev. J. Sandys Bird, M.A. converted it into a parish school. Both he and F. Franklin, Esq. had a big part to play in Rathfarnham officially opening as a National School on the 12th of January 1896.

Attendance fluctuated and there were frequent teacher changes in the following years until 1938 when Miss Phyllis Harding came to the school. She was to remain, as principal, for nearly 40 years. In January 1962, due to damp conditions in the old schoolhouse, Miss Harding and her 12 pupils moved to the War Memorial Hall. Later that year a new teacher came, Miss Jackson, who joined with the Principal. For the first time there were two teachers in the school.

In 1964 the assistant was replaced by Miss Dougan, known to all as Mrs. Heather Wilkinson. They were joined by Mrs. Roberta Campbell (née Davidson) in 1966 and in 1968 by Miss Alma Mitchell. In 1969 the present Principal, Miss Barrett (later Mrs. Myrtle Stanley) joined with them.

The school was becoming more and more popular and numbers were increasing. In 1970 a site in Washington Lane was donated by Mrs. May Gillis and her family. In 1971 the official opening of the new school building was attended by The Archbishop of Dublin and the Minister for Education. The rector of the parish at the time of the move was The Rev. Canon G. S. Nolan.

In 1971, a Carlow man, Mr. Noel Jones, becomes the only male teacher so far to have taught at R.P.N.S. He only stayed four years and left after applying for and being appointed Principal of Waterford N.S. During this time a new rector had moved to the Parish, The Rev. Canon Allan Wilson.

The school continued to increase in numbers and two



Junior Infants 1995-1996, Rathfarnham Parish N.S.

Front Row: Daniel Duffy, Karen Lew, John Hargan, Khalehla Nuzum, Ryan Morgan, Linda Silke, Graham Mills, Alison Meeke, Evan Allison.

Row 1: Paul O'Kelly, Hannah Leary, Shane Grehan, Lydia Cosgrove, Rebecca Wright, Adam Elliot, Zoe O'Regan, William Cole-Baker, Jonathan Kunlan.

Row 2: Tanya Sewell, Jordan Doran, Graham Young, Abigail Shanley, Daniel Moore, Helen Speller, David O'Keefe, John Willoughby.

Back Row: Ayesha Carrim, Niall Smith, Jane O'Donohoe, Katie Kertesz, Tom Bourke, Debbie Blair.

prefab buildings were built, one in 1976 and a double prefab in 1980. In the year of '84-'85 it was discovered that the roof had subsided in the middle of the building after a heavy snowfall. Acro-props were put in place to hold up the roof and the folding doors between the two rooms were replaced by a block wall. A deputation from the Board of Management went to the Dept. of Education and eventually permission was granted for an extension that was to begin in 1986. Soon afterwards an embargo was placed on Primary Building in the Dublin area and it took many letters and ministerial visits from '87-'90 to achieve the goal. The work took eight months. Three new class-



*Back Row: Edith Pritchard, Thanya Sewell, Evelyn Richardson, Sylvia Eades, Mary Nussay, Barbara Wynne, Linda Smith, Rosemary Allison, Patricia England, Siobhan Doyle (secretary), Joy Shepherd.
Sitting: Joy Winterbotham, Phyllis Brown, Myrtle Stanley (Principal), Joyce Shaw.*

rooms, an assembly hall, remedial room, Principal's office, staff-room, library and ancillary rooms at a cost of IR£450,000 were built, £92,000 of which had been raised by parents and friends of the school. The children moved in on the 30th of November 1990 and the building was officially opened by the Minister for Education, Mrs. Mary O'Rourke T.D., on May 24th 1991.

At present there are 271 pupils and 11 teachers. Someone has to make sure that everything is as it should be and this easy task is performed by the Rev. Ted Woods.

A Victorian day was held to commemorate 100 years of Rathfarnham Parish National School. It was held a century to the day on Friday 12 January 1996. The whole school took a leap back into the past that day. All children young and old turned up in their cloth caps, boots, braces, ribbons, pinnies and bonnets carrying their lunch wrapped in tea-towels and their books bound together by means of a simple strap.

The teachers taught in the old Victorian way and the pupils used the old dip pens and ink wells. They also played the Victorian games at break time. Some of these games have a long life span and games such as hopscotch and skipping are still played today. At two o'clock all the children went home but the fun wasn't over for the parents, staff and special guests Canon Wilson and his wife Desiree. They were all off to the Leopardstown Ban-

queting Centre for a great night of fun and laughter. A great day was had by all and Myrtle Stanley was delighted with its success. She was pleased with the effort made by both the pupils and the parents, and said that there was a wonderful atmosphere in the school all day.

When I was in sixth class I remember receiving a talk from Mr. Robin Miller. He told the class about what to expect when entering secondary education. Since leaving my old school I haven't been back to see how it has been changing. I have always been reminded of the school as twenty of my year group also went to Rathfarnham and each year another twenty or so join. When I returned for the first time last week I was surprised by how different it felt.

When I first started my schooling I can remember on my first day going into one of the blue prefab buildings at the top of the school yard. I can remember sitting at a round table in the middle of the classroom and playing games with a boy who I had never met before in my life. I don't know how, but I still remember that that stranger beside me was Jonathan Pickett and little did we realise that we were going to spend at least another fourteen years in school together. Now the prefabs are gone and a huge gym has replaced it. The grassy area around the back where we played football is also gone.

However, all this had happened while I was still in school there. My class were the first to move into the new

building, although it wasn't officially opened until a few weeks before we left. In fact, the outside appearance of the school hasn't changed much from what I remember. It is inside where I noticed the difference. Firstly when I tried to enter the school I had to go to the visitors entrance and ring the door bell. I was then let into the staff room where I had never been before in my life. I also saw the inside of the Principal's office which thankfully I had never seen in all my eight years in school there.

But R.P.N.S. is going modern as well. Every class has access to a computer once a month and it is an aim of Mrs. Stanley to install an up-to-date computer in every classroom.

All the same, some things never change. Rathfarnham are still near the top of the football league and boys and girls have equal opportunities to play on the football and hockey pitches as well as to swim in Templeogue swimming pool every Thursday. An expert art teacher, Joy Shepherd, visits the children once a week to take art class and when they are in sixth class they have the chance to learn French and take part in Morris Dancing. I can still remember dressing up in feathers and bells and performing in front of the school, dancing and banging sticks in perfect synchronisation with my fellow Morris Dancers. Each year fifth and sixth classes perform in the National Children's Choir and take part in plays and musicals.

Past pupils of Rathfarnham have a great record in High School. Amongst the new pupils entering every year there is usually at least one scholarship winner, if not more. Last year Julie McGouran joined some of the other past-pupils in becoming Head Prefect.

RATHGAR NATIONAL

Brighton Road Methodist Church was built in 1874 and by 1879 a multipurpose hall was built alongside it. It had a stage and was used for many church functions but on a day to day basis it served as a Church school. At this stage it had 65 boys and 41 girls on the roll books. In 1895 it was decided, due to the success of the school, to start work on a purpose-built school building. In September of 1896 at a cost of IR£640 the pupils moved into the new school building on Brighton Avenue. The Headmistress in the girls' school was Ms. Elizabeth Johnson and the Headmaster, who lived ten

yards down the road, was Mr. Francis O'Kane. Even though they were in the same building and were mirror images of each other, the two schools used different entrances and were supposed not to mingle. In 1920 an idea was put forward to amalgamate the two schools but strong objections from some teachers meant that it remained only an idea. In this year Rathgar Junior opened and this affected attendance considerably.

In 1926 J.J. Corscadden first came to the boys' school. A man famous in the history of the school, he was to remain at Rathgar National for another 40 years, and then, like a professional footballer, he came out of retirement, to teach as a fill-in for another two years. J.J. loved cricket and often got the boys to play after school. He was so enthusiastic that he nearly always joined in. On one famous occasion he took advantage of some rather slack bowling to hit a poor eleven year old for six out of the school yard. The smile was quickly removed from his face when he saw the ball strike an old lady across the street. Of course in those days corporal punishment was a common thing and one day a young prankster in the class crossed the line and his punishment was to be the cane. Corscadden went to his cupboard to fetch the instrument of terror when the offender had a sudden rush of blood and decided that he didn't want to stay around to receive the oncoming caning. So as soon as his back was turned the young lad took to his heels and was out the door in a flash. Now Corscadden cycled to school and always kept his bike in the classroom and so when he turned to see this young fellow escaping out the door he jumped on his bike and chased after him. The head start must have aided the youngster as it was a good half hour before the two returned. J.J. Corscadden was visibly exhausted and the young lad never received his beating. Sadly J.J. departed in 1966 and his female counterpart, Mrs. Helen Irvine (nee Sheridan) departed soon afterwards in 1971 after 32 years at the school. At the same time Mount Jerome, Harold's Cross, was about to close due to dwindling numbers. It was decided to amalgamate all three schools as the two Principals had retired in Rathgar and there were two teachers in Mount Jerome only starting their teaching careers. Miss Rogers became headmis-



tress and Miss Kingston (later Mrs. Kelly) is still teaching in Rathgar.

Due to the age of the school building it recently needed repairs. The walls were suffering from rising damp and the roof was also not up to scratch. £130,000 was spent repairing it. Famous past-pupils include Alan Shatter T.D. and Louis Lentin, film and TV director with R.T.E. Leslie Lawrence, owner of the Great Outdoors, is also a past pupil of Rathgar. He was a member of the successful Irish expedition to Mount Everest.

The celebrations for the one-hundredth anniversary have been a success so far, but the most exciting event is yet to happen. The President, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will visit the school as a part of an exciting weekend of fun. Her visit will take place on Friday 17th May at about 2:30 p.m. with parents, children and invited guests all welcome to attend. Later that evening a barbecue will be held for teenagers, or any recent past-pupils so they can meet with old friends and classmates again.

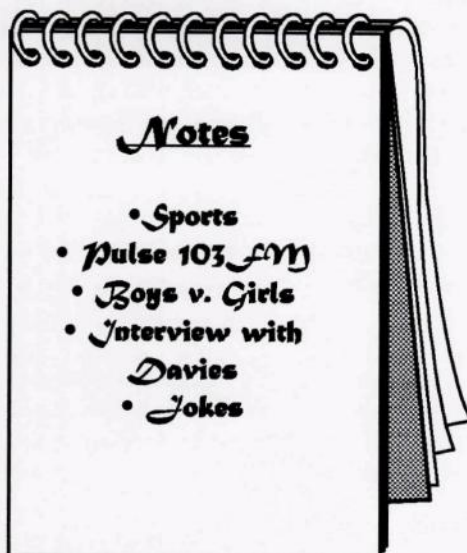
Saturday morning will kick off with an Open Day with past-pupils, young and old, taking part with the activities laid on for them by the present group of pupils. The evening will only be for the more mature as it will be a social evening held in Old Wesley Rugby Club. A commemorative service will be held in Brighton Road Methodist Church, with Mr. Cecil Riddall as the preacher, on the Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Upon entering the school I met with Mrs. Reed and went into her classroom to talk with her. But I had nowhere to sit. The table's and chairs seemed like they belonged in Lilliput and I felt like Gulliver. The classroom was also quite small and Mrs. Reed said that one of her biggest decisions as Headmistress was to decide to limit pupils entering each year to a maximum of fourteen. It was for the benefit of the pupils as the teachers found it more difficult to teach large numbers. There are presently four teachers. They are Mrs. Rita Reed (Principal), Margaret Kelly (vice-principal), Sandra Kealy and Christine Ferguson. There is also a Remedial teacher, Mrs. Emily Nevin who is shared with Zion National.

The children have an active week available to them and there is something to do everyday after school. Soccer in Bushy Park, hockey on the lower pitches in High School, swimming in Rathmines and tennis in Rathgar are the sporting activities available. The older children can learn French and there is also a religious studies class for the Roman Catholics run by teachers from outside school to prepare them for Holy Communion.

Rathgar, being so close to The High School, influences most decisions of the pupils and their parents, concerning their secondary education. Indeed about 90% of each class usually come to High School each year. And these pupils have a great record in the entrance scholarship.

THE MOON



'The Moon', is a school newspaper produced by the pupils of Mr. Kirby's Transition Year class. The class decided to produce a school newspaper as a means of learning how to run a business. Directors were duly elected. Journalists, photographers and advertising personnel were then chosen. As start-up capital each member of the class purchased shares worth £5 and obtained a loan of £50 from the school. This has since been repaid out of the profits. The first issue of the 'The Moon' sold 190 copies at 50p each. The second issue was substantially larger and sold 220 copies. On the following pages, the Erasmusian reproduces a number of articles from this issue.

THE MOON

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See page 12 for information on how to win in our kickin' competition

Wanna know which teacher loves woolly frog hats? Take a look at our "nosy page" inside on page 4.

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64 Days of school to go!!

DEPRESSED ABOUT BEING BACK AT SCHOOL?

Our current affairs reporters explain that the school year is just about over

OK, I know you all love school but, just for those few who are feeling slightly down at the thought of another 4 months of school, here's a few thoughts to cheer you up.

Well we have hardly any school! Firstly we have two weeks work experience and then we have Paddy's day long weekend.

There is less than a week till our week long midterm break from 16th February - 26th February. This week can be spent sorting out your many Valentines cards and generally relaxing or partying. Then there's March which, for us Form Fours, is going to be brilliant. Why? Well we have hardly any school! Firstly we have two weeks work experience from 4th - 15th March then we have the 18th March free for the Paddy's day long weekend. And if all that isn't enough there's a lovely 2 week Easter break on 29th March - 15th April which you can spend

stuffing your faces with Easter eggs.

And after that? Well it's a mere month and a bit till our fab summer holidays roll in (quick, pass the suntan lotion etc.)

So you see it's not that bad really and don't forget that's not including sick days, pretend sick days, trips to the Aran Islands etc.....

But if you're still not convinced I'll leave you with one final thought. We are now more than halfway through the school year, so if you made it this far you'll make it till Summerprobably!

This issue is packed with 4 pages of exciting sports.



THE NOSY PAGE

Jeanette Graham and Sita Ramkissoon interview Mr. Davies. **ARE YOU NOSY ENOUGH TO READ THIS? YOUR FAVOURITE TEACHERS REVEAL ALL**

NAME: Richard Davies

AGE: Old enough!

HEIGHT: Yes.

FAVOURITE FILM:

Delicatessen.

FAVOURITE ARTIST:

Christy Moore

FAVOURITE SINGLE:

"Nights In White Satin" - Moody Blues.

MOST DISGUSTING HABIT:

Sarcasm

FAVOURITE ACTOR: Danny

De Vito.

WHEN, WHERE, HOW -

YOUR FIRST KISS: Spin the bottle, J4 High School, 1977

WHAT YOU WEAR IN BED:

Pyjamas

FAVOURITE FOOD: Every

food

MOST EMBARRASSING

HAIRCUT: Long hair in my youth!!

ARE YOU SINGLE!?!: Yes and no

THE WORST POINT OF YOUR PERSONALITY:

Moody

THE BEST POINT OF YOUR PERSONALITY: Modesty

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANY PART OF YOUR BODY WHAT WOULD IT BE? Bigger hands

YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING ITEM OF CLOTHING: Wooly frog hat

YOUR FAVOURITE ITEM OF CLOTHING: Chunky sweater

YOUR MOTTO IN LIFE: If it's getting too complicated you're doing it wrong.

PULSEIGHT

Pulse 103's teenage nightclub experience returns to the Deep Nightclub on Monday 19 February 1996. Al Gibbs and the Pulse 103 posse are back pumping out the usual top dance tunes and party atmosphere but this time check out the carnival experience in and outside the club. We have free giveaways and competitions all night long plus the Pulse 103 Valentine Blind Date!!

The mid-term party kicks from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. on Monday 19 Feb. 1996. So don't miss the biggest Pulseight yet!!

Stay tuned to Pulse 103 for more information.

Jokes

• Why was snot not playing football?
Because it was not picked

• Why did the orange not cross the road?
He ran out of juice

• Knock Knock

Who's there?

Philas

Philas who?

Phillas a glass of water

• Did you hear about the hitchhiker who set out early in morning to miss the traffic?

• Did you hear about the Kerryman who found out that his wife was going to have twins?

He went out with a shotgun to find the other man.

• What do you call a flying policeman?

A helicopter

• Shall I tell you the story about the butter?

Perhaps I'd better not. It might spread.

• Son: Dad I don't want to go to Australia.

Dad: Shut up and keep digging.

• What is a bee with it's legs crossed doing on a motorway?

Looking for a BP Station!

• Why did the chicken cross the road roll around in the mud and then cross back again?

Because he was a dirty double-crosser.

GIRLS V. BOYS

Our ace reporters find out the opinions of readers regarding their attitudes to the opposite sex.

WHAT ANNOYS US GIRLS ABOUT BOYS

1. They hardly ever show emotion - they feel they have to act the "lad" around their mates.

2. They clam up and won't tell you what's wrong when they're in a bad mood.

3. They slag you off constantly especially in front of their mates and then accuse you of not being able to take a joke.

4. They don't ring when they say they will - they conveniently lose your phone number or develop a fear of phones!

5. They think that girls only support football teams for the players' legs not their skills!

6. When it comes to sport they always think they're better than girls.

7. They can be completely insensitive when it comes to our feelings.

8. Most of the time they tell their mates EVERYTHING.

9. They all fancy Pamela Anderson.



2. They can be too preoccupied with their looks.

3. They go to the toilet in sixes!

5. They're nosy and gossip too much.

6. They can be *over-feminist*, *over-emotional* and *too sensitive* (ie. they can't take a lil' ol' joke)

7. They're not content with their natural hair colour - they feel the need to dye it constantly.

8. They use too much foundation.

9. They can be major attention seekers.

10. Some girls just can't take a hint and won't leave you alone!

11. They can come out with really stupid comments regularly.

12. They slag you and laugh and think it's great but as soon as you say anything they think you're so sad and go off in a bad mood even though they started it.

13. They annoy me when they speak because they're stupid!!

10. They always turn things into an argument and are convinced they're always right!

11. They're convinced that they're PERFECT!

12. They're all talk no action!

13. They take things so seriously even though they say they don't.

14. They lead girls on, big time!

WHAT ANNOYS US BOYS ABOUT GIRLS

1. They're cranky, moody, moaners!!

RUGBY TEAMS EXCEL

SCT Advance to Q/Finals

JCT win in an exciting high scoring first round tie

SCT FIRST ROUND MATCH

High School	6
Kilkenny	0

It was a cold day but that did not stop travelling High School fans from supporting their team as they flocked into the grounds of U.C.D. The scoring started with a superb penalty kick by David Bell which sailed over the bar. And High School's plan for getting through stage one was well under way when Bell repeated the act and pushed High School into a six point lead. But High School fans quickly turned their attention to something else as Alex McKee lay on the ground. Emotions changed rapidly again as the penalty which was awarded after Big Alex had been grounded (he got up with no real damage done) saw No. 10 Bell strike the post.

David Bell certainly seemed to have his kicking boots on when a ball was snapped out of a crowd by Paul Campbell. He passed the ball to Bell and amazingly he hit the post again with this fine attempt. High School were applying all the pressure at this stage.

The ball was pumped forward and what seemed to be a standard catch turned into danger for Kilkenny. Only for a covering player behind the back who dropped the ball clearing the danger it could have led to a further score for High

School.

Half time came and the High School supporters got up to their usual half time antics. Four anonymous fans thought it would be fun to run around the Kilkenny fans waving flags and taunting them. A Kilkenny fan tripped and sent ***** flying on his snout, but ***** got up and floored the Kilkenny fan!

Kilkenny had most of the clear cut chances in what I would describe as a scrappy second half. Their first chance was a penalty and they were denied the points from it as the ball fell short of the posts. They then missed two penalty kicks, their kicker appeared to be having a nightmare game. High School weren't all defensive in the second half. They had their moments, and one of them was run up forward by Pato. This caused panic in the heart of the Kilkenny defence, but it had no effect on the scoreline. From this Kilkenny kicked to touch. Another funny thing happened as the ball went missing for about two minutes. Shortly after this the whistle was blown and High School had sealed their victory.

PLAYER RATINGS

1.David Finlay	8
2.Ross McNally	8
3.Derek Nicholson	8
4.Mervyn Craven	8
5.Alex McKee	9

6.Gary McGouran 8

7.Paul Kirwan 7

8.Mick King 7

9.Paul Campbell 8

10.David Bell 9

(Man of the Match)

11.Mark Nolan 7

12.Trev McDonald 8

13.Shane Keogh 8

14.Pato Forde 9

15.Scott Wynne 8

(Ratings awarded by Stephen Geraghty)

SCT SECOND ROUND MATCH

High School	15
De La Salle	3

After the amazing defeat of De La Salle the S.C.T team have now reached the quarter-finals of the cup where they will play Clongowes.

The tries were scored by Alex. Mc Kee and Derek Nicholson and a conversion and a penalty were successfully kicked by David Bell. We all wish the S.C.T players good luck in their next match which will be played during the mid term break and hope there will be a lot of supporters to cheer them on.

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Brokers to the High School

New Teachers on the Block

Justin Cramp profiles the new faces that are part of the teaching staff in The High School. He talks to the teachers about their new positions, their backgrounds and where they see the school and themselves going in the future.

Ms. Wilson

As we sit down for the interview Miss Wilson gazes adoringly at the classroom walls and compliments the decor - I know that the rabbit is in its hutch. Although she had not always wanted to be a teacher, as she says "she fell into it". She describes her love of education and joy of learning as a staff room novice, to whom the vicissitudes of teaching have not yet struck home. Her first impressions of the school are that it is "big" and "organised". She enjoys the multifariousness of the pupils and the ambience of this hallowed seat of learning, although she describes the school building as "soul-less". She feels that people see her as "organised, in-control, bossy even arrogant" but she wishes to refute such thoughts by emphasising her "gentle, caring and emotional side". As I cast my eye over to the tape recorder on the shelf, music comes to my mind, and when I enquire as to music in her life there is a veritable profusion of information. She was always interested in music and it forms a great part of her life. At Trinity College she was a choral scholar and sat on the committee of the choral society. She is a chorister in Christ Church Cathedral, a vocation which fills most of her free time. Her most enjoyable musical experience was singing Mozart's requiem in Belfast Cathedral on the bi-centenary of Mozart's death. Her other interests include literature, antiques, and the occasional game of tennis.

Miss Wilson was born in 1969 in Dublin. She cruised through school where she showed a flair for languages,

and where her interest in her consuming passion, history, was born. She finished school with a salubriously high points total in her Leaving Certificate and passed into Trinity College. Her fondest memories seem to lie here. She read European Studies and during her time there spent a year studying in Strasbourg. She found the experience very metamorphosing. She continued her studies with an M.Litt on "The Marian Exiles in Strasbourg", and the H.Dip in Education.

She sights her mother, a joy of learning and Christianity as the major influences on her life.

When I asked her what five things she would bring to a desert island with her she listed: a C.D player, a cat, a piano, a Bible and a bottle of gin.

Her ambitions include gaining a doctorate in history, and eventually writing a history book. Her ultimate aim is to break into third level lecturing, possibly in education.

Her retirement plans are quite esoteric, during her retirement she wishes to be: "swilling port in the senior common room of Trinity" ??????????

Mr Richmond

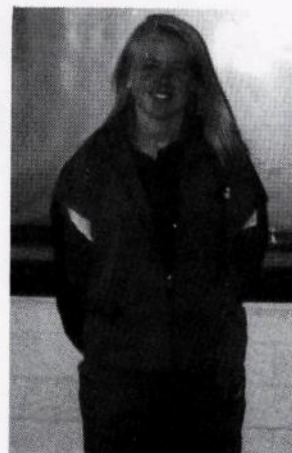
I attended Wesley College and repeated in High Schools' Upper sixth. I then moved onto UCD and finished in Trinity. I have previously taught in Marian Col-



Ms. Wilson



Mr. Richmond



Ms. Sixsmith

lege. I enjoy teaching at High School, there is a pleasant and friendly atmosphere. I love teaching as it is a challenge. In any spare time I find, I play rugby for Old Wesley 2nd/3rds teams. I like socialising with friends, reading and music.

Ms. Sixsmith

I received my education in Kilkenny College. On obtaining my Leaving Certificate, I moved on to UCD. High School is my first teaching post. And I am finding it thoroughly enjoyable. There is a very friendly atmosphere present. I play hockey for Hermes L.H.C. and I am on the Irish squad. I also enjoy reading, T.V. and going to the cinema.

Ms. Clare

I went to St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and UCD. I have previously taught in St. Joseph's of Cluny, Killiney. I love teaching and so I am getting on great here. The staff and pupils are very friendly. I enjoy playing hockey, reading and going to the cinema.

Mr Reidy

I went to Ennis VS. On obtaining my Leaving Certificate I went to Thomond College of Education. I taught with the Health Board in Limerick for three years. I spent three years in New York before teaching in High School. I really enjoy teaching in the High School, where the atmosphere is great. I enjoy hurling, rugby, music, travelling and movie going.

Ms. Bourke

The music room seems a particularly apt place to interview Miss Bourke. Her languid familiarity with the piano is an indicator of her interests. She has a comfortable and contented feeling in a school that she now feels a part of after nearly a year teaching here. Her natural affinity with the piano may also be a product of her childhood

in Westport, where she grew up with an old grand piano in the corner of her living room. Her natural curiosity led her to experiment with it and her musical talents grew from there. Music dominates her spare time. She plays the piano and sings regularly. She agonises over her favourite musician, but with the indecision of an expert, finally comes up with Tom Waite, a contemporary pianist. She says she is not really a television watcher and quashes the rumour that teachers hibernate in the summer to shield themselves from the outside world, by saying that much of her summer is taken up with reading. Her vocation to teaching was born out of a desire to help people and to impart her knowledge for the betterment of others. Her one dislike about teaching is the need for her to enforce discipline, which she of course abhors. Miss Bourke enjoys eating out and getting away from Dublin at any opportunity.

Miss Bourke was born in Westport, Co. Mayo, where she grew up with her two sisters. She attended secondary school there playing a large role in the musical side of the school. She left her West of Ireland background to make her way in the world and passed into U.C.D. where she read Music, Irish and Linguistics. She was unsurprisingly very active in the college musical societies. She lived in Spain for a year where she worked as a musician. Last year she taught in an Irish speaking school and has also taught in a keyboard school.

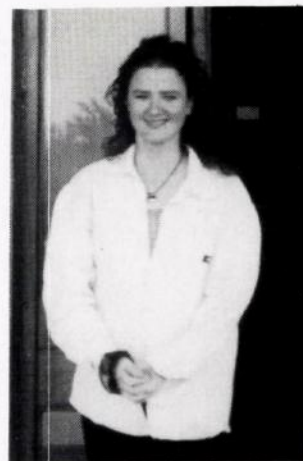
She seems a little surprised about the position of music in the school and attitudes towards it. She seems almost surprised by the lack of enthusiasm shown by the boys for singing in her music classes. This is something she wishes to put right by getting more boys involved. She also intends to shake up the classical music leanings in the school by developing modern music in the school. She would like to start a jazz or rock band in the school.



Ms. Clare



Mr. Reidy



Ms. Bourke

South African Tour

High School 125th. Anniversary Rugby/Hockey Tour to South Africa Departure

There was an air of excitement when we gathered in the departures lounge of Dublin Airport. When our flight was called, goodbyes were said and we set off. The first leg of our journey was the flight from Dublin to London, we then changed planes and flew to Frankfurt, Germany, aboard a jumbo jet where we refuelled and took on more passengers. Next was the longest part of the journey, the flight to Windhoek, Namibia. This took 12 hours! It was then onward to Cape Town. Our first view of Cape Town was the incredible landscape with its beautiful mountain range, including Table Mountain

Cape Town

Our first matches were against Westerford High, a co-ed school, who were hosting us. The families were extremely friendly and went out of their way to make us feel at home - that was until we stepped onto the pitches! When the first whistle blew, international friendships went out the window. For the rugby players it was the most tense game that any of us had ever played. We were 4 points ahead with 5 minutes to go and they had us pinned on our own line. Finally the whistle went and a sigh of relief and then a cheer of victory went up from the High School side as we won the game 12 - 16. An excellent start! The girls were not so lucky. Few South African schools have the advantage of astroturf, so the match was played on grass, a surface which only the older High School players had ever seen in the Danum grounds. So starting out with a handicap was not so good for the girls and although they fought well to keep the ball under control they unfortunately lost 1 - 0.

Friendships were re-formed and we all went out together that night.

The next day was a day of rest and we went into Cape Town to shop and sightseeing. We took a trip up to Table Mountain where you can take a cable-car ride to the top. A few among us were not feeling brave enough to trust their lives to a 2½ inch cable which was to carry a car with 25 people onboard up to a height of 1,500 feet. Those who braved the journey were well rewarded - the view

was breathtaking. Among the sights was Robben Island upon which Nelson Mandela was held captive. After a tiring day in town we returned to the suburbs for a quiet evening. The following morning we said goodbye to our Westerford friends and met our new hosts in Rondebosch, only two miles from Westerford. Rondebosch are reputedly the best rugby school in the Cape and their sister school, Rustenberg, against whom the girls were to play, are also highly regarded. The next day was game day and both local teams lived up to their reputations. The rugby score was unrepeatable and the girls weren't too pleased with their outcome either. However the game was soon forgotten and a good night was had by all. It's safe to say Cape Town won't forget us in a hurry.

Port Elizabeth

Our next stop was Port Elizabeth, or P.E. as it is now fondly called, where both teams were to play Victoria Park School. P.E. is a lovely seaside resort about half the size of Dublin. We had unfortunately missed, by just one day, the biggest surf competition in South Africa which is held annually in P.E. We took things easy that night in preparation for the games the next day. Victoria Park posed two very tough teams and unfortunately both home sides were victorious. After the matches our hosts prepared us a Braai, a traditional South African barbecue, after which we went out together to celebrate the birthday of one of our players. We sampled P.E.'s night life and then returned home to ready ourselves for the flight to Durban the following day.

Durban

When we stepped off the plane in Durban the first thing everyone noticed was the extreme heat, it just hit us like a wave. It was hard to believe it was the middle of winter! We got on the coach which drove through the centre of Durban and dropped the girls off at Durban Girls' High and the boys at Glenwood Boys' High. It was here, in Glenwood that we first noticed how old fashioned South Africa actually was. The school system is similar to that of the public school in Britain in the early part of this century where the boys are disciplined from their very first day having to obey every order from the prefects without question or complaint. We met our new hosts and a quiet night was spent in preparation for the upcoming game. The rugby game was a physical one and the hockey was no different but despite a good fight from the rugby





team it was the locals who tasted victory, the girls were a little luckier drawing 1 - 1 with D.G.H. A post-match braai was organised for us, following which we all went on the town together. Many more new friendships were formed.

A free day followed, and we all went into town to shop and despite it being the middle of winter we all went for a swim in the sea, which in actual fact was about 20 degrees which is warmer than the sea at home gets in summer! That night was Glenwood's Matric Dance, or debs as we know it, and we were all invited. It was a long haul as the disco didn't stop until 6 a.m. and we were due to leave at 9 a.m. to go to Pietermaritzburg.

Pietermaritzburg

The rugby team were to stay at Y.M.C.A. for the first night as Maritzburg College were already hosting another touring side and the girls went to meet their new hosts in Pietermaritzburg Girls' High. Many of the High School players had at this time been stricken ill due to the malaria tablets we had been taking and so it was a very quiet night in the Y.M.C.A. It was two very weak teams that marched on to their respective pitches against Pietermaritzburg schools. This was very easily noticed in the rugby match because fifteen minutes into the second half of the match the game was stopped because we were losing 71 - 0 and had two players in hospital! Luckily neither injury was serious. It was another night of socialising and then preparation for the safari.

Hluhluwe

We travelled by coach to Hluhluwe (pronounced schlu-schlooy) and along the way we stopped at Dumazulu, a live traditional Zulu exhibition. We were shown traditional dance, weapon making, and customs. Afterwards we travelled onwards to Hluhluwe which was another 3 hours drive. When we arrived at the Bushlands Game Lodge we were shown to our chalets. Then after a dip in the pool our guide, Fred, brought us on a short walk

through the bush. We had a four course meal, prepared a camp-fire and sat around singing into the small hours of the morning. At 6 a.m we rose for breakfast and then boarded the buses for our trip into the park. In the next nine hours we saw the most incredible sights that any of us will ever see. We were within 30 feet of most of the animals and there were many rolls of film used up that day.

A major disappointment was that we had not seen an elephant all day and we were a little upset, but just as we were about to leave we got a call over the radio that there were some close to us, so we raced across to see them. We got an excellent view of them, and this last minute surprise really made everyone's day. We returned to the chalets very tired but sat around talking about the days experiences.

The following morning we packed and set off on our journey back to Durban. We stopped along the way to take a boat trip up the Saint Lucia Estuary where we saw hippopotami, alligators and crocodiles.

Homeward

We spent the next night in the Holiday Inn in Durban and when we went out that night we met our friends from Glenwood School who joined us for a dip in the hotel pool in the early hours of the morning. We spent the next morning shopping for souvenirs and then boarded the coach to go to the airport. After check-in we set off for the long home. We stopped in Johannesburg, then in Windhoek, it was then on to Frankfurt, finally London. We had an 8 hour stop-over in London so a few of us ventured into the metropolis to see the sights. When we got back on the plane everyone was excited about the arrival home and when we touched down on Irish soil a loud cheer went up. Unfortunately there was a minor mix up with the baggage, some of which had remained in Jo'burg when we had changed planes. This was not enough to dampen the spirits of the 35 tourists who had just returned from the trip of a lifetime.

Garret Lyons, September 1995

The Cole Interview

Firstly, I must thank the Erasmian, in the person of Daniel Manley, for the opportunity to write my obituary before I have actually died. He has asked me 31 questions, some easy, some hard, a bit like a Friday afternoon test.

What schools did you attend?

I was sent to Kilkenny College as a boarder at a very young age. My earliest memories are of being lined up to hand over our ration books. This gave us the right to our portion of sugar and butter. Also we were picked out, by the prefects, as "fags". This meant that you polished his shoes, looked after his rations and carried his boots to games. In time I came to be head boy and had my own "fag", but by then the system was changing, and had become a little more benign. I am proud of whatever little part I played in changing this draconian system.

Did you play at club level?

Yes. Kilkenny City, Carlow, Old Wesley and Palmerston.

Have you won any cups or medals?

At school I played in the final of the U/14, U/16 and Senior Hockey competitions. Unfortunately losing all of them. Must be some kind of record. I was reminded the other day that Mr. Fennell and I won the "U18 South Leinster 7-a-side" Rugby. I must have been good to be on the same side as Mr. Fennell as he is years older than me. I could run a bit in School so I have a number of medals from that. At the moment I am collecting a fair few Gardening medals with the help of my gardening partner and wife, Dorena - or is it the other way around? The three tankards presented to me by High School Cup teams that did particularly well are the most treasured of all.

Why did you choose rugby as a sport?

Playing hooker suited my physique. Also, the organisation and team work appealed to me.

Why Old Wesley?

I played in Old Wesley when I was a student. When you see Old Wesley now it is hard to believe that in those

days they had no facilities whatever, so when I came back to Dublin after two years teaching in Kilkenny I joined Palmerston and I had five most enjoyable years with them. Every Sunday we set off to all corners of Ireland like "Duffy's Circus". Being one of the few Dublin sides to do this we were treated very well. This and the annual tour to Liverpool started my taste for touring.



When did you start teaching in H.S.D?

1963. I was gamesmaster in Kilkenny at the time and no matter how many people I tell that I was head hunted, they will not believe me.

When did you start coaching the senior team?

1967. Wilf Lowry, my predecessor, was getting married and Jack Cornish allowed me to take the team for one year. He was not giving anything away. We had a great team and so I stayed on.



J. Donohue, A. Killeen, D. Sweetnam, J. Powell, G. Sykes, G. Hopkins, E. O'Maolchoille, S. O'Flanagan, J. Power, A. Ellis, P. McLaughlin, B. Haskins. Mr R. McMullen, M. Freemantle, W. Dawson, J. Barron, S. Fraser, D. Fish (Capt), M. Ridgeway, A. Tackaberry, C. Sheil, N. Dawson, Mr D. Cole. M. Barron. M. Heaney.

Who have been your coaching partners?

My memories of Jack Cornish are of the dinners we had in the Beaufield Mews. Jack regaled me with stories of his holidays in the "Midi" as we quaffed a cheeky little red, Beaune '68. If I remember correctly Rugby sometimes got a mention. Ah! The halcyon days of amateur rugby. I have great memories of Richard McMullen showing me the sights of Paris as we discussed the works of Victor

Hugo. Also, I remember a glorious day we spent in Versailles where the sheer beauty of the place overwhelmed me. A great tour and we won our matches as well. I will say nothing about my latest partner, David Wright, as the best is yet to come.

What is your most memorable occasion?

Patrick's Day 1973. It so happened that Palmerston was playing the curtain raiser to the final, so all my mates were in the stand. As I walked in with my troops all the way down the terrace in front of the stand they gave us a standing ovation. Still brings tears to my eyes.

Best H.S.D. team?

The team that nearly toppled 'Rock. Led by Derek

Fish, they were strong in every position with a will of iron. I think the Paris tour that year did something to them.

My first team in '68. Three Leinster players, Brian Lewis, Stuart Lloyd and Philip Orr.

Best player ever coached?

It would have to be the bould Cockie Wright. He was the flying No. 7 years before anybody thought of it, except me of course. I used to look forward to losing an odd line-out just to see him in action. Is that what you told me to say Cockie? Now, can I be your assistant for a few more years?

Arthur Godsil whose strength of will started the good times in the semi-final in '72. I suppose I would have to add in the joy of watching John Robbie's twenty yard pass, as he mentioned me in his book.

As an out-half, Ian Burns had the best and fastest break of them all. He was a bit like David Humphries.

Andrew Blair, the complete No. 8.

Robbie Love, nearly as old as I am and still irreplaceable in the Wesley pack.

Derek Vincent, who was the scrum-half with the fastest break of all time.

Last, but not least, Philip Orr. He was a bit of a contradiction, a prop who could sprint. He would have been a winger except for a mistake in his first training session. On being told to run to the end of the pitch and back he ran to the end of the field and back, twice the distance. On arriving back last he was regarded slow enough to be a prop. It turned out to be a lucky mistake.

Have you any relations on any representative teams?

Duncan, my son, played for Irish Schools, Irish Wolfhounds and Irish Universities. Personally, I think he should stick to coaching. Butter him up so that he will help us out next year. Also my cousin played Gaelic for Laois.

This year's team compared to previous teams?

Hard to say as the style of rugby is changing. At their best they were ahead of any previous team. There is a lot more to come from this group of boys.

Potential Leinster Players / Future Irish Stars?

It's a team game. To pick out a player would be invidious.

Next year's tour?

This is a bit of a bore having to go on tour every year but the players insist. The Rugby / Hockey tour to Scotland went very well. Next year we will try for somewhere with less snow. Benidorm? Any takers?

Favourite Venue?

It would have to be Newlands, Capetown. Chester

Williams scoring three tries - rugby as I had never seen before, winter sunshine - eating Biltong - No worries!

Favourite Bar?

Some years ago, the coaches of a team from Whitechurch, New Zealand, wanted a conducted tour of all the famous Dublin Pubs. Mr. McMullen and I were forced against our will to bring them to places like Nearys, McDaid's, The Long Hall, Brazen Head and Ryans of Parkgate St. A memorable evening.

Interests outside Rugby?

Golf, gardening and going for Sunday afternoon drives. I read a bit as well as long as it is not about education.

How would you most like to spend a day?

Sitting on a front seat at the Azalea hole at Augusta. Now that would be nice.

Favorite food / drink / film?

Tagliatelli / Chateau Libertas / Babe.

When will a weights room and proper showers be installed?

We hope to have both of these under way within the year. These things take a little time if they are to be done properly but the will is there.

Do you see a change with the introduction of professionalism / move to Rugby League?

Yes. Coaching at H.S.D. will not only be giving boys a recreation but also a possible career. Cars, houses and salaries are all there for you to aim at with the added bonus that the training is such that you can have a job and a career as well. Rugby League will be subsumed by Rugby Union, except perhaps in the north of England.

Future of Women's Rugby?

Every time I see women's rugby I am impressed for all the right reasons - their athleticism, their dedication and the enjoyment they seem to be having. We in Ireland are well behind the other countries, particularly England and U.S.A. The first move will have to come from the girls themselves. As the I.R.F.U. have enough troubles already? If boys can play hockey, girls can play rugby.

Aspirations for the future?

At this stage most of my aspirations are behind me. It would be good to concentrate fully on the making of a rugby team, even if only for a short time.

If you could do it all again what one thing would you change?

I suppose I could have retired from coaching in '73, as a hero.



Features on Pupils

Aviation

Gary McGouran flies

From as far back as I can recall my greatest ambition has been to be a Pilot.

It all started some years back at the age of about six on a holiday flight to Spain when my father arranged for me to visit the cockpit. The illuminated bright lights and many buttons were fascinating and from then on my ambition for flying grew stronger and stronger. Over the years, every aircraft I have been on I have pestered flight crew to be allowed up to the cockpit. My dream became a reality when I was allowed to stay in the cockpit of a 727 for landing in Faro Airport.



I became active in flying when I was 14 years of age when a family friend, who knew my interest in flying, took me flying on numerous occasions in a light aircraft, flying in and out of Hacketstown, Co. Carlow.

A year ago while looking for work experience having written to all major airlines I eventually wrote to Weston Airport, Leixlip, Co. Kildare asking them if they could help out. Unfortunately my two attempts of work experience at Weston did not come about but suddenly I received a phone call from Weston in April of last year asking me if I was interested in taking on weekend employment at the airfield. Needless to say, I jumped at the chance and have been working there ever since every available weekend.

A typical day at Weston would usually be an early start reporting in at 9.00 a.m., opening up the hangers and towing out the various aircraft needed for the day's flying. A brief check out of the aircraft, including fuelling and oil check, would be carried out. During the day I would be either doing air traffic control or I would be out fuelling up visiting aeroplanes or helicopters as well as towing planes in and out of hangers.

I am currently doing a course to get my Private Pilot's Licence (PPL) having gained my Solo Licence in September 1995. To obtain this, I had to have a full medical which I passed and also obtain the relevant forms which were signed by my chief flight instructor. For the PPL I will need a total of 40 hours flying time of which I now have 18 hours. I will also need to take five written examinations at some stage during the summer on the topics of Human Performance and Limitations, Air Law, Met, Theory of Flight and Navigation. I hope to have this course completed by about this time next year and then build up my hours working towards an Instructor Rating, Commercial Licence, Multi Engine Rating and Instrument Rating. By then I hope to make flying my career with either the Air Corps or an Airline.

Since beginning my flying time I have enjoyed every minute of it and would strongly encourage any person who has an interest in flying to ring Weston at the weekends (6280435) and ask for Gary and book yourself an Intro!!!

Alternative Rock Band

Spier, Kenny and Power rock

The band started when I (David Spier) and David Power found out that we had similar taste in music and so we decided to form a band. Stuart Kenny joined next and after a long search for a lead vocalist, a friend got us in touch with Charlie. Our music could be classified as alternative rock and our main influences are Therapy, Jimi Hendrix, Smashing Pumpkins, Stone Temple Pilots and Dinosaur Jr. We have been together for over 2 years. We are currently playing through Planet X promotions and have a semi-regular place in the Baggot Inn.

Cricket International

Graham O'Meara bats to success

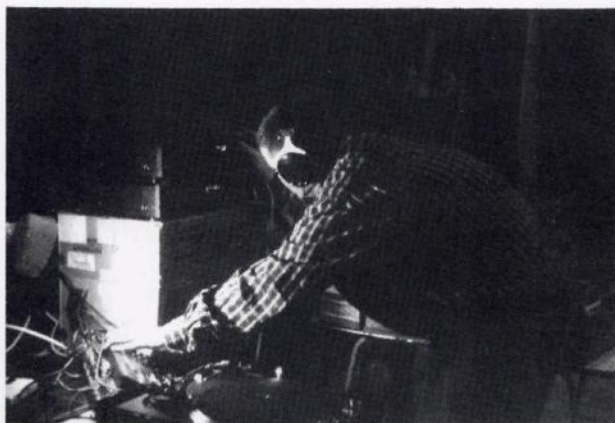
The story of how I was picked for the Irish team is a strange one. I had been dropped off the squad at the Christmas indoor nets. When the season started I played well and I was picked for the trial of 24 players. Twelve were to be picked. As I batted very well, I was picked for the Inter-pro team. The three match series went very well for me personally. After the third game the team was to be picked to play for Ireland. I hadn't given it too much thought as I was very happy to be playing at the level I was. When the team was announced I was overcome with excitement. I had gone from being off the squad to the Irish team. My two matches were in England and were enjoyable and proud occasions. I think that the main reason that I play cricket is for the enjoyment I get from

playing it. I have played many other sports but this is by far my favourite. My hopes for this season would be to make the Irish U-16's team. I also hope to win my first gold medal with the Seniors this year, as I already have seventeen silvers to date.

D.J.

Ross Parker in Delta Discos

My biggest influences in becoming a DJ were my brother Chris Young (ex-pupil) and Tony Russell, both of whom are on Pulse 103FM and previously Kiss FM. The reason I became a DJ doesn't exist, it just happened. I started off by pick-locking my brother's room to use his gear while he was in school. It's probably because he wouldn't let me use his gear that I bothered doing it. At this time I would have been about eight and I didn't have a clue what I was doing, which resulted in a few scratched records because CDs didn't exist. After a few attempts I got better and then gave up until I was about ten when I started for the second time. At this stage Chris and Tony were running Turbo FM which broadcasted for a few weeks until the Government closed up a few loop holes in



the broadcasting laws which resulted in the shut down of stations like Sunshine 101. This was when I had my one and only radio experience, a half an hour set with no talking. After this I stopped again until I was about twelve, when myself and a few friends started messing around and made a few pathetic tapes. Again I stopped for about two years until I was about fourteen.

It was about August 1993 when I started working for Chris and Tony in Delta Discos. I started off lugging gear from place to place and after a while I started DJ'ing for them. Now nearly three years on I'm still working for Delta and believe me, the life of a DJ isn't as glamorous as it looks, i.e. really unsociable hours. The money isn't bad but when you have got it you can't spend it because you're working and when you're not working you don't have it, but all the same it's not bad. Of course you don't just do it for the money, you do it for the laugh as well.

That's about it really, as I'm not the sort of playa to gloat about what I do, but I was also asked to give advice on how to get started. From my own experience it is best

to know someone in the business. However, I know from others that if you don't know somebody, the best thing to do is to really practice. If you want to be a radio DJ try and get onto a hospital radio station, e.g. Central Radio in St. Vincent's Hospital, or try to get onto a pirate station of some sort. I know that most of the people behind stations like Kiss FM, Sunset and Pulse FM originally started on hospital radio. As for being a rave DJ, make loads of mix tapes, but I'm not really the one to ask about that scene.

An Forsa Cosanta Áitiuil (FCA)

Jonathan Allison joins the defence forces

The FCA was formed on 31 March, 1946 and replaced the Local Defence Forces which had been set up during the Emergency. The FCA is the second line reserve for the Army. Entry is at recruit level and is open to both male and female aged 17 years and older. It currently has a strength of 15,500 men and women, organised in 18 Infantry Battalions with support units of Artillery, Cavalry, Supply and Transport, Medics, Engineers and Military Police.

The force maintains a command structure which parallels that of the Permanent Defence Forces (PDF) with a Lieutenant Colonel responsible in each command. At Defence Forces Headquarters level there is a Directorate of Reserve Forces headed by a Colonel in the Chief of Staff's Branch. The Commanding Officer in all FCA units is a PDF Officer and administrative and training staff are also PDF members.

I am a member of Complacht na bhFiann, 20th Infantry Battalion, Cathal Brugha Barracks, Rathmines. Complacht na bhFiann or E. Coy as it is known by the English speaking companies is one of the only Irish speaking companies in the Country, training on Sunday mornings from 10.45am - 1p.m.



As a recruit Private in the Infantry, you are trained in Foot and Arms Drill, Field Craft which consists of camouflage, judging distances, fire control orders, signals, marksmanship and section in attack, First Aid and how to clean and maintain the 7.62 mm FN assault rifle, the personal weapon of the Infantryman.

As a two-star private, you are trained on the use of Radios, Phonetic Alphabet (e.g. Alpha, Bravo, Charlie), Battle Preparations, Area and Terrain Camouflage, Tactics, Battle Drills and Field Craft and also on the 0.303 mm Bren Light-Machine Gun while continuing Foot and Arms Drill.

As a three-star private, you are trained on the 9mm Gustavs Sub-Machine Gun. You do the same training as a two-star, but more intensely. There is a two week Mortar and Anti-Tank course in Glen of Imall, Co. Wicklow. You can also be recommended to participate on a Corporals Course to be promoted to the rank of Non-Commissioned Officer.

There are a few weekends and field days away to camps like Gormanstown, Co. Meath and Kilbride, Co. Wicklow and an annual camp for one week, for which you get paid, to places such as Collins Barracks, Co. Cork and Custom Barracks, Athlone, in which you get to fire the weapon for which you have been trained and basically put what has been taught into practice. You may partake in many parades including St Patrick's Day, Remembrance Sunday Services as well as open competitions for shooting and fieldcraft.

I would recommend the FCA to anyone who has an interest in the activities and the training of the army. Any Person who wishes to join the Army or do the Cadetship would be well advised to join!

For more information on joining the FCA, contact me in September.

Singing

Fiona Campbell sings her way to success

Singing to me at the moment is more of a hobby than something that I take very seriously. To get your voice perfect takes a long time and needs plenty of effort and patience. I find it quite hard at the moment, being in my third year of school and having to study for my exams, to fulfil these demands. I would, however, love to sing as a career when I leave school. I suppose we all have a dream, and for me it is to become a successful Singer. There is a lot of strong competition out there and I know that I have to try my best to be better than the next person.

It's no joke getting up on stage in front of hundreds of people and singing my heart out, but through experience I know that you have to give it all you've got. I always have loads of confidence because I have my friends and family there to give me plenty of support. It's not all hard work, because there is nothing that I enjoy more than being the centre of all those people's attentions and also that incredible rush I get from head to toe while I perform. I have to admit, though, that I do get a bit nervous just before my performance, but once I'm up there on stage the nerves disappear and I start to enjoy myself!

In my opinion if you have the talent and the guts then get out there and flaunt it like I've done. It's a great confidence booster and a great night out for your friends.

Sailing

Robbie Hamilton takes on the world

I started Sailing at the age of nine in an Optimist dinghy for under 15's. I competed in my first Regatta at 11 and at 12 I competed in my first International Regatta in Holland in 1993. I qualified in 6th place in Ireland for the European Championships which took place in Belfast Lough. In 1994 I finished 5th in Ireland and so qualified for the World Team and sailed in Sardinia. This was an exciting event in a hot climate with hundreds of competitors.



When I turned 15 in 1994 I had to leave the Optimist class and enter the Mirror dingy class which has no age limit and is sailed by two people, the helm (me) and the crew. This was to present a new challenge as there were Mirror World Championships taking place in Wales during July. To qualify for the Worlds I had to come in the first 12 out of 120 Irish boats.

There were 5 qualifying events which took place in Cork, Malahide, Howth, Strangford Lough and Kinsale from Easter to June. I came 12th in Cork and 5th in Malahide which brought me to 8th place over the two events. I finished 5th in Howth, Strangford Lough and Kinsale which brought me up to 3rd place in the overall ranking.

In addition to these qualifying trials I went to the Welsh Nationals over Easter to compete against the British who are considered the best in the World in the Mirror Class. As this was where the Worlds was to be held it was a good experience to familiarise myself with the place and I was hoping for a good result. I finished 5th overall in the event in which 60 boats competed and 2nd out of 20 Irish competitors.

Finally came the Worlds which took place over 5 days in "very light airs" (not very windy), which are difficult conditions for sailing. There were 182 Competitors who came from all over the World including Australia, South Africa and Canada. The Championship was won by a British sailor, and Irish boats were 2nd & 3rd placed. Unfortunately, I was not so successful and was not one of these Irish boats. I came 43rd! It was a great disappointment considering I had earlier beaten the Irish boats that came 2nd & 3rd.

I am hoping for a more successful season in 1996. I am planning to go to the Europeans, another competition which takes place in Sweden. I have already participated in another qualifying event in Enniskillen for the 1997 Worlds in Canada. I was pleased with my qualifying result, where I came 2nd overall and look forward to even better results in the new season.

Tennis Champion **Sean Cooper aims for Wimbledon**

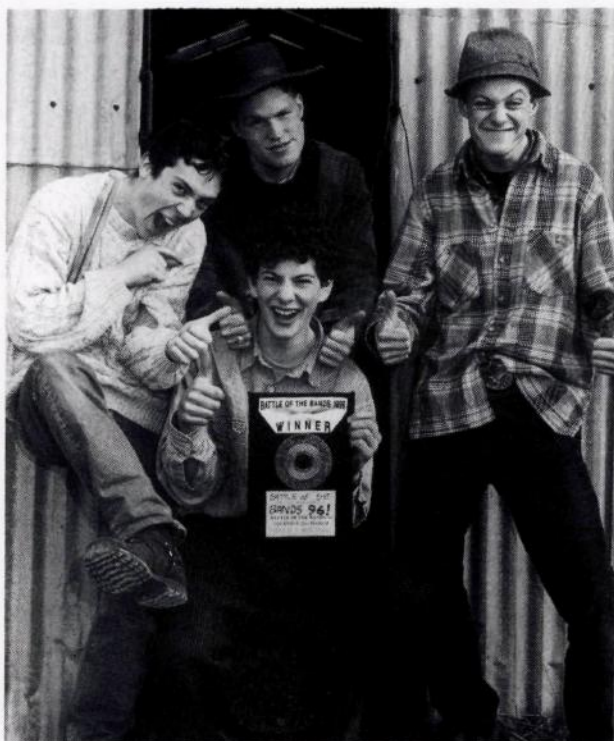
I started to play tennis when I was about ten years old. I was introduced to the game by my parents, who played the game socially. I have represented Ireland eight times and in 1993 I was the Junior Grand Prix winner. In 1990-91 I was ranked 5th at U-12 level in Ireland. In 1994-95 I was ranked 1st in Ireland at U-16 level. At the moment I am ranked 2nd at U-17 and 3rd at U-18 levels. I started off in Celbridge Tennis Club but I have been playing in Riverview for a few years now. I play tennis and train everyday after school as well as at the weekend. I enjoy the game so much because there is so much competition between the players. I hope to play professionally and to make a living out of the game. I would love to play in Wimbledon and hope to make it there next year. At the moment I am sponsored by K.Swiss for clothes and footwear and by Fisher for racquets and equipment. I have played in several international tournaments and two European Championships. I have played all over Europe. For example Paris, Austria, Scotland, England, and in Genoa, Palermo and Sicily in Italy. I think that in order to play at a high level of competition you would have to start playing from under the age of thirteen. To join a club and buy equipment and pay for coaching can be very expensive when you first start off. Around June or July I will be playing in the International Tennis Federation Tour. Hopefully I will do well and maybe even win a tournament.

FUSED

King of the "Battle of the Bands"

A simple bus trip in October 1994 could be something that myself (David Hill), Graham Coe, Trevor Gyves, and Jesse Booth will remember for the rest of our lives. We were discussing how we could lighten up our dull and uninteresting lives when we came up with the solution to form a band. We asked two friends of ours, Jesse Booth and Graham Coe, if they would be interested, and reluctantly they decided to be part of 'Fused'.

From the outset we decided that if we were going to get anywhere then we should concentrate on producing our own material. To this end the lyrics are inspired by Graham Coe and Trevor Gyves, the latter being a deep thinker, a poetic philosopher on life as well as a warm hearted pacifist who uses his music as an outlet to express his deep outrage at abuses in society. David and Jesse's work-manlike approach ideally compliments the more artistic qualities of Graham and Trevor.

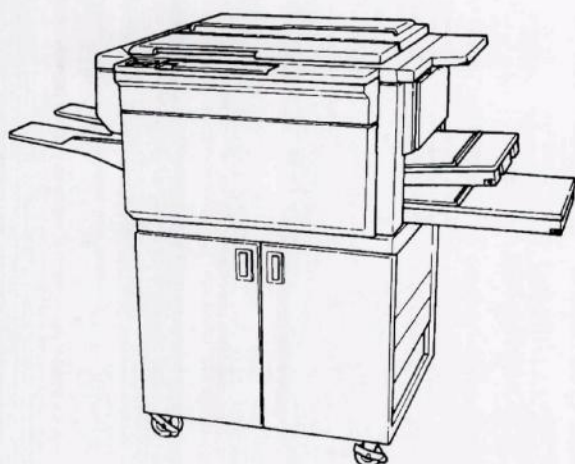


To date we have performed several gigs in venues such as Behan's Bar and in the Baggot Inn. However, our finest hour to date came last March when we were awarded first prize in a 'Battle of the Bands' competition in St. Mac Dara's College. There was something of a furore on this occasion when we were involved in a toilet roll fight after our partisan following got slightly over excited. Fortunately, the stewards stepped in swiftly to restore order in the auditorium.

So where do Fused go from here? We are probably producing a demo tape at Sun studios which is a compilation of songs and includes numbers such as 'Break The Wall' and 'Tissue Paper'. Ultimately, we hope to progress from these modest beginnings to getting an opportunity to playing our music, touch wood, to a larger audience.

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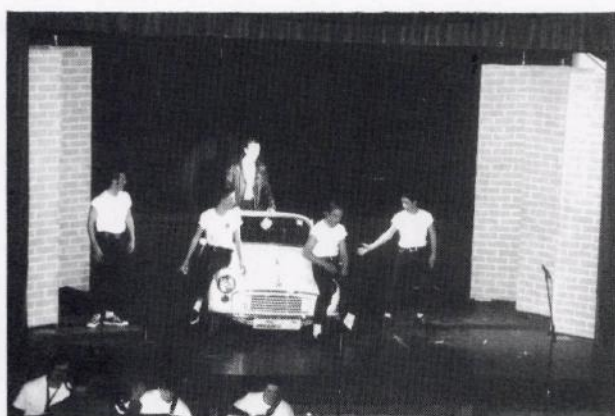


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Grease



Music

Prize Distribution

The annual Prize Distribution and Parents' evening was held on Wednesday, 25 October 1995. Mr. David Rowell, Chairman of the Governors, presided and the prizes were distributed by Mr. Peter Murtagh, Editor of the Sunday Tribune. The following is the text of the Principal's speech:

Firstly, it gives me great pleasure to echo David Rowell's words of tribute to Norman Kilroy who served this school as Chairman of the Board for many years and who remains a Governor. Although I have only known Mr Kilroy for two years I greatly valued the particular expertise in management skills which he brought to the Board and the insight of his advice to me on many occasions.

I also welcome David Rowell as the new Chairman of the Board. He has been a member of the Board since 1986, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Finance Committee since 1990 and has ensured that great development could take place here at Danum through his financial planning but without ever losing sight of the necessity for good practice in budgeting and for keeping the level of the school fees under the closest scrutiny. Many of you know Mr Rowell well and you may know that he has a keen interest in sport as well as in music. I feel sure that such an accomplished, talented and good natured man as David Rowell will bring forward the work of the Board in the best possible interests of the school and I look forward to working with him for many years to come.

The Board of Governors met in the House of Lords, College Green, at the invitation of the Bank of Ireland just before the summer to mark the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the school and at that meeting the torch was passed from Norman Kilroy to David Rowell. We were conscious of meeting in a chamber where the debate on the Act of Union took place but I was particularly interested to hear the manager of the bank say that the account of the Erasmus Smith Trust was the oldest in the bank's portfolio, having been opened in 1669 with La Touche, one of the constituent banks of the Bank of Ireland.

The High School was founded on 1 October 1870 and,

as we celebrate its 125th anniversary this month it is worth pausing to reflect on the many thousands of pupils and staff who have passed through the gates of No. 40 Harcourt Street and of Danum here in Rathgar, and who have brought honour and distinction to the school by their association with it. It is also fitting to think of those who will come here in the future and of the advances they may bring to the world of politics, of the arts, of science or of business. Who is to know whether we have among us the likes of Seamus Heaney? We did have one of his predecessors as winner of the Nobel prize for literature - W.B.

Yeats! Have we a peacemaker? Will one of the pupils here tonight cure the common cold?

We do know that we have among us hundreds of people who will conduct ordinary businesses, be part of ordinary professions, be employed as reliable employees, make loving homes, care for their children and live normal, fulfilled lives. When the great discoverer or the champion athlete looks back on The

High School will what she says be any different to what the ordinary homemaker and father will say? What will they think of the time they spent here - when the immediate memories of their first detention or their best teacher or the great joke they played have faded. Senator David Norris, wrote in the South Africa tour brochure this summer: "I can say with all honesty, I'm grateful to High School for the sense of proportion, decency and balance, which is the enduring legacy of my days in Harcourt Street." Not everyone in life can be first, win the prize or be a Senator. However, it is fundamental to the values of this school that we encourage everybody to strive for the best but that we cherish just as dearly the pupils who try as hard as they can without necessarily reaching the top.

One of the defining influences on the future nature and ethos of this school will be the White Paper on Education *Charting our Education Future* which Minister Niamh Bhreathnach published earlier this year. I say "one" of



Peter Murtagh, Editor of the Sunday Tribune, David Rowell, Chairman of the Board of Governors and Brian Duffy, Principal, at Prize Day.

the defining influences because there are, of course, many others. More important will be the traditions kept alive here by the people associated with the school, whether they be governors, staff, pupils, past pupils or parents. Whatever government policy states, the real influence will be the determination to do things the "High School way".

However, it is to the White Paper that I wish to turn now for a few minutes. It is arguably the most important document to be published in connection with Irish education since the Intermediate Education Act of 1878. It ranks with milestones like the establishment of the Vocational Education system in 1930 and the introduction of free secondary education in 1968. There is much in the paper which is deserving of debate and attention. You may well be wondering what is the current status of the White Paper. People usually expect an Act of the Oireachtas to follow a White Paper. It appears that there will be legislation, but not a comprehensive *Bhreathnach Act*, rather a series of pieces of enabling legislation. The Minister has recently been informing the groups she refers to as the education partners of her legislative intentions. The two areas to receive legislative attention immediately are the creation of Regional Education Boards and the governance and management of schools.

The creation of Regional Boards is designed to devolve many of the Department's administrative functions and to make the system more responsive to local needs. We are told that ten Boards will be created and that The High School will lie in the area administered by the Dublin City Board. Trustees, parents, teachers and local politicians will join Ministerial nominees on the Boards in equal numbers. Insofar as the Boards improve the delivery of services to schools, such as psychological services, curriculum co-ordination and the provision of inservice training, they will be welcome. What we can not tolerate is that valuable resources are diverted to paying additional bureaucrats at a second level below the Department instead of improving the provision of education in cash-starved classrooms.

It should be borne in mind that there was no demand for this reform. The impetus for it seems to have come from the principle of subsidiarity in the European Union, with the channelling of European Social Funds in mind. It would also be a serious mistake for Regional Boards to begin meddling in the detailed affairs of schools. One of the great strengths of the Irish education system has been the relative autonomy enjoyed by schools - there is great variety of approach within the system and this diversity must be valued and cherished.

Such diversity is quite obvious in the governance of schools. There are fundamentally different systems in existence which often reflect the way in which the schools to which they apply have grown historically. While the Vocational Education Committee has a major role to play in some schools, it has no role in a school such as The High School where the altruism of the system of gover-

norship has played such an important part in ensuring the continued survival and improvement of the school. In the last 125 years, countless governors have given their time and their talents without any payment whatever to ensure that the Trust with which they had been charged was carried out. Times have changed and it is appropriate now that the interests of teachers and of parents are also recognised in the management structures of schools. The Board of The High School acted wisely some years ago when it invited representatives of parents and teachers to participate in the management of this school. Their input has been valued and there is now a happy co-existence of the old and the new systems.

When the Minister's legislation is published we shall know the definite parameters within which school management must operate in the future but I feel confident that the High School community will make the transition relatively easily. The thinking of the Department has developed into a far more sophisticated approach over the last three years and the White Paper allows for a variety of different approaches to governance.

The paper has an interesting and stimulating chapter on the curriculum, with a list of specific subject areas which all schools must include in their junior cycle in future. The emphasis on Civic, Social & Political Education, Arts Education, Religious Education, Guidance Counselling and Pastoral Care, and Health Education (including Personal and Social Development, Relationships and Sexuality Education) is very welcome indeed, indicating as it does that curricular thinking is including more than the vocational approach. The traditional subjects are to be allocated time according to a percentage formula published by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment, with a large percentage left discretionary to schools. It is into the discretionary allocation that the areas I have just mentioned are to be fitted. Although there is no immediate pressure on us to achieve these changes, we at The High School have begun a curriculum review so that we can ascertain in a calm and planned way what changes we might see as desirable, to keep our curriculum up to date and relevant as we move into the next century. We have also begun to review our Relationships and Sexuality Education programme and our Education for Living programme in a smaller committee.

There are many other laudable objectives in the White Paper. The proposed overhaul of teacher training and the introduction of teacher appraisal will do much to maintain the well recognised high quality of the teaching profession in Ireland. School management is to be reformed as well, with ongoing training and development provided to Principals and Vice-Principals and with the introduction of new middle management structures where a real delegation of managerial responsibility and sharing of the responsibilities involved in running a school can take place. Such changes do not occur overnight and there is much planning and training to be done before they can be introduced.

Perhaps the most important section in the White Paper is that which acknowledges that the success of the education system ultimately rests on the goodwill and motivation of teachers. It points out that the targets in the paper will not be achieved without their co-operation. Whatever happens over the next few years in terms of industrial relations in education and in terms of reform, the process must not be seen as a reluctant teaching profession being dragged along by a reforming Minister. Nothing could be further from the truth. Many of the reforms in the White Paper have been suggested by teachers for years; some even for decades. However, one can not proceed to change the system without listening to the needs of teachers in managing the process.

It has become fashionable to think that education can be treated like a business nowadays and there is at least a modicum of that philosophy permeating the White Paper. Manage the system better! Measure the outcomes! Adjust the process! Evaluate and compare with the costs! These ideas have been generated over the last twenty years or so by a particular school of educational and management writers and have been spread abroad mainly by successive O.E.C.D. reports on education in various countries. The lessons were taken to heart by the Thatcherite regime in Britain and her disciples are still slavishly following them today. The principles of accountancy and cost-effectiveness now outweigh the need to nurture and care for the individuality of pupils in some schools. The teaching profession has been demoralised - some would say destroyed - under a mountain of regulations and paperwork. If these ideas are to be successfully applied here we must above all else see that we maintain as the central focus of our work in education a strong sensitivity to the needs of the individual pupil.

What is the single most important thing in education? Could it be whether the pupil is happy at school? Where on the league table in Britain does the fulfilled child returning from a hill-walking expedition come? Where exactly do you read the statistic that reflects the smile that showed that somebody in the school cared when you had a problem? Better management of schools we welcome but turning them into the sort of educational supermarkets which the private grind schools have become we decidedly do not.

I have now been associated with this school for one and a quarter years. The High School has existed for one and a quarter centuries. A sobering thought! I feel proud to be here, to be working for the constant improvement of an already great school, to be alongside a dedicated staff who share a particular vision of how they want to nurture the individual pupil. Together we plan to take this school forward into the next century and a quarter with its head held high, as part of an education system which is internationally recognised to be second to none.

Principal's Report

As we celebrate the foundation of The High School on 1 October 1870 it is fitting to reflect on the many thousands of pupils who have passed through the school in its 125 years and also to look forward to a bright and progressive future. The school stands proud as we approach the end of the twentieth century and is currently planning major developments which will improve the provision of an education of excellence, fitting to the twenty-first century.

The 1994/5 year has seen many developments. These began with an inservice day for staff in October where we identified and stated the fundamental values which guide The High School. We also considered our moral purposes as teachers and spent some time setting priorities for action in the school. Extensive surveys were undertaken of staff, parents, pupils and governors to contribute to the construction of action plans for the future development of the school.

One of the most important developments to follow was the writing of a code of discipline. Extensive work was undertaken by a staff committee, pupils were asked to elect representatives and to present their ideas at a consultative meeting and the Parents' Association was asked to participate as well. The result has been the publication this summer of a code which accentuates the positive side of discipline but also provides an approved list of sanctions and a section protecting the rights of pupils, parents, staff and the school on the rare occasions when a serious breach of discipline occurs. The philosophy underlying the code is embodied in a single word - "respect". When applied to human relationships, care for property, safety and the environment, the principle of respect needs little elaboration to provide a warm and caring atmosphere in which a school may operate. We expect the code of discipline to be a growing and developing document, reflecting the concerns of succeeding generations.

The decision was taken in the autumn of 1994 to introduce additional mixed ability teaching in Form 1 of September 1996, allowing time in the intervening period for training to be provided for teachers. There has been mixed ability teaching in the Option Group subjects in the junior cycle for many years but the plan is now to have it in most compulsory subjects as well. There will be some limited setting introduced at the same time. The result will be that pupils will no longer be classified into "A" and "B" classes on entry to the school.

The Transition Year was inspected on 22 March 1995 by Department of Education inspectors. They were very complimentary about the aspects of the year which they were able to examine in the brief time available to them and particularly commended the programme in Irish, Geography, Computers and the new Young Entrepreneur mini-company scheme. They applauded our initiative to

form a permanent Transition team.

The staff initiated a review of sports philosophy in September 1994 and have produced an interim report for consideration by the Sports Committee of the Board of Governors. Some of the ideas contained in it have been implemented immediately and these have resulted in the introduction of a sports skills course for the first six weeks of a pupil's Games classes in Form 1. In addition, all boys now have the choice of playing rugby or of participating in another sport. Rugby coaching is being developed steadily with the introduction of a coaching manual. Additional staff have been provided to facilitate the coaching of hockey for both boys and girls. The school continues to offer a wide variety of sports.

A re-examination of the prize system has begun and it has been modernised to take account of gender equity. Brief explanations of the major prizes have been included in this booklet and it is planned to present some awards in Transition Year at Prize Day in 1996. Additional progress prizes have been created in order to place emphasis on the rewards to be obtained from hard work as well as academic achievement. We continue to be grateful to all those who contribute prizes to the school.

During the summer, work has continued on the provision of a comprehensive safety system for the school, with the installation of electrically operated fire doors and the alteration of all staircases to meet modern standards. The school safety statement has been promulgated by the Board of Governors and a safety officer appointed. The careers library has been enlarged and an interview room has been provided. In addition to the normal schedule of re-decoration a programme of brightening corridors has been initiated with the installation of more modern lighting on "B" corridor. Toilets and some of the showers have been overhauled and improved desktops provided in the demonstration theatre. The grounds staff have continued their excellent work of improving the external environment with the provision of additional trees, shrubs and flowers. The tree collection at the school contains some rare and unusual species and is in the process of being listed so that it can be used as an educational resource.

The provision of large, high quality metal lockers has continued with Forms 1 to 4 now provided for, in addition to the wooden lockers allocated to Form 6. By September 1996 all pupils in the school who wish to have a locker will have one.

The recent redesign of the school uniform is now complete. Extensive consultation took place with pupils, parents and staff and some alterations were made to the design of the school track suit and to our outer jacket regulations. The uniform has received a great deal of support from pupils and parents and we are confident that the traditional co-operation shown by families of The High School will ensure that it is worn with pride.

In the area of computers, a new Novell network has been installed which will result in the more efficient operation of the computer room. We are very grateful to Novell for the gift of this software. In addition, many of the computers have been upgraded this year as part of our process of continuous improvement. A multimedia facility with CD Rom has been provided through which pupils can access the most up to date software with sound and moving images. The modem which is in the process

of being installed at present will give access to E-mail and to the new communications networks such as the Internet.

A new departure was undertaken during last year with the invitation of visiting clergy and speakers to morning assembly. We are very grateful to the dozens of speakers who agreed to visit us. Pupils also participate, with Prefects reading from the scriptures regularly and class groups planning and taking assembly periodically. The Principal leads assembly on an average of two mornings a week.

The careers course continued in Form 5 with speakers from backgrounds as diverse as nutritionist, humanistic psychotherapist and sound engineer. Deep appreciation is due to Mr Robin Miller who has organised this course and the Careers Library in his capacity as Guidance Counsellor for 20 years.

The committees of the Board of Governors have continued their excellent work, with the Education Committee beginning a two year review of the Upper Sixth Year and processing the staff recommendation to introduce more mixed ability teaching. The Grounds and Property Committee's major preoccupation recently has been planning the next phase of building development in the school but it has also been considering the refurbishment of the sound and lighting systems in the Reynolds Hall, the traffic situation at the front gate, heating in the gymnasium, along with safety and maintenance work. The Management Committee and Finance Committee work quietly in the background to ensure that the proposals of the other



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Owen Frazer, Susanna Coghlan, Derek Wynne*

committees can be brought to fruition in a well planned manner.

There is an active Parents' Association in the school, which elects representatives to the Board of Governors and the Management Committee. There are also informal meetings between the officers of the Association Committee, the Principal and the Chairman of the Board of Governors. Such links with parents are extremely valuable and contribute a great deal to the happy atmosphere of the school which is based on mutual co-operation and trust. Last year, the Association held meetings on "Drugs and Your Children" and "Parent-Teacher Contact". The traditional parent/staff hockey and cricket matches were great successes and the Association has continued to support various activities in the school financially.

The Past Pupils' Union has had a very successful first year as a joint union for Old Boys and Old Girls of the school and has been organising social events for its members as well as supporting the school in a variety of ways. The golf outing was marked by the presence of lady players for the first time - a welcome development! Talks and carol-singing also went well and the Old Boys' Dinner in January retained its place as one of the premier events of its kind in Dublin. A substantial donation was made to the Lifeboats as a result of a table quiz held in the school.



The pupils and staff leaving for the Rugby and Hockey Tour to South Africa

Staff

Mr Kevin Hayes (Technical Drawing), Mr Clem Hegarty (Religious Education), Miss Frances Kerry (Irish and Music), Mr Gerard McDonnell (History, Geography and Japanese), and Mrs Jackie Murphy (Classics) have left the staff. Miss Frances Wilson (Home Economics) has indicated that she will not be returning from her leave of absence in America. We thank all of these teachers for their dedicated service and wish them well in their future careers.

Miss Anita Wilson has joined us to teach History, Religious Education, French and German; Miss Mary Clare to teach Irish, Geography and Games; Mr Anthony Reidy to teach Construction Studies, Technical Drawing, Materials Technology Wood, Technical Graphics and Games; Miss Brenda Bourke to teach Irish and Music; and Mr Graham Richmond to teach History, Business Studies and Games. We extend the traditional warm and hearty High School welcome to these new staff.

Mr Robin Miller has returned to full-time teaching after 20 years in the position of Guidance Counsellor. We welcome our new Guidance Counsellor, Ms Barbara Beirne. Mr Martin Maguire has resigned after some years on career break. Mr Richard Davies has returned to his position after two years on special leave in Botswana. Mrs Janet Faull is continuing her career break.

Events and Activities

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor John Gormley of the Green Party, visited the school on 8 February, 1995. He addressed an assembly of the whole school on a variety of environmental themes and was presented with a crystal momento by the Head Boy and Head Girl, Garret Lyons and Julie McGouran. He then viewed a series of environmental projects which had been completed in the European Action for the Environment Programme under the direction of Mr Philip Irwin.

A series of educational and field trips was undertaken, including a Transition Year visit to Chester, Irish department trips to Kerry

and the National Museum, caving trips to a number of different cave locations, a Geography and Biology trip to the Burren, English department trips to drama productions, the European Action for the Environment Programme cross-border exchange with

Knockbreda High School in Belfast, an educational tour of Czechoslovakia, the President's award trip to Kerry and a combined rugby and hockey tour of South Africa to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the school. Such a variety of tours provides pupils with opportunities of great educational value while also developing better relationships and confidence among those participating. The commitment of the staff involved is immense and we owe them our gratitude.

The school orchestra had 33 members last year, its strongest for many years. The orchestra and choir performed with distinction at Prize Day and the Carol Service and some of their members participated in the Form 5 production of *Dream Date*. The orchestra won first prize at the Inter Schools Music Festival for the second year in succession and the chamber orchestra won second prize. The orchestra gained 139 out of 150 marks in the Department of Education examination while the choir gained 135 out of 150. We congratulate Liam Lyons, a Form 5 pupil, who won the £500 Gerald Victory memorial commission to write a piece for the National Chamber Choir on the basis

of a previous composition entitled *A Winter Night*.

The Drama Society undertook a very complex and challenging musical - *Dream Date* - "a two act play with singing, dancing, love, heartbreak and humour", written by Kevin Dowsett. In addition to a very large cast being rehearsed, preparations included stage design and construction, musicians' rehearsals, programme design, T-shirt printing and publicity arrangements. All the hard work was rewarded by a series of excellent performances in November.

Form 5 also held a magnificently choreographed fashion show to raise funds for the South Africa tour. Pat Kenny very kindly agreed to perform the opening ceremony.

In the National Dairy Council Cooking Competition Georgina Dunne of Form 5 was placed as runner-up from an entry of over 1,700. Colin Walsh and Shwan Henari, with the help of Tin Loon Leung, entered a project for the Young Scientist Exhibition. They studied the blood groups of the Aran Islands and their findings may yet contribute to a revision of the current theories of the origins of Aran Islanders.

Staff and pupils were involved in a considerable number of fund-raising activities for charity during the year, supporting many causes which included St. John of God, St. Michael's House, Simon Community, Conquer Cancer Daffodil Day, Little Sisters of the Poor, Rape Crisis Centre, I.S.A.N.D.S., Guide Dog Association, Multiple Sclerosis, U.N.I.C.E.F., The Earl Haig Fund and St. Luke's Hospital.

The Debating Society has experienced a steadily rising standard of debate in recent years and attendances increased markedly last year. Berkeley Vincent did well in round two of the Leinster Schools Debates and Isolde Carmody narrowly missed the semi-finals. The steady growth of the Junior Debating Society holds promise for the future. Isolde Carmody and Colin Walsh represented the school at the European Youth Parliament and Sharon Jackson accompanied them as an official journalist. The High School delegation figured prominently at the Model United Nations last year, with Owen Frazer, Sinead Fry, Trudie Carroll, Keith Rynhart and Derek Wynne representing the interests of Panama.

The President's Award involves undertaking a period of community involvement, physical recreation, the

development of a personal skill and a venture project. Pupils who undertake it experience great enjoyment and fulfilment. Last year 16 pupils received their bronze awards in the National Basketball Arena.

The Christian Union ran two groups last year and organised its first Inter C.U. meeting with pupils from Rathdown School, Wesley College and St. Andrew's College attending.

The Friends of the Library assisted the Librarian with the organisation of the library throughout the year and also organised some fund-raising events and competitions.

The Literary Society of Dublin met regularly throughout

the year and published a magazine entitled *Eat me Drink me*.



Prize Day 1995

Julie McGouran, Head Girl 1994/95 and Garret Lyons, Head Boy 1994/95

Winners of The Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl and The Old Boys' Cup

Sport

The 1st XV rugby team lost its first cup match to a very much stronger Terenure College after a mixed season. The J.C.T. also went out in the first round of the cup to Gonzaga, despite a record of strong commitment and dedication to training. Among the many other teams representing the school, the Under 13 distinguished themselves by retaining the John Scottus 7-a-side trophy for a second year.

In girls' hockey the 1st XI had a good season, winning three of their league matches. They also won their first cup match and then entered a marathon struggle with Mount Anville to progress further. After two full matches and extra time in both no goal had been scored and the rules state that the cruel penalty flick series comes into play, which they lost 3-0. Four of the team were given Leinster trials. The Junior A reached the sixth round of their League Cup competition, also going out in a replay to the eventual winners - Loreto College, Bray. Three of the team received Leinster trials. The Minor panel fielded four teams last year with the Minor A reaching the semi-finals of the Cup, losing only on sudden death to Wesley College.

The 1st XI boys' hockey team won two league matches, with two scoreless draws, and progressed to the Quarter finals of the Cup, losing to Newpark. The J.C.T. had a very good year, winning four league matches but

being knocked out of the Cup by Dundalk Grammar School.

The boys' cricket season went well with the J.C.T. reaching the league final after a very exciting match against St. Mary's. They scored 110 runs in the final but were eventually overwhelmed by Belvedere College. Girls' cricket continues to develop although the team was knocked out early in the league.

The senior boys' tennis team defeated Clongowes and Wesley in the cup but were eliminated by Terenure College. Congratulations to Sean Cooper who was selected to represent Ireland at Under 16 level in the European Championships. The girls' teams enjoyed their season, with the Junior B getting through to the second round of the cup.

The athletics teams had an enjoyable season also, with some very creditable performances in cross-country races held at St. Columba's College. Ruth and Kate Draper were the outstanding athletes of the year.

The senior soccer team last year won the Loughlinstown Invitation five-a-side tournament.

Girls' basketball had its most successful year to date with the senior team reaching the semi-final and the minor team the final of the S.S.A. Basketball leagues. This was a major achievement in a sport which is relatively new to the school and we look forward to its continued development in the future.

In boys' badminton, the Under 16 team won the final against Newbridge College 5-1, a magnificent achievement. The girls' Under 16 team had a good season but were defeated in the quarter-finals.

In swimming, ten pupils passed the Irish Water Safety Award Survival 2. Canoeing continues to be popular, with thirteen pupils completing the Schools Liffey Race in May and ten pupils receiving Basic Canoeing Certificates. The Caving Club was again very active with repeated visits to the Burren and Co. Fermanagh. Hill-walkers ventured to Powerscourt, Moanbane, Shankill Firing Range and Wicklow Gap during the year and rock-climbing took place in Dalkey quarry.

The Ethos of The High School

The school is a coeducational secondary school with about 780 pupils. It was founded by the Erasmus Smith Trust in 1870 as a day school for boys. Originally located in Harcourt Street, it moved in 1971 to its present 23 acre setting in Rathgar. In 1974 the High School amalgamated with the Diocesan School for Girls and became coeducational. It provides education mainly for pupils from Church of Ireland families, while having places available for those of other denominations and faiths. The experience gained through the working out of this policy and through respecting the needs of minority groups and individuals enriches the whole life of the school.

The school gives its pupils the opportunity to explore the humanities, sciences, arts, business studies and technical subjects. In addition it provides religious, moral and physical education in order to meet its founding objectives of preparing pupils for the demands of business and professional life, and of attaining high academic standards in the broad range of disciplines required for third level education.

A code of conduct has been published after consultation with parents, staff and pupils and the following excerpts illustrate how the ethos of the school operates on a daily basis:

Discipline at the High School is founded on the principles of respect for people, environment, property and safety. All rules follow from these basic principles which are intended to create and maintain a happy and stable community.

The best way in which the school can operate with the maximum happiness and fulfillment for everybody is if the maximum courtesy and respect is shown for other people. Pupils at the school are expected to respect the dignity of other pupils, teachers and other staff in the school and have the right to expect that their own dignity will be respected.

It is the duty of every pupil to contribute positively to the learning environment in every class and to have a good standard of behaviour. The consequence of such is a productive, stable and happy working environment.

Praise and positive consequences are seen as more important by the staff in maintaining a good relationship with pupils than punishment and negative consequences.

How The High School is Governed

The ultimate authority within the school and the body in which ownership of the school is vested is the Board of Governors of the Erasmus Smith Trust. The Trust was

originally endowed by a Tipperary landowner, Erasmus Smith, in the 17th century. The Trust was, at one time, responsible for many grammar schools and hundreds of primary schools. Now, the High School is the only school for which it is responsible. The Board was enlarged when the amalgamation with the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls took place in 1974 and the additional dimension has proved valuable.

There are normally thirty members of the Board, including the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin and the Bishop of Tuam as ex-officio members. Nine of the members are nominees of the Diocesan Board. The Board usually meets twice a year and appoints a Management Committee to supervise the management of the school between meetings of the Board. The Management Committee meets approximately monthly during the school year and has twenty one members, composed of sixteen Governors, the Principal, two teachers and two parents (all four of whom also attend Board meetings). The Registrar of the Trust is also currently the Bursar of the school and acts as secretary to the Board and most of its committees.

The everyday management of the school and the selection and appointment of staff is delegated by the Board and the Management Committee to the Principal.

Four committees report regularly to the Management Committee and the Board. These are the Finance Committee, the Grounds & Property Committee, the Education Committee and the Sports Committee. The teaching staff is represented on all of these committees.

The system of altruistic governorship has seen the school through 125 years as a thriving, developing, forward-looking institution. The governors have complemented the experience and immediate knowledge of the school possessed by the teaching staff and parents by offering their considerable expertise in a wide range of occupations. This expertise is valuable at committee level but also in the work done quietly by governors between committee meetings, often providing detailed assistance and support to the Principal and to the Bursar in carrying out their daily management of the school. Their detachment from the daily operation of the school can bring an objective and long-term view to bear.

*B.T. Duffy,
Principal*

LIST OF PRIZES

School Entrance Scholarships 1995

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:

Robert Carnegie	St. Andrew's N.S., Lucan
Stephen Cummins	St. Andrew's N.S., Lucan
Cuan O Seireadain	Scoil Naithi
Edel Smith	Scoil Santain, Tallaght
James Maher	Rathgar N.S.
Nathan Breen	Rathgar N.S.

Music Scholarship:

Mary Bridgeman, Presentation School
Cuan O Seireadain, Scoil Naithi

LIST OF PRIZES 1994/5

Form 1

Etheline Brady Prize (best overall in Form 1):

Jennifer Daly

Jellett Memorial Prize for Irish: Eleanor Fry

Class Prizes:

1D	Darragh Curran, Justin Hall
1G	Ruth Draper, Stuart Mellon
1M	Mark Burke, Susan O'Brien
1MC	Fergus Boydell, Jody Madigan
1R	Amy Lynam, Eva McGuire

Progress Prizes:

1D	Neill McIlwaine, Richard McNeill
1G	Eoin Garrigan, Allan Whyte
1M	Sam Marshall, Sean O'Meara
1MC	Ian Logan, Gregor Timlin
1R	Emma Allott, David Collins

Form 2

Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize

(best overall in Form 2): Michelle McCartney

McNay Prize for English: John Dorney

Parents' Association Prize for English: Sarah Gray

Parents' Association Prize for Materials Technology (Wood): Benoit Ferre-Cullen

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art:

Niamh Burke-Kennedy

Dorothy Blakeney Progress Prize for General

Science: Robert Edmonds, Trevor Wilson

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes:

2D	Michelle Prunty
2H	Hugh Hogan
2M	Mark Shaw
2R	Tanya Masters
2S	Frances Kearns

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Progress Prizes:

2D	Eric Mullane
2H	Rebecca Borland
2M	Robert Ryan
2R	Yvonne Elliott
2S	Rachel Keeley

Class Prizes:

2D	Declan Donoghue, Lydia Foster
2H	Nigel Bass, Gary Mahon
2M	Jesse Bancroft, Rebecca Peare
2R	Terence Gunning, Eoghan Rice
2S	Paul Bright, Niamh Kelly

Form 3



Karen Pickett receiving the Brook Prize from Peter Murtagh

Rogers Memorial Prize (best performance in Junior Certificate): Ben McGuire

Brook Prize (best performance in Junior Certificate): Karen Pickett

Dillon Prize for Mathematics: Eoin Curran

Foster Memorial Prize for Mathematics: Daniel Frazer

Carpenter Memorial Prize for English: Ben McGuire

Emily Latimer Memorial Prize for English: Eric Klotz

Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Eric Klotz

Casserley Prize for History: Eric Klotz

German Government Prize: Nicola Gray

S.S. Evans Prize for Business Studies: Ralph Benson

Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Rachel Dawson

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Jesse Booth

Parents' Association Prize for Technical Graphics: Heather Boles

Diocesan School Music Prize (contribution to school musical life): Eric Klotz

Class Prizes:

3AS	Vicky McMullan, Bruce Wardrop
3AP	Oliver Nash, Tarik Rahman
3BP	Philip Bailey, Carolyn Camier
3BQ	Ross Douglas, Kate Draper, Gillian Lane
3BT	James Kelly, Pamela Morton

Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship (best overall in Form 5):

Derek Fisher

Dr. Start's Prize for Chemistry: Derek Fisher



Derek Fisher receiving his prizes from Peter Murtagh

Parents' Association Prize for English:

Cornelie Kennedy

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Amber Walsh

Diocesan School Music Prize: (contribution to school musical life) Fionn Fitzpatrick

Class Prizes: Robert Casey, Emma Eager, Michael Feeley, John Fogarty, Owen Frazer, Yvonne Maher, Elizabeth Thornburgh, Gavin Timlin, Matthew Whiting

Form 6

(Normally a pupil is eligible for only one of the first six awards below)

High School Exhibition: (best Leaving Certificate performance of a pupil who enters T.C.D.) Isolde Carmody

John Thompson Scholarship: (best performances in English, Classics and Languages of a student who enters T.C.D.) Not awarded

Glorney Exhibition and Cup: (next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education) Colin Walsh

Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize: (next best performing pupil who enters further education in Ireland) Sharon Jackson

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize: (next best performing pupil) Ross McCulloch

John Bennett Memorial Prize: (next best performing pupil) Lisa Jewell

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize: (best pupil who studies Engineering at T.C.D.) not awarded

Victor Graham Prize in Mathematics: Maximilian Back

Ivan King Memorial Prize for History: Isolde Carmody

B'nai Brith Scholarship: (for entrance to Upper Sixth) Gavin Cobbe

Alan Peters Memorial Prize: (Prefect who has made the most helpful contribution to school life)

Berkeley Vincent

Bessie Bury Prize for English: Sharon Jackson

Casserley Memorial Prize for English:

Isolde Carmody, Lisa Jewell

German Government Prize: Colin Walsh

Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Alison Shaw

S.S. Evans Prize for Business Subjects:

Jonathan Campbell

Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Andrea Laughlin

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Caroline Walshe

O.B.U. Debating Medal: Isolde Carmody

Class Prizes: William Blackmore, Ian Ellis, Shwan Henari, Simon McMullan, Ruth Naughton, Rachel Reid, Philippa Wilkes.

Form 6 Upper

Class Prizes: Niamh Aherne, Lesley Hobson, Eimear Kenny, Heidi Kinsella.

The following two awards are to the "best all round pupils" as voted by the pupils and staff of the school.

Jean Scott Trophy: Julie McGouran
Old Boys' Cup: Garret Lyons

Red Cross Awards

Joy Beattie
Lynn Carty
Tara Horan
Gavin Furney
Stewart Kenny
Freda Vora
David Finlay
Andrew Somerville
Gary McGouran
Aimee Harris
Stuart Halligan
Sarah Eager
Nathan Hall
Lisa Hickey
Cheryl Hodgkinson
Sam Jackson
Nicholas Keenan
Said Koya
Susan Long
Graham O'Meara
Gillian Palmer
Andrew Smyth
Hilary Taylor
Simone Warbrick
Justin Cramp
Susan Moore

Judo - Yellow Belt

Vanessa Carswell
David Finlay
Stuart Halligan
Robbie Hamilton
Aaron Jewell
Stuart Kenny
Gary McGouran
Keith Rynhart
Nicola Reid
Nicholas White
Jonathan Allison
Ross Argue
Sean Cooper
Lynn Fletcher
Van Gleeson
Paul Kirwan
Daniel Manley
Niamh McCarthy
Christopher Nicholson
Mark Nolan
Sonia Patterson
Emma Rosenberg
Kevin O'Reilly

Transition Year Awards

An Taisce Young Reporter for the Environment Awards

President's Award

Joy Beattie
Susan Carroll
Emma Kenealy
Janice Duggan
Kate Lyons
Janet Mahon
Justin Walsh
Lucy Harrison
Patrick Tanner
Henrietta O'Neill
Sally Walsh
Cleona Gray
Stuart Halligan
Mairead Dorney
Hilary Taylor
Catherine Wright

Susan Carroll
Lynn Carty
Vanessa Carswell
Lynn Cogan
Eva Dorney
Sarah Eager
Cheryl Hodgkinson
Tara Horan
Nicholas Keenan
Erika McKerrow
Rachel Kiersey
Ailbhe Maher
Iseult Masterson
Elaine Matthews
Cillian Monaghan
Gillian Palmer
Bronwyn Vincent
Freda Vora

Leaving Certificate 1995

Niamh Aherne
Daragh Anglim
Maximilian Bacik
Elizabeth Bancroft
Amy Barrett
Austin Barrett
Norris Beattie
David Bell
Paul Black
William Blackmore
Gail Bovenizer
John Bridges
Rowena Brown
Sarah Burke
Natalie Burke
John Butler
Stuart Butler
Kenneth Byrne
Leo Byrne
Julien Caillabet
Jonathan Campbell
Isolde Carmody
Richard Carrick
Erica Clarke
Rachel Clarke
Gavin Cobbe

Nicholas Cogan
Thomas Cooney
Scott Cooper
Ray Cosgrove
Ivan Costello
Georgina Devitt
Sarah Dunn
Ian Ellis
Michael Farrelly
Gemma Feldman
Alison Finch
Emma Fitzpatrick
Aeveen Fleming
Hilary Foley
Tanya Francis
John Free
Gary Freeney
Edward Gallagher
Emily Gallagher
Ciara Galvin
Leonard Galvin
Jennifer Gillen
Esther Gilmour
Margaret Graham
John Green
Steven Greene

Anthea Grimason
Elizabeth Gunn
Andrew Hamilton
Michael Hannon
Louise Harris
Damian Haslett
Keith Hatfield
Mairead Hayden
Shwan Henari
Craig Hill
Graham Hill
Lesley Hobson
Nicola Hodgkinson
Gareth Hopkins
Trevor Hughes
Susanne Irlblad
Sharon Jackson
Lisa Jewell
Wendy Kane
Rory Kavanagh
Ciaran Kelly
Eimear Kenny
Heidi Kinsella
John Lalor
Andrea Laughlin
Tin Loon Leung
Claire Lewis
Wendy Lipson
David Long
Peter Love
Garret Lyons
Gary Lyons
Lindsey Maidment
Ben Marchant
Rebecca Martin
Guy McClintock
Stephanie McConnell
Ross McCulloch
Adrian McDowell
Adrienne McElwain
Julie McGouran
Clare McGrath
Fintan McGrogan
Stephen McKenna
Leo McKenna-James
Brian McLoughlin
Simon McMullan
David Menton
Peter Moffett
Ruth Naughton
Jonathan Nicholson
Liam Noone
Vanessa O'Reilly
Ruth O'Shea
Susan Plummer
Glenn Rainsford
Rachel Reid
Caitriona Rice
Michelle Roberts
Robert Russell

Liam Ryan
Sinead Ryan
Louis Scott
Alison Shaw
Stephen Sheldon
Naomi Smith
Wendy Strong
Christopher Swift
James Tanner
Caroline Tobin
Berkeley Vincent
Colin Walsh
Ian Walsh
Niall Walsh
Robert Walsh
Caroline Walshe
Scott Watson
Philippa Wilkes
Mark Williams
Vanessa Williamson
Joseph Wiltshire
Rebecca Woolfson
Jeremy Wright

Junior Certificate 1995

Ralph Benson
Melanie Boyle
Karen Cadoo
Daniel Clarke
Eoin Curran
Jonathan Fennell
John Gallagher
Raymond Grafton
Sarah Hanan
Kate Harris
Elizabeth Hilliard
Rebecca Keenan
Brian Kelly
Robert Levis
Zoe Lipson
Philippa Lock
Terence Madigan
Rachel Mathers
Ciara McCarthy
Jennifer McKenna
Oliver Nash
Julie O'Sullivan
David O'Toole
Lynne Petrie
Karen Pickett
Tarik Rahman
James Robertson
Robert Slattery
Matthew Walker
Ronald Whyte
Heather Boles

Jesse Booth
Paul Burke
Michelle Byrne
Jamie Collins
Rachel Dawson
Aishling Doyle
Wayne Evans
Kevin Field
Daniel Frazer
Julie Gillen
Jeanette Graham
Nicola Gray
Michael Harper
Nicola Hodgson
Paul Johnstone
David Killeen
Stuart Kinch
Eric Klotz
Julian McDowell
Ben McGuire
Ian McKee
Victoria McMullan
Suzanne Mellon
Edward Moran
Fergus Naughton
Khara Shine
Bruce Wardrop
Jane Wilkinson
Ross Wynne
Philip Bailey
Brian Bradshaw
Carolyn Camier
Paul Campbell
Valerie Creggy
Janis Crosbie
Clare Dowd
Jenny Dunne
Seamus Finn
Danielle Hill
Zoe Hutchinson
Laura Lane
Ruth McElwain
Mark McEndoo
Ian McHugh
Ross Maguire
Audrey Mullins
Charles Nicholson
Kennedy O'Brien
Justin O'Malley
Nicholas Smith
Emma Willis
Ian Wright
Ross Douglas
Kate Draper
Karen Finnie
Cristin Frost
Jacqui Gordon
Shane Grafton
Caroline Harding
Gillian Lane

Stephen Langran
Geraghty
Rebecca Manley
Sandra Mitchell
Ross Murphy
Stephen Nash
Karen Nason
Nkemnjika Okonji
Ian Pemberton
Leslie Prendergast
Alexander Rafter
Alan Rath
Georgia Scott
Keith Singleton
Jennifer Steedman
Richard Thompson
Benjamin Allison
Luke Ashe-Brown
David Bird
Hilary Boyd
Bruce Cooper
Wendy Dodd
Graham Fleming
Samuel Hatfield
James Kelly
Graham Masters
Zoe McGeeney
Laughlin McKee
Pamela Morton
Jennifer Moss
Stephen Norris
Louise Pearce
Lana Ruddle
Jane Tippins
Christopher Vincent
Amy Warner
Jason Warner
Lee Watson
Karen Wilson

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6th Form

Maximilian Bacik	Engineering, T.C.D.	John Free	Sports and Recreation Management, SAC, Auchinruive
Elizabeth Bancroft	Arts, Covenant College, Georgia, U.S.A.	Eamonn Gallagher	Commerce, U.C.D.
Daisy Barrett	Rathmines Senior College	Leonard Galvin	Science Tallaght R.T.C.
Austin Barrett	Working in N. Y. in the Commodities Exchange	Jennifer Gillen	Healthcare Technology, D.I.T.
Norris Beattie	Sparsholt Agricultural College	Esther Gilmour	Bewleys, The Square Tallaght
David Bell	6U, H.S.D.	Margaret Graham	Business Studies, L.S.B., Balfe St.
William Blackmore	Spanish and Ancient History, T.C.D.	John Green	PLC course, Plunkett College
Gail Bovenizer	Temporary work	Steven Greene	Apprentice Plumber.
John Bridges	Architecture in U.S.	Anthea Grimason	Arts, U.C.D.
Rowena Brown	Business Studies, Dundrum V.E.C.	Michael Hannon	Portrush Catering College
Natalie Burke	In employment	Louise Harris	Law, De Montfort University, Leicester.
Sarah Burke	Pre-Nursing Course for N.C.V.A Certificate	Damian Haslett	Geography, University of Wales
John Butler	Ballyfermot S.C.	Keith Hatfield	Sailing Instructors Course, Dun Laoghaire
Kenneth Byrne	Mathematics and Economics, T.C.D.	Shwan Henari	Rathmines S.C.
Leo Byrne	6U, HSD.	Craig Hill	Microsoft, Walkinstown
Julien Caillabet	PLC Art and Design, Inchicore V.E.C.	Graham Hill	Seeking employment
Jonathan Cambell	Hotel Management, Portrush Catering College	Nicola Hodgkinson	Child Care Course, Liberties V.S.
Isolda Carmody	Commerce, U.C.D.	Gareth Hopkins	6U, H.S.D.
Erica Clarke	Philosophy and English, T.C.D.	Trevor Hughes	Apprentice Painter-Decorator
Rachel Clarke	Business, Technology and French	Susanne Irbld	Studying in Sweden.
Gavin Cobbe	Ashfield College, Templeogue	Sharon Jackson	Philosophy and Sociology, T.C.D.
Nicholas Cogan	6U, HSD.	Lisa Jewell	Classical Studies and English, T.C.D.
Thomas Cooney	Business Course, Tallaght R.T.C.	Wendy Kane	Business Studies, D.I.T.
Scott Cooper	Computers and Management, Ballyfermot S.C.	Rory Kavanagh	Metal Fabricator, Noel Whelan and Sons
Ivan Costello	Science, Aberdeen University	John Lawlor	Science, U.C.D.
Georgina Devitt	Rathmines Senior College	Andrea Laughlin	Nursing, Adelaide Hospital
Sarah Dunn	Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics, Maynooth	Claire Lewis	European Languages, Letterkenny R.T.C.
Ian Ellis	Childcare and Montessori course, Liberties Voc. College.	David Long	Computer Applications, D.C.U.
Emma Fitzpatrick	Science, U.C.D.	Peter Love	Engineering, D.I.T.
Aeveen Fleming	6U, HSD.	Garret Lyons	Management Trainee, Quinnsnorth
	Portfolio Course prior to Art College	Gary Lyons	Management Science, T.C.D.
		Lindsay Maidment	Dundrum V.E.C.
		Rebecca Martin	Colaiste Phiarraig, Lucan
		Guy McClintock	Science, U.C.D.
		Stephanie McConnell	Science, R.T.C. Tallaght.
		Ross McCulloch	Computer Studies, U.C.D.
		Adrian McDowell	Dundrum V.E.C.
		Adrienne McElwain	Ashfield College, Templeogue
		Julie McGouran	Murray Consultants (Public Relations)

Clare McGrath

Fintan McGrogan

Stephen McKenna

Leo McKenna-James

Simon McMullan

Peter Moffett

Ruth Naughton

Jonathan Nicholson

Liam Noone

Vanessa O'Reilly

Ruth O'Shea

Susan Plummer

Glenn Rainsford

Rachel Reid

Caitriona Rice

Robert Russell

Louis Scott

Alison Shaw

Stephen Sheldon

Naomi Smith

Wendy Strong

Christopher Swift

Jamie Tanner

Berkeley Vincent

Colin Walsh

Ian Walsh

Robert Walsh

Caroline Walsh

Scott Watson

Phillippa Wilkes

Mark Williams

Vanessa Williamson

Joseph Wiltshire

Rebecca Woolfson

Jeremy Wright

Computer Science,

Manchester City

6U, H.S.D.

Liberty Air Technology

Drama Studies, T.C.D.

Physiology, Manchester

University

PLC Art Course, Dundrum

V.E.C.

B.E.S.S., T.C.D.

Science, U.C.D.

Rathmines S.C.

Beautician Course.

Beauty Therapy, Dun

Laoghaire S.C.

Dundrum, V.E.C.

Rathmines S.C.

Spanish and Italian,

T.C.D.

Studying in Spain prior to

entering U.C.D.

Auctioneering Course,

Ballsbridge

Rathmines S.C.

Social Science, U.C.D.

P.L.C. (Engineering),

Dundrum V.E.C.

Arts, U.C.D.

Business Studies, D.I.T

Dundrum V.E.C.

English and Classical

Studies, T.C.D.

Marketing, D.I.T.

Project Control

Specialist, Morgan Grenfell

Rural Environment

Management, Cranfield

University

Marketing Certificate,

D.I.T.

N.C.A.D.

Rathmines S.C.

Science, U.C.D.

Portrush Catering College

Science, U.C.D.

Foundation Art Course,

Stillorgan

Childcare Course,

Liberties Voc. School

Business Studies, D.I.T.

6th Upper

Niamh Aherne

Donagh Anglim

Paul Black

Stuart Butler

Richard Carrick

Raymond Cosgrove

Michael Farrelly

Gemma Feldman

Hilary Foley

Tanya Francis

Emily Gallagher

Ciara Galvin

Elizabeth Gunn

Andrew Hamilton

Mairead Hayden

Lesley Hobson

Ciaran Kelly

Eimer Kenny

Heidi Kinsella

Wendy Lipson

Brian Mc Loughlin

Ben Merchant

David Menton

Michelle Roberts

Liam Ryan

Sinead Ryan

Caroline Tobin

Speech Therapy, Leeds

Marketing and Admin.,

Mountjoy Square

Computer Studies,

Waterford R.T.C.

Trainee Manager, Burger

King

Computer Studies,

Tallaght R.T.C.

Business and Sports Sc.,

Waterford R.T.C.

In Employment

Science U.C.D.

Auctioneering, D.I.T.

Arts, Maynooth

A levels, Mount St.

Year Off

In Austria

Commerce, U.C.D.

Psychology, North

London University

Veterinary Medicine,

U.C.D.

Business Studies, N.C.I.R.

Science, T.C.D.

Medicine, T.C.D.

Germanic Languages,

T.C.D.

Sports Science,

Ringsend

Classical Studies and

Theology, T.C.D.

Politics and Geography,

Middlesex University

Dance, Digges Lane

Business Studies,

Portobello

Computer Studies,

Tallaght R.T.C.

Law, Griffith College

MR. R. WALLACE

Mr. R. Wallace retires from teaching in The High school after a long and distinguished career. Mr. R. Miller and Mr. J. Hickey, colleagues of Mr. Wallace, pay their tributes to the man with whom they have taught for many years.

To most pupils reading this, 40 years seems like a lifetime. That is the length of time Mr. Wallace has taught in High School, and they have been years of service to the school and its pupils. He has given unselfishly of his time and talents, and many former pupils have reason to be grateful for his sound teaching, his wise advice and his warm friendship.

As a teacher of History and English, Ronnie Wallace has informed and inspired many through his knowledge and love of these subjects. He has always been thorough in his preparation and precise in his detailed presentation of his lessons. His clarity of thought and ability to find the right word are the envy of his pupils and admired by his colleagues.

However, Mr. Wallace has always been a teacher of pupils rather than subjects. For this reason he was an obvious choice to be one of the first Year Heads for the senior classes, and he continued in that role until last year. His door was always open to pupils with problems and he treated them with a sympathetic but firm hand. He set high standards, expected high standards, and usually got high standards.

He has enriched the school in many ways because of his broad view of education. In the 1960's he revived the Debating Society. This in turn led in recent years to pupils attending the Model United Nations and going abroad to the European Youth Parliament. His interest in the Arts led him to found a Gramophone Society and to bring the pupils to Radio Eireann orchestral concerts. For a number of years he organised visits to Stratford on Avon to attend Royal Shakespearean Company Performances. Badminton and tennis are now firmly established among the games offered, but it was Mr. Wallace who helped introduce them into the school and helped their growth.

However his chief interest has been on the literary side. He was in charge of the school library for many years until the appointment of a full time librarian. Another task that he undertook was in connection with the Erasmian & Diocesan Times. This is the first edition for a

considerable number of years that has not been under his guiding hand. He would say it was the pupils who edited and produced the magazine, but they would readily acknowledge his help and influence.



Yes, forty years have indeed been a lifetime, but a rich and varied one, generously given to enriching the lives of others. To his colleagues Ronnie has been a good friend and wise councillor. When the Staff were given representation on the Board of Governors, Ronnie was one of the first to be elected. We thank him for all he has done in High School, and wish him many, many happy years of retirement.

RJM.

A FIRST ENCOUNTER REMEMBERED

I was little more than a boy when I joined the staff as a student teacher in 1970. On my first day one of the older teachers mistook me for a Sixth Upper pupil and was on the point of giving me a detention for walking into the staffroom without permission. After that I was somewhat in awe of these older guys and was a little worried when I received word from a boy named Larry McEntee, himself an Upper Sixth student, that a certain Mr. Wallace wished to see me about Chemistry books for the library. Was he likely to threaten me with detention, too, I wondered.

I made my way to the staff dining room and asked someone to point out Mr. Wallace to me. I plucked up enough courage to address the man but quickly discovered that far from being a threatening ogre, Ronnie Wallace was in fact a kind, good-humoured, quiet-spoken, self-effacing individual who treated a young teacher as an equal, and reminded me of the man who years previously had inspired me to become a teacher. Ronnie has been an inspiration to many of us over the years, and we wish him well in his retirement.

John Hickey

Classics

The High School is one of the schools in the country who have decided to have Classical Studies as a steady part of their curriculum rather than just an optional subject that is pursued by the pupil in their own time (as is the case in some schools). It is basically the study of Ancient Greece and anything to do with it, but Architecture, Sculpture and Literature are the three main topics that we concentrate on in class. The subject, for me at any rate, is one of interest rather than an academic pursuit. Ever since I was old enough to understand them, I have always enjoyed Greek stories and myths and so I thought that it would be wise to study a subject for my Leaving Certificate that I actually enjoyed. Our class is relatively small, with only eleven people in it, but this isn't a hindrance, as discussion flows much more easily because each one of us always gets a chance to air our opinion on whatever we are studying.

One of the books that we study is Homer's, 'The Odyssey'. This book recounts the tale of the adventures of Odysseus and the epic journey he undertakes to return to his homeland from which he finds himself far flung. This book contains a story that is well over 2,000 years old. It is interesting to study something that wasn't actually written to be studied in a school, but which was written simply to entertain people.

Apart from the study of classical literature in the shape of ancient plays by Sophocles and Euripedes, we also study in-depth the structure of Greek society in the ancient world, the architecture found there and the (sometimes incredible) sculpture that has been associated with the Greeks. Overall, the subject is one of great interest, which contains something that will appeal to the person who decides to study it.

Although our class isn't that full, the subject itself has proven popular with the people who study it and, in our opinion, it should be a consistent part of our curriculum as long as people have an interest for it.

Loughlin McSweeney 5th
Karl O'Malley 5th
Claire Cauldwell 5th

The Computer Room

The High School is one of the lucky schools in the country to be equipped with a fully functional local area network of 27 PC's, 10 of which run under the power of a 486 processor which, for a school, is a very comfortable speed for doing many tasks such as complex calculations, word processing and desktop publishing. This year's Erasmian has been collated and fully presented using Aldus Pagemaker 5 which is a relatively new addition to the list of software we have available for such tasks. A flat-bed scanner is now also available to ALL pupils so images can be scanned into any articles that they write on the computers, allowing for the most professional looking presentations (the only restriction to how good your documents look is your imagination). Of course, with 'Multimedia' being the latest computer-related craze, we have equipped ourselves with a powerful 486 PC running at 66 MHz which has a double-speed CD-ROM drive. Therefore, all the latest software packages (such as the huge Encarta Multimedia Encyclopaedia) are now accessible to us within seconds. Full stereo sound also emanates from this computer by way of a 16-bit SoundBlaster sound card, which adds great dimension to the static and motion pictures that are found on CD-ROM disks.

The computer room is most beneficial to the Transition year. There are classes in Word Processing, Computer Aided Design, Touch Typing and Music (using the 6 Miracle Midi-Keyboards linked to the network). The computers are often used as a peripheral teaching tool. For example, Bodyworks is a complex package about human physiology which has over 2,000 pictures, and practically endless text relating to the subject. The Computer Room now has the ability to make class teaching much less of a strain by allowing the teacher to project what is on their monitor onto a large screen at the top of the class using a new projecting system which has been in use since September. It is, according to many teachers, a welcome addition to the network.

Of course, with all this fantastic machinery you would expect High School to have little else to pursue in the way of technological advances, but we are now fully on-line and have complete access to the Internet via Ireland-On-Line's gateway.

The computer room, in general, is used mainly by pupils who have to get projects typed up or who have to complete some other school related work such as essays. The room is put to good use by everyone from the first years right up to the sixth formers. It has grown immensely in popularity since it was opened in 1991.

The software we now use to run the network and to keep everything up and running is called Novell and is one of the best network managing software packages avail-

able. Last year we were using Lansmart, and we now realise that this was greatly inferior to the flexibility that Novell offers us. Of course, all 27 of the workstations (and the fileserver) are Irish made by Clissmanns who are located in Dublin and offer schools like ours a great service.

The whole operation is watched closely by the scrupulous eye of Mr. Hilliard who keeps a book of ALL offenders who dare to step over the line when it comes to his rules for using the computer room. I've found myself in that book on numerous occasions but that's another story...

Loughlin McSweeney - 5th

Christian Union

"He gives strength to those who are tired and more power to those who are weak.

Even children become tired and need to rest, and young people trip and fall.

But the people who trust the Lord will become strong again. They will rise up as an eagle in the sky; they will run and not need rest; they will walk and not become tired."

Isaiah 40:29-31.

These three verses truly express how we as a group have felt this year. Contrary to what many people think, Christians, are actually human with the same feelings and strength as anybody else.

Many times our group has met with people feeling anxiety, tension, disappointment, uncertainty, and have left with a sense of belonging, a sense of friendship but more importantly a sense of peace, knowing that when we put our trust in God, he is faithful and will guide us in every step of our life.

Many people throughout the school wonder why do these people meet in C8 consistently every Monday afternoon during lunch-break. Well, as a group, we decided at the beginning of the year to have a time of discussion, prayer and a time to study God's word. As a group of students we needed to know how we could grow closer to God and put our trust in him in every situation in school and at home.

We are very grateful to Josh and Debbie Walker, who gave us a lot of encouragement from their tremendous talks, especially on "Prayer". A discussion followed which showed us that prayer is very powerful. God will always hear us when we call to Him. He is faithful and will always answer us. He is a true friend who is always there

for us.

Another speaker was Sean Mallarkey (Scripture Union Officer) who spoke on Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman (John 4). He pointed out to us that God will always guide us in every direction of our life when we seek Him. He is not a distant God, but is a very personal one, and calls us to include Him in every part of our life.

Three of us attended a weekend in Avoca Manor in October for a seminar entitled "Taking a Stand". The speaker was Alistair Mc Niece who is a teacher in Hollywood in Co. Down. It was a great weekend and it was an opportunity for us to be in contact with other C.U.'s throughout Leinster.

We did venture out of C8 to B7 to debate the motion that "This House Believes That There Is Life After Death?". A wide range of views were expressed but finally it came to an end, and I can happily say we won our debate this year!!!! Our thanks go to the Debating Society for a fantastic debate.

I want to take this time to give our hearty thanks to Miss Ritchie who has always helped us, encouraged us, and been there for us when we needed her. Thanks a Bunch!!!. Our thanks also to Mr. Hickmott for the use of his room every Monday afternoon.

So, over the past year we have met every Monday afternoon and Thursday morning. We spend this time to learn about God, to pray to Him and to talk with one another on different issues. We acknowledge that Jesus is alive and is always with us wherever we go, but more importantly we know that He was crucified for each and everyone of us.

I challenge any pupil who is reading this, to come along sometime and find out for yourself what it is all about. Believe me, you won't regret it!!!

Ruth Harley

Young Scientists

Congratulations to **Cynthia Taylor**, who received joint 3rd prize in the Young Science Writers Competition this year. This is an extract from her essay, *Toxocara* and *Toxocariasis*.

Toxocara Canis is the roundworm of a dog. *Toxocariasis* is a zoonotic infection which is caused by *Toxocara* Larvae. It can cause loss of sight in an eye. This parasite has an unusual life cycle. Adult *Toxocara* worms are found in the intestine of the host and one female produces about 2,000 eggs per day. 10 to 14 days after being passed, the eggs become infective.

When a puppy ingests infective eggs, the eggs hatch in the small intestine, releasing larvae which invade the intestinal wall and migrate into the lungs. Eventually the larvae will be coughed up into the throat, swallowed and will thereby reach the intestine where they will develop into adult worms.

In bitches some larvae may lie dormant in the tissues and reactivate in the sixth week of pregnancy and may migrate across the placenta to infect the puppies in the uterus. Some reactivated larvae migrate to the mammary gland and are transmitted to the puppies in the bitch's milk.

Other animal hosts, including humans, become infected mainly by the digestion of infective eggs. Infection can also result from animal products which are infected with *Toxocara* larvae, especially uncooked food, being ingested. *Toxocara* larvae migrate through the body and a larva can become trapped in almost all the structures of the eye. It causes retinal granula which occurs in the central or peripheral part of the retina. Loss of vision in the acute phase of the illness is related to the proximity of the granula to the macula or the severity of inflammation. Fibrosis and the development of retinal traction bands can follow granula formation and may result in complete loss of vision in the affected eye. It is very rare for both eyes to be affected.

Toxocara larvae can migrate through all the tissues of the body including the lung, liver, brain and heart. You can also get Visceral Larva Migrans and Covert *Toxocariasis*. In Visceral Larva Migrans the patient develops cough, wheeze, fever, enlarged lymph nodes and a marked rise in the eosinophil cells in the blood. The patient may also suffer from anaemia and pneumonia.

Another condition called Covert (hidden) *Toxocariasis* has been described with vague symptoms such as abdominal pain and headache and a raised *Toxocara* titre. It has also been found that children with asthma are more likely to have a raised *Toxocara* titre. It is not clear whether the *Toxocara* infection has provoked the asthma or whether children who develop asthma produce antibodies to

Toxocara larvae more easily than the rest of the population.

Toxocara infection is diagnosed by using an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) which detects antibodies to the *Toxocara* larvae. It doesn't, however, distinguish between active and inactive infection.

In Ireland, a recent study of 2129 children was carried out and 31% of the children were found to have antibodies to *Toxocara* larvae indicating infection. No one knows how common *Toxocara* infection eye disease is in Europe, but no cases were found in this study of 2129 children. A very large national study is underway to find out how common this eye disease is in Ireland. One report on the United States of America gave an estimate of one case per thousand children but there are no other reported estimates for this disease.

European Youth Parliament

The selection conference for this years European Youth Parliament summits in Greece and Cyprus was held in Sancta Maria College in Ballyroan over the weekend of the 9th and 10th of March. Four High School students took part. They were Justin Cramp, James Croke, Gavin Furney and Hugh O' Connor, all in fifth form.

Justin chose the External Economic Relations Committee which discussed Federalism and whether states could survive on their own in today's Europe. Their answer was no, and their resolution was a practical outline for a European Union with all the states retaining their sovereignty.

James was on the development and co-operation committee, resolving to train and equip poorer Eastern European and Third world countries in helping themselves in a practical way. Mysteriously James' plan to legalise hard drugs in Europe to help the third world economies got omitted from the resolution sheet.

Gavin was on the Education, Youth, Culture and the Media Committee. They resolved for every one in Europe to learn to speak at least three languages. They planned to do this through nurturing a love of language, rather than by force, as is the system in today's schools.

Finally I was on the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee. We had to debate Nato's expansion into Eastern Europe and its affects on Euro-Russian relations. We proposed an integration of former Warsaw Pact countries into the proposed European defence alliance. This motion, unlike the other three was not carried, but I got some measure of revenge when I was named as a substitute for the foreign summits.

We thoroughly enjoyed our weekend and made many new friends. Thanks are due to Mr Wallace, Suzanna Coughlan, Owen Frazer and Derek Wynne for their advice, help and support.

Hugh O'Connor

Model United Nations Conference

This year's conference was held in Jury's Hotel, Ballsbridge from the 6th to the 12th of April. The High School represented the Country of Turkey in the persons of Keith Rynhart, Ambassador, Daniel Frazer, Ralph Benson and Ross Wynne.



Keith Rynhart, Ralph Benson, Daniel Frazer

The conference started on the first day with a lobbying session where our delegates tried to get some much needed support for their resolutions.

The second day began with the introductory speeches made by the Ambassador of each country represented. The Jamaican delegate tried to deafen the General Assembly with a warlike cry of Bouyaka, the meaning of which he refused to divulge. Not wanting to be out done by another country we decided our speech would also begin with a shout to awake the sleeping delegates.

By this stage of the conference it became apparent that something of an alliance between the countries of Japan and Turkey was forming due to the amount of notes being passed between the two delegations. The conference ended with the disco held in St Andrews College on the Friday night. At this disco we had the chance to say goodbye to the people we had met.

This year there was a problem getting people who were interested in attending this conference to come forward and make themselves known. If anyone is interested in attending next years conference please give their names to either Mr. Wallace or Keith Rynhart.

Keith Rynhart



Study Skills Seminar

At 9:30 a.m. in the morning on Saturday 20th April, 1996 fifty-seven tired, grumpy and intellectually frustrated 5th years arrived at the school to take part in a Study Skills Seminar. The majority of us were there by our own choice, but a few of us had been forced to go by our parents. The idea of a Study Seminar on a Saturday afternoon was not too appealing, yet we all knew that it was a good idea to be there.

We were divided into two groups and introduced to our lecturers, Rory and Stephen. The day was split up into sessions of 40 minute lectures, with both groups swapping rooms and instructors for each lecture. The classes were fairly relaxed, and surprisingly enough, they were interesting as well. We covered six main topics during the day, beginning with goal setting, i.e. learning how to achieve realistic goals. Next came time management which was found to be the main problem with most students, but was resolved when we were shown how to design a very effective study timetable. The next class was on note-taking, which also proved to be a large obstacle for many students. In this we were again shown two effective methods.

After a break for lunch (tea and coffee were generously provided by Kate Draper and Rebecca Manley) we returned to our classrooms for what many people considered to be the best section-narrative essay writing. We were given plenty of helpful hints on how to improve our essay techniques. Another change of classrooms brought us to the area of exam techniques, which many students had found to be their downfall in the Christmas Exams. The final topic covered was study methods which summarised the course, and allowed us to put all we had learned into use.

A survey was carried out which showed that a huge majority found it very useful, and would advise a friend to go. Many people thought that it should have been done at an earlier stage in the school, if not in Transition Year, and that a two day course would have been more beneficial.

On behalf of the students who attended, we would like to thank Mr. Hickmott (known to some of us as "JH") for organising the seminar, and to Rory and Stephen for all their help and advice.

H.ON & V.C.

Debating Report

After a slow start, the Debating Society has once again proved itself to be alive and kicking within the school. Once the more vocal amongst you realised that unless you took action, the same faces would keep appearing at the front of B7 each week, a whole host of new debaters came forward. What's more, they brought their friends with them, swelling our somewhat depleted audiences to new and unprecedented heights.

The Debating Society is your chance to express your views within the school. If you'll excuse the cliché, it can only be as good as you are willing to make it. Even if you don't want to speak do come along to support the debaters. Remember, it's not everywhere that can boast free lunchtime entertainment. I am writing from experience when I say that debating boosts your confidence enormously, along with your ability to communicate your ideas to other people.

Other minor setbacks to our debates have been instances such as the FAI announcing Mick McCarthy as the new Irish manager, the night before our own Balloon Debate in which Mary Robinson, Ross Wynne, Postman Pat and the man himself announced their candidature. How inconsiderate!

Teams from The High School participated in several debating competitions. Fionn Fitzpatrick, Trudie Carroll, Sinead Fry and Ross Wynne all participated in the Leinster Schools Debating Championship, and congratulations to Sinead Fry who qualified for the second round. Keith Rynhart, Daniel Frazer, Ralph Benson and Gavin Furney all participated in the immensely enjoyable Model United Nations which was held in Jurys Hotel over Easter. Last September, Derek Wynne, Laurence Simms, Susanna Coghlan and Owen Frazer attended the Irish European Youth Parliament Selection Conference. The selection conference was an invaluable experience and Owen, Derek and Susanna were all chosen to represent Ireland at the XX International European Youth Parliament in Milan last November. This just goes to show the opportunities debating can open up for you. In March, Hugh O'Connor, Justin Cramp, James Croke and Gavin Furney formed a High School team at a second Selection Conference.

Currently, the Debating Society is running a Debating Competition within the school. The high level of entries and enthusiastic response we've received promises several challenging and emotive debates.

I would like to thank all those who have been active in the Debating Society this year, the committee, the speakers, and the audiences who have given up their time and energy to ensure that debating remains alive and well within the school. Above all, though, I would like to thank the man who has acted as Mentor to the Debating Society. Yes, of course, it's you Mr. Wallace! The time,

commitment, enthusiasm and friendship Mr. Wallace has shown to the society and its members will be sorely missed. His advice and support have proven to be invaluable and the part he has played in promoting debating within the school will make him a hard act to follow.

Finally, the Old Boys Medal for Debating was awarded to Trudie Carroll.

Derek Wynne

Junior Debating Society

I think it is safe to say that has been the most successful year for the Junior Debating Society since its foundation.

Perhaps the most memorable debate was 'Cantona Slipped', during which Eric's autograph mysteriously appeared... 'OJ's Innocent' was another controversial debate, but over the last year everyone has heard enough about Mr. Simpson to last a lifetime, so no more shall be said about him!

Apart from carrying out weekly debates, three members (Jennifer Mayne, Rayne Booth and Jenni Daly) competed in The University Women Graduates' Association Public Speaking Competition.

Our team succeeded in winning the Leinster heat and went on to represent TCD in the All-Ireland final, due, very much, to the help and support of Ray Ryan, Shelly Horan, Des Ryan and, of course, Mr. D. 'BEWLEYS' Miller, (NO! We haven't forgotten!). Thanks to all of you!

Throughout all the arguments and heated discussions, somehow we all managed to remain friends and enjoy ourselves too!

Jenni Daly - Hon. Secretary



GREASE

In May of '95, a meeting was held to form a committee to choose a play for the soon-to-be 5th years. After much debating, we came to the conclusion that we would do a musical because this would involve a multitude of people. Grease was then decided on which pleased most people.

Auditions began at the end of fourth year. We knew there was a lot of work to be done so we started early.

they should have. A hectic timetable was made, which involved rehearsing for most of the mid-term. It was then that the whole play came together. The construction of the stage was just finished, nearly all the dances had been modified and perfected and the acting and singing was just about ready, with all the actors knowing their lines off by heart.

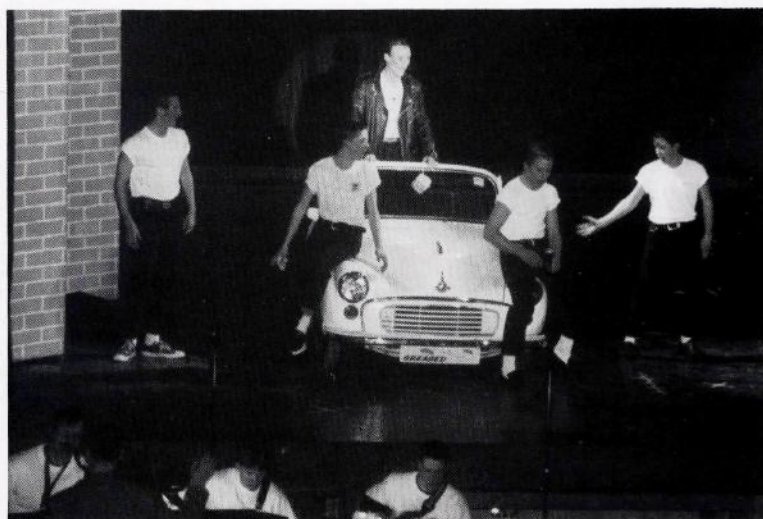
When we returned from mid-term there was only a week until the show began. The last costumes were organised, everyone was looking the part and the spirit of Rydell High was coming alive.

Show week arrived and the lights and sound were installed. Technical and dress rehearsals were hard work and the opening night flew in. Nerves were fraught and tension was high but when the curtain opened it was all forgotten and the enjoyment of the limelight prevailed. When the first scene was over, everyone relaxed and got into the swing of things. The rest of the show ran smoothly as it did for the next two nights.

Everyone was thrilled with the end result, and though happy to be relieved from the frantic work, were disappointed that it was all over.

We would like to thank Mrs. Milne and everyone who helped with the play for their time and dedication.

Kate Lyons, producer / stage manager



By the time fifth year had started we were well under way. The cast was chosen quickly and the difficult, but exciting task, of rehearsals began. Rehearsal timetables were made out where we tried to suit everyone.

The choreographers, Sarah Marcus and Aimee Harris, began making up dances and teaching them to the enthusiastic cast. This was not an easy job as there was sometimes fifty people to be co-ordinated on the stage at once.

The construction crew, headed by Robbie Hamillton, began work, painting scenery and making furniture and props.

Colourful ideas for costumes were being invented by the costume crew and the cast themselves.

As mid-term approached, things were not looking as good as



The Debs

Preparation began in September '94 when the new sixth year elected a committee who would have the onerous task of organising a memorable and enjoyable night for 150 people. The committee of eight began collecting information on various hotels, bands, D.J.'s, and coach companies. Over the next few months we toured most of the country looking at hotels, listening to bands and sitting in buses. In mid February, after many hours of careful consideration, we finally decided that The Keadean Hotel in Newbridge would be the venue, a band named Juniper would provide the live entertainment and David Lesware, the Old Wesley D.J., would be the man responsible for the all-night disco. The only thing left to do was to organise the tickets and encourage people to come. We began to sell the tickets just after the Easter break and although sales were a little slow at first they really picked up as people found out what a great night was in store.

Finally the night, and the nerves of a certain eight people were a bit frayed but when everyone began to arrive we calmed down. A reception had been organised in the Reynolds Hall for both debutantes and parents alike. There was much modelling and twirls to show off the many extravagant styles, but it was all put on hold when a "stretched limo" drove through the gates and a young lady (who will remain nameless) stepped out with a greeting of "Howayez" and the laughter duly erupted. Wine and snacks were served and this added to the jovial mood of the evening.

After the photos had been taken we all boarded the buses and were on our way. The excitement had almost reached fever pitch by the time we had arrived, and it was shaping up to be a great night. After the pre-dinner drink we were served our three course meal and then the entertainment began. There were fears that a band might not be able to move the crowd as well as a D.J. might, but that changed when Juniper got on to the stage. Within minutes they had everyone on the dance-floor. By the end of their set the band had us all doing the "hokey-kokey" (a sight to behold!). After two requested encores and much praise and applause Juniper left the stage. It was then time for the D.J. to dance us into the wee hours of the morning. We danced until we were fit to drop and then we danced some more. Eventually it came time to leave, so we got our things together, boarded the buses and headed for Bewley's on Grafton Street for breakfast. When we got off the buses at St. Stephen's Green it was apparent that some of us were a little worse for wear, but we struggled down Grafton Street on the promise of black coffee and of course the mandatory fry. Soon it was time for some to leave and so goodbyes were said and we went our separate ways. Some went home to bed others on to parties, but nobody left unhappy. We received many compliments and praise on the evening and so I would like to thank everybody who helped to organise such an enjoyable and successful night.

Thanks to all who attended, to the very patient Mr. Benson, to Mr. Wallace, our year-head, for all his time, assistance and effort, and finally to the committee whose time and planning made for such a successful event.

The Committee:

Julie McGouran
Gail Bovenizer
Ruth Naughton
Vanessa Williamson

Garret Lyons
Leo McKenna-James
Damien Haslett
Liam Noone

Garret Lyons

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The 52nd Annual General Meeting of the High School Parents' Association (HSPA) was held in October and the committee elected for 1995/96 was Rex Coughlan (President), Jan Blackwell, Leslie Hogson, Maura Fraser, Sean Lyons (Hon. Treasurer), Michael McClintock (Hon. Secretary), Joan McKee, Terry McParland, Herbie Mitchell, John Morton and Fiona Timlin.

Mr. Duffy spoke to a well attended meeting in November on "The Changing Dynamics of School Discipline and Relationships". This was a natural follow up to our participation in the process of bringing the school code of discipline up to date on "Living with Teenagers". We are very grateful to both speakers for their time and trouble.

Among other activities we have continued sponsorship of delegates to the European Youth Parliament and have added prizes for the new debating competition. We have helped with arrangements for a pilot scheme meeting between teachers and parents of Form 2 pupils. Rex Coughlan and Michael McClintock attend Board and Management Committee meetings and the full committee has met Mr. Duffy and the Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Swap Shop continued to operate successfully and we won the cricket match against the staff.

We are grateful for support and suggestions from all parents. We also greatly appreciate the support and help given to us from within the school by teaching and administrative staff and look forward to the future with confidence.

Music

An orchestra is the perfect way to learn how to make music for self-enjoyment and eventually, through performance, for the enjoyment of other people. The school orchestra has a range of instruments in very untraditional proportions which make it unique to High School. This does not restrict the orchestra in any way but challenges it. We have played arrangements of such all-time orchestral masterpieces as Beethoven's *First* and more recently Brahms' *Tragic Overture*, two pieces traditionally associated with the large hundred-strong Beethovenian dinosaur orchestras. The balance between the instruments means that we have to work harder to produce the same tone but yet end up with the unique four-flutes-to-one-violin, but not unpleasant "High School blend". The different age groups mean that the younger players obtain valuable experience by playing alongside more accomplished musicians who are also still learning.

I can think of at least six people, including myself, who hope to study Music on leaving school, and High School's musical experiences, both in-class and extra-curricular, provide an inspirational foundation, with ample opportunities to perform under expert direction on such occasions as the Annual Prizegiving Ceremony where the orchestra and choir play

alongside each other in a similar set-up to the Carol Service in Zion Church. Opportunity to perform both in these groups or as a soloist arises each year on entry to *Wesley Feis*, where the orchestra won first place this year and the Chamber orchestra (a diminished version of the regular orchestra) came second, playing Faure's *Sicilienne*. Indeed, playing these pieces, we gained 140 marks out of a possible 150 in the annual Dept of Education examinations. Individual soloists, past and present, gain opportunities to perform publicly, notably, Nicki Sweeney, who is studying Music performance in the Guildhall College of Music, London, and played Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto* in the National Concert Hall last May; Nicholas McMurphy who gave recitals as a countertenor, most notably singing one of the solo lines in Purcell's *Ode to St Cecilia* (a prescribed work for those taking Leaving Cert Music) in Trinity College Chapel last November; Gwen Masin and Richard Sweeney who have frequently performed publicly both playing quite virtuosic pieces; Freda Vora who, while only in 3rd Year, won the Wind Section of the All-Ireland *Feis Ceoil*, and many others.



Mr. Wisener, conducting the School Orchestra, during Prize-giving

Choral balance can be interesting to experiment with, but leaves you with seemingly little scope when the choral guinea pig is a twenty-strong choir of eager singers proportioned by eighteen or so "upper voices" with a mere two "supporting voices". Short of doing a more authentic performance of S S Wesley's *Blessed be the God and Father*, the traditional SATB assignment was apparently out of the question until our most flexible of conductors uncovered a solution in the form of a batch of *Old American Songs* arranged by Aaron Copland, hiding on a forgotten shelf in *Opus II*. It was in Copland's nature to become a "people's composer" by arranging songs or tunes that the relatively musically uneducated ear would recognise or could identify with. The particular minstrel song that the choir enjoyed was, although arranged in SATB format, loose enough to allow more people to sing the tune than the accompanying voices. This balance

worked equally well, although with vastly different effect, with *Laudate Nomen*, an unaccompanied motet by Christopher Tye. The simplicity of the music was reflected by a very open sound, how Baroque and pre-Baroque choral music should be sung. Singing these two pieces, we gained a noble 138 marks out of a possible 150 in the annual

Dept of Education examination. This was one of the highest marks among secondary schools in the province, obtaining us a place in the regional finals of the *Telecom Eireann Schools Choral Competition*. At the time to writing, this is due to take place in UCD later this week.

With two such resourceful groups, I wonder whether it could be possible to undertake a large scale performance involving both of them simultaneously. Although the instrumentation may not be that of a more orthodox orchestra, with the dedication shown by the conductor of the orchestra and choir, Mr Wisener, over the years, in time, I think it could be a very realistic ambition to work towards performing a Baroque cantata, to which our choral arrangement would be perfectly suited, and not outside our capabilities. I shall sorely miss both the orchestra and choir when I leave High School after my Leaving Cert.

On behalf of the choir and orchestra, I sincerely thank Mr Wisener for all the time, effort, and confidence he has

invested in us, and commend him for his ability to maximise the resources so that we, as groups, can learn to appreciate and enjoy music making for its own sake.

Liam Lyons, 6th

President's Award

The President's Award is open to pupils in Transition Year. The award consists of three standards - Bronze, Silver and Gold. There are four sections in the award. These are community involvement, personal skill, physical recreation and venture project.

In all sections, there are clear guidelines regarding the standards to be achieved and length of time for each commitment increases.

The President's Award is about setting challenges. In High School, the main emphasis is on the Bronze Award as this can be completed within the Transition Year.

In 1994/95 the following pupils were presented with the Bronze Award - Joy Beattie, Susan Carroll, Mairead Dorney, Janice Duggan, Cleona Gray, Stuart Halligan, Lucy Harrison, Ruth Harley, Emma Kenealy, Shane Keogh, Kate Lyons, Janet Mahon, Henrietta O'Neill, Patrick Tanner, Hilary Taylor, Justin Walsh, Sally Walsh and Catherine Wright.

As this year's book goes to print, the present 1995/96 Transition Year group have just completed their challenges and many of them have recently returned from a hike in the MacGillycuddy's Reeks which included climbing Carrauntouhal.

The following have completed the challenges and standards set and will receive their Bronze Award at the end of May '96: Ralph Benson, Heather Boles, Michelle Byrne, Karen Cadoo, Kate Draper, Nicola Gray, Kate Harris, Rebecca Keenan, Zoe Lipson, Gillian Lane, Rachel Mathers, Suzanne Mellon, Lynne Petrie, Jimmy Robertson, Jane Tippins and Jane Wilkinson.

Congratulations to all those who have received the award.

Mr. Swan

Charities

Before Christmas a Christmas Hamper scheme was organised in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It was organised by some fourth years, namely Kate Harris, Becky Keenan, Zoe Lipson, Rachel Mathers, Lynn Petrie and Karen Pickett. We wish to thank, Ms Beirne for her help and the use of her room and all the people who contributed so generously, teachers and pupils alike. All the food went to good use to less fortunate areas of Dublin over the festive season.

Karen Pickett 4T

Gulbenkian Gold Award

The Gulbenkian Citizenship Foundation Gold Award For Cross Border Understanding, 1995.

First Prize: European Action for the Environment Exchange Group. (The High School, Dublin; Knockbreda High School, Belfast; Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig; St. Columbanus High School, Bangor)

This was the first year that this award was presented for contributions to cross border co-operation and understanding. There were two panels of judges, one in Northern Ireland and one in the Republic of Ireland and the summary of their judgement is as follows:

"These schools have been involved in cross-border exchanges since 1988. Each exchange has an environmental as well as a cross-border theme, and they work together on a specific task with extensive follow up work afterwards. The judges were very impressed with the high level of time and effort put into this well presented submission. The project itself fulfilled all the criteria and was extremely well planned, showing high levels of pupil involvement, practical goals and tasks to be met."



Yvonne Maher, Sussanna Coghlan (High School) and Julie-Ann Hoyland, Knockbreda H.S.

High School was represented at the award ceremony in Cultra, Co. Down by Sussanna Coghlan and Yvonne Maher (form 6). These students also wrote an essay on the project which was central to the winning submission.

For High School this award is a recognition of long term co-operation of history, geography and science teachers and students, the hospitality of parents and the constant support of the school administration (especially Mr. David Benson). Mr. A.P.R. Brook took a keen interest in the development of this project in its early years and he led the first exchange visit to Belfast in 1989. Mr. Brian Duffy has continued this strong encouragement of this project.

It is pleasing to note that CO-OPERATION NORTH, which has supported us every year, has received proper recognition for its work with the announcement of The President, Mary Robinson, and Her Majesty, The Queen, as joint patrons.

P. Irwin

The Irish Page

Smaointe faoin Scoil

Ba é an chéad rud a thugamar faoi deara ná go raibh atmaisféar íontach san Ard Scoil agus go raibh sé éasca obair a dhéanamh anseo. Tá chuile dhuine an-cháirdiúil agus má bhíonn fadhb ag éinne bíonn na múinteoirí i gcónaí réidh le cabhrú leo.

Tá áiseanna spóirt na scoile ar fheabhas: trí pháirc rugbaí, trí chúirt chispheile, raon lúthchleasa, dhá pháirc chruicéid, dhá pháirc haca, halla gleacaíochta agus cúpla cúirt leadóige. I rith téarma an tsamhraidh, is féidir le dalta pluaiseadóireacht, dreapadóireacht agus kayakadóireacht a dhéanamh fosta.

Tá leabharlann mhór againn sa scoil a bhfuil na mílte leabhar inti. Is breá an áis é an seomra ríomhaireachta freisin agus istigh ansin a scríobhadh an t-alt seo. Rud antábhachtach is ea an siopa agus an réimse breá milseán atá ar fáil ann. Ag am lóin bíonn bia álainn ar díol ar phraghas réasúnta sa mbialann.

Nuair a tháinig anseo ar dtús bhí an scoil chomh mór sin is go ndeachamar ar strae cúpla uair, ach i gceann cúpla lá ní raibh fadhb ar bith againn. Níl ach cúpla seachtain fágtha go dtí deireadh na scoilbhliana agus beidh grúpa nua sa chéad bhliain. Beidh muid sa dara bliain agus ag obair go dian. Scoil íontach is ea an Ard Scoil agus tá súil againn go mbeidh am íontach againn le linn ár gcuid ama anseo.

*Cuan Ó Seireadáin 1P
James Maher 1P*

Táim an-bhródúil as bheith mar bhall den chór sár-mhaith seo atá againn san Ard Scoil. Táim ag foghlaim na céadta amhrán in éineacht leis na daltaí eile. Thaitin sé go mór linn le déanaí nuair a shroicheamar an babhta deireanach de chomortas na meán scoileanna. Bhíomar ar muin na muice an lá sin. Is mór an t-éacht a bhí ann.

Bíonn cleachtadh ar siúl againn sa seomra cheoil gach Máirt agus Déardaoin ó 12.55 go dtí 1.15

Buail isteach agus glac páirt sa chraic! Tá fáilte roimh chách!

Mary Bridgeman 1P

RANGERS

Ta mé, mo chairde, Robbie Gilbert (1D), Nathan Breen (1D), agus Robert Anton (1P), ag imirt ar fhoireann. Rangers an t-ainm atá ar an bhfoireann. Imrímid gach Máirt, Déardaoin agus Satharn. Bíonn an-spóirt againn. Tá an pháirc peile i mBusby Park. Tá na seomraí gléasta in aice leis an bpáirc peile.

Tá an geansaí gorm agus bán, tá na stocaí gorm agus tá an briste peile gorm. Nuair a thosaíonn an Samhradh beimid ag imirt chuiche gach Céadaoin agus Satharn. Gach Cáisc téimid go dtí Sasana. Feicimid dhá chluiche ghairmiúil. Imrímid dhá chluiche freisin. Téimid ar an mbád agus ar an mbus. Taitníonn an saoire agus an fhoireann go mór linn.

Scríofa ag:

Gordan Anton (1P)

Líníocht:

Luke Slott (1D)

Cabhair ó:

Robert Anton (1P), Nathan Breen (1D)



Turnaimint Rugby

Ar Domhnach Casca chuaigh foireann on Ard Scoil (Danum) go dtí Páirc Lakelands, chun imirt i dturnaimint rugbaí faoi 12 bliain d'aois. Bhí Danum agus dhá fhoireann eile, Terenure R.F.C. U-12's agus Newcastle Staffs R.F.C. U-12's, ag imirt. Bhí 15 nóiméad ingach leath. Bhí an chead cluich againn in aghaidh Newcastle. Bhí siad beag agus bhí níos mó taithí acu mar bhí siad ag imirt le bliain. Nuair a bhí siad críochnaithe bhí an bua acu 25-10. Ansin bhuaigh Newcastle in aghaidh Terenure.

Tar éis tamaill bhuamar in aghaidh Terenure 25-10. Sa chluiche ceannais bhí 6 ó Danum agus 6 ó Terenure in aghaidh 12 ó Newcastle. Bhuaigh Newcastle, agus mar sin bhuaigh siad an turnaimint. Bhí Danum sa dara áit. Ina dhiadh sin d'itheamar i MacDonalads agus fuaireamar boinn agus corn.

Ben Okonji agus Adam Hutchinson (1W)

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RUGBY

SENIOR CUP TEAM QUARTER FINALISTS 1995/96



SCT

(B-R) M. Nolan, D. Nicholson, D. Finlay, S. Wynne, A. Hilliard, A. McKee, A. Whelan, M. Craven, N. Keenan,
G. McGouran, D. Manley

Mr. Cole, M. King, S. Keogh, T. McDonald, D. Bell (Capt.), P. Campbell, P. Forde, J. Hanan, Mr. Wright
G. Flower, S. Koya, A. Smyth, J. Griffin, R. McNally, P. Kirwan.

This year's Senior Cup Team had an encouraging start to the season. We played in the Leinster Schools' League but unfortunately did not qualify for the playoffs. Despite this set back, there was good feeling among the team after some good games against King's Hospital and Newbridge who defeated us by five points (the latter being runners up in the Leinster Senior Cup). As the season continued, the team began to develop and a very encouraging mid-season win over King's College, Worcester, sent spirits rising through the camp. With all players beginning to find form and a good cup draw, the team began to look better and better. Our last match before the cup was against Campbell College where we played very well but were beaten 27 - 17. Unfortunately we suffered a big set back in that match. Our number 8, Alan Hilliard, had to be stretchered off with torn ligaments in his knee which meant he would be out of action for the Cup. However Mick King took on the role of number 8 and did a very adequate job there. In the months leading up to Christmas and beyond the team enjoyed winning on average about 70% of all games.

At last the Cup. We drew with Kilkenny in the first round of the cup and on a bitter day at Belfield we defeated them 6 - 0. Despite a gallant effort the team had to rely on our Out-half, David Bell, to put the six points on the board. Our next match was against De La Salle, Churchtown, at Lakelands. All fifteen players played extremely well that day. However, Alex McKee, our 6'7" second row, deserves a special mention. He opened the scoring with a try in the first half and cleaned up in the line out all through the game. Within the last ten minutes Derek Nicholson barged over in the corner for the final try of the match. Once again, David Bell converted both tries and also got a penalty during the first half which saw the final score 15 - 3 in our favour. This win brought us through to the Quarter Finals of the Leinster Cup to play against Clongowes at Donnybrook. In the opening half the team looked encouraging. However, two small mistakes cost us two tries and at half time we were 15 - 0 down. It was only late in the second half when the team began to play as they had been playing all season. A late try and conversion by Bell was the only consolation of the day.

Unfortunately the final score was 25 - 7, a score which did not truly reflect the match.

Finishing up, I would like to thank Mr. D. Cole and Mr. D. Wright and also Mr. R. Walker who all played a part in progressing the team to this stage and also a big thank you to the players themselves whose dedication throughout the year was superb.

*Gary McGouran
Rugby Secretary - 1995/1996*

Second XV Rugby '95 - '96

Our season got off to a tremendous start when we beat Templeogue College by 27 - 7. This was followed closely by a 31 - 7 victory over Pres. Bray, with Said "Jonah" Koya scoring a hat-trick of tries. We then had to face Blackrock with nine players due to a particularly weak turn out. They didn't exactly show mercy.

We then narrowly lost to C.B.C., Monkstown on a cold wet day on which our preferred open rugby game was almost impossible to play. Our first home match of the season was a 47 - 0 thrashing of Dundalk Grammar School. We then scraped home by 6 - 3 against Wesley College in an excellent and tight game.

After Christmas we entered into a tough league campaign, being drawn against Blackrock, Belvedere and

Columba's College. We were unfortunate in all three games, the bounce of the ball costing us the matches.

Throughout the season we tried to keep the same team together. When this was not possible we had a wealth of players who were always willing to lend a hand. Our front row was Chris "Mr Dependable" Nicholson who played every single game this season, Dan Manley was also extremely reliable and hardworking in the mauls and Said Koya, who got most of our tries from hooker. Ed "Grandad" Moynan was the voice of experience on the pitch and Johnny "Rocky" Allison were our second rows. Adam Whelan, Johnny Hanan and Paddy Tanner were the back row, providing powerful, punching runs from the scrums and mauls. Graham Flower was our excellent scrum half, who passed brilliantly all season. Out half was Robbie Kiernan who set up some great attacks with his quick thinking. Centres Nick "Domestos Head" Keenan and Ian Marconi were strong runners who released our wingers with ease. We had many wingers throughout the season, including Stuart Halligan, Jeff Griffin, Gareth Hopkins, Trevor Steedman, John Fogarty, John Scales, Bruce Wardrop and Robbie Hamilton. Finally, I played full-back and took the kicks with varying degrees of success.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Cole, Wright, Walker and to Ross Staunton for their help and encouragement throughout the year.

Hugh O'Connor

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Mr. Cole, G. Flower, D. Manley, N. Keenan, H. O'Connor, J. Scales, J. Hanan, J. Griffin, C. Nicholson
G. Hopkins, S. Koya, The Ball, S. Halligan, T. Steadman*

Old Wesley Rugby Club

When I was asked to write an article on the connections between High School and Old Wesley Rugby Club, I found that nothing of a formal nature would be available to me and so it has proved. In the history of Old Wesley in its centenary year I could find no direct reference to the school.

In all honesty this is a pity because there is no doubt that the contribution from High School Old Boys has been immense.

When I joined Wesley in 1970 there were three main alternatives for boys from High School. These were Wanderers, Wesley and the Universities. The rivalry between Wanderers and Wesley was intense in the '60's, '70's and up to the mid-'80's. Most of the honours went to Wanderers. Wesley as underdogs had almost a hatred of their opponents. Most of the time the winners used to see Wesley with indifference, "Just not rated old chap".

However, it was High School's most famous rugby old boy, Philip Orr, who captained Old Wesley to a famous triumph over Wanderers in the 1985 Cup Final and I do not think it is an exaggeration to say that this win transformed us in terms of belief in ourselves. Philip's leadership in that year cannot be underestimated. Ian Burns was out-half on the Wanderers side and was one player that was highly respected if not universally loved by the opposition. I do remember he was most generous in defeat.

In 1970 two players joined with me who gave an immense contribution to Old Wesley and still do. Doug McCoy, who is coaching the U 20's at present, and Dave Priestman, who is a senior selector and was on that cup winning side.

Since then we have been in the All Ireland League First Division and Andy Blair and Derek Vincent were instrumental in keeping us there. Vinno gained the respect of everyone in the way he coped with the physical pressure put on him. Andy Blair was as important to the club as Chris Pim is now.

More recently, I was coach of the U 19's in the year that John Caird, Gary Jacobs, Warren Bell, Andy Allen and Matt King joined. I am not sure that I can forgive Derek Cole for not forewarning me for what I was about to receive. Matt in particular has come through the ranks this season and is playing as well as anyone in our first XV and with great discipline. He also played for Leinster.



There are plenty of individual names I have omitted not because they have not contributed but because there are too many to mention. If Phil Orr contributed to senior rugby, I have to mention Eric Boyle. There is no doubt in my mind that he has been the major influence at junior level, both on and off the field.

In summary the connection is very strong and Old Wesley relies heavily on its intake from High School. We are not overt in our recruitment methods because we be-

lieve that guys should make their own decisions. We would like to ask Derek Cole and David Wright (we don't mention his Wesley career) to send their players to Wesley and would say that anyone who comes down to Donnybrook would be assured of a real welcome.

Derek, what is Warren Bell's younger brother like?

Peter Acton (Old Wesley)

High School Supporters

A great year for High School rugby and a great year from the supporters point of view as well (i.e. we got to go to more than one match). From the side line it was great to see the fire in the bellies of the fifteen men on the field being displayed at both J.C.T. and S.C.T. levels. What the teams themselves must have noticed was an impressive High School support crew which increased in number and volume as the cup campaign progressed.

This was made possible through the efforts of a few boyos, namely Johnny Scales, Mark Homan, Justin Brown, Shane Keogh, Alan Hilliard, myself and not forgetting to mention the supporters themselves who were A1. The necessary ends of the grounds were obtained by these men in a bellowing mass of red and black and H.S.D. grasped the attention of all involved in the Leinster Cup once again.

At the start of the campaign traditional High School

supporting tactics were implemented such as flag wielding drive-bys, half-time drama entertainment and half-time flag-bearing leaps of honour. But Leinster Cup history was made in later games as brand new tactics were unveiled to the world. New unique goings on such as setting off black and red smoke bombs, much bauran and drum-beating and of course the secret weapon, the mammoth High School flag, measuring six yards by three yards courtesy of Mr. Benson, Mrs. Timlin and Mrs. Campbell which was passed over the heads of the crowd. A true carnival atmosphere was savoured by all.

John Fogarty and Ian Marconi were instrumental on both drum and Bodhran. No other school in the cup matched these extravagant proceedings, although one local school in particular tried to copy our 'Be Aggressive' chant but failed somewhat when they couldn't manage to spell the word 'aggressive'.

In any case, I think good craic was had by all those who attended including the mums who made more of a ruckus than the students did at times. Anyway, good luck to the lads in charge of support next year. The flags will be ceremoniously passed down before the year is out and we'll see you again at next year's Cup games.

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DUNDEE TOUR 95

*"Touring...sure ain't boring", G. McGouran
"I wanna be your man", Andrew 'St. John' Smyth*

The High School last embarked on a rugby tour three seasons ago to the Isle of Man. In recent years it seems rugby/hockey tours are the preferred choice of the sport's administrators in High School. Having gone to South Africa last summer I had a general idea of what to expect this year. As usual Mr. Cole had organised a well structured programme of events for both the rugby boys and the hockey girls. The itinerary left little idle time for us, and Mr. Wright insured it was implemented correctly "on the ground" so to speak. Every morning we were fully briefed on the objectives of the day's events and at nights Mr. Wright drew and presented graphs of our progress.

Our H.Q. was Railside Hotel who offered a friendly three-star service. In a brief interview with Colin McCrae (General Manager) he assured me of the hotels commitment to safety:

Colin: "Michael, sportsmen/women are susceptible to injury at any time - simply running down a stairs incorrectly or a misjudgment of pressure lb. per lb. when pushing on an elevator button and your looking at 6-8 weeks minimum".

Me: "So what lengths do you take to ensure our safety as sportsmen/women".

Colin: "Well, we have a two-tier system. Our carpets are absorbent to shock and comply to all low friction surface standards and also Michael, we offer a high fibre meal in the mornings. A real power breakfast, 16ozs of pure juice, an abundance of well grilled prime pork sausages and lean back rashers. That's the friendly hotel pledge".

Me: "Colin, Thank you".

Colin: "Not at all".

On Wednesday afternoon we all tried to settle in. Most of us stayed in our rooms, and some of us went downtown. Our Wednesday night consisted of relaxation. Some played cards, others did a little light reading, and others watched T.V. which were available in every room.

Mr. Wright informed us of the sad news on Thursday morning. It seemed fate had dealt us a cruel hand. Dundee was always going to be a hard game, boasting three schoolboy internationals, and we were always going to have to dig deep. But, alas, inclement weather, was again stepping in to throw a spanner in the works. Luckily our coaches picked up our spirits by organising a Sanders-Hardimann bleep test for us. "A perfect chance to see who is fit, and to test for further competitive edge", remarked Mr. Cole. So off the 25 man strong squad trundled to the Olympic size gymnasium for a work out.

Later in the morning we set out for Edinburgh. Like all High School students we were quick to notice the historical importance of the city. After an in-depth tour of the castle the lads became visibly hungry, not for food but for more culture (so evident in this city). Three expresso's later and it was a time for a walk down Rose Street with our blinkers on, where we met with the girls. Shane "fit for life" Keogh organised a Congo like human chain. 35 people long and trailing back about 40 yds the human chain made friends wherever it went, greeting everyone with a smile. Instructions were barked out to ensure this chain was not going to spiral out of control. After orienteering the human chain back to the meeting spot it was back onto the bus for the 2 hour return journey to Perth. The troops were entertained throughout as David "Sage and Onion" Bell gave "Scum" (the film they tried to ban) its first viewing to an Irish audience. Why didn't they ban it!? Mr. Wright also tried to keep us amused by bringing along a video of English rugby's greatest moments. Regretfully with a running time of only 4 minutes it was never watched.

Thursday night saw the troops head out in style. Determined to paint the town red the lads and ladies were to be seen, buzzing around the lobby trying to decide where to go. Eventually we decided to attack "La Restaurant et petit cadeau" for sirloin Haggis, Neeps and Tatties.

On Friday we headed for the Highlands for a little tour. Like all great occasions they have their more serious sides, and regretfully a special tribunal court of petty sessions was put into effect. The court's decisions were not legally binding but they did have far reaching consequences. The nature of the cases was of course confidential and sensitive and a stenographer was on hand to take down everything that was said in the case of a mistrial. Transcripts are available in B2 from mid-April onwards. As ever Chief Justice, Nadine Mull, and chief sitting duck, Patrick Forde, resided as revolving judges. Though on the whole pretty uninteresting, the court sessions did spawn some brilliant individual performances. But of course court wasn't the only thing that happened in the Highlands. There was a plentiful supply of snow, a perfect time to stage the inaugural "Men's Super A Downhill 5 Man Bot-in-A Plastic Bag". Paul "Neeps and Tatties" Campbell supplied the bags and after a couple of close heats, and a few near misses no-one emerged victorious. Of course the race was run for charity, and plenty of it was offered to the sad individuals who took part.

Friday night saw for the big match build up, a card session in someone's room. The girls at this stage had done away with the idea of hockey on this tour so they went out on their own, presumably to a restaurant.

Match-day and as usual there was a buoyant mood in our dressing room. Perth are a top Scottish side and have

had much success over the years. This, it has to be said, was not one of their best sides of the last 5 years, but they did make it to the quarter finals of the "all leek and thistle Challenge Cup" at Inverness. The game began with both teams observing a minute's silence for the children of Dunblane. But after five minutes of the match, school and national pride was all that mattered. And after a couple of hairy moments when they managed to get into our half we proceeded to beat them 39-6.

On Saturday afternoon we all watched the Ireland vs England international match in Susan, Devi, and Leah's room. It was great and everyone was amazed how many of the Irish Internationals that Devi and Leah knew as well.

It was now our last night and all the staff wanted to make it a good one. So, after dinner the build up to karaoke began. "Do-Re-Me-Fah-So-Lah-Te-Doh" could be heard on every corridor as the troops anxiously warmed up their voices for what was sure to be an extravaganza. Well I can inform you, stars were born on this night. Adam "Baby Grow" Whelan kicked things off for the lads with a moving rendition of "like a puppet on a string". Next up was Suzanne "Grand Prix" Moody. Needless to say Mr. Cole, Mr. Wright and Mrs. Mellon looked on in wonder.

As the karaoke machine grinded to a halt some went in search of a late opening karaoke machine and found it in the shape of a castle. It was time for Mr. Wright to step in and boost the morale. A quick verse of "Cumbya" and we were ready to sing again. Mr. Wright then took us on a potted history of every song he knew. Not the first time

I've been subjected to this, but anyhow.

Of course all good things come to an end and sadly on Sunday, 17th March, another chapter in H.S.D.'s proud history of successful touring sides drew to a close. Regretfully this was my last tour with these people. I have always managed to enjoy myself and have also found tours an excellent way to promote sport to the younger people who traveled with us. I hope that all the traditions of The High School touring sides will continue to be passed on for years to come. So finally I would like to thank Mr. Cole, Mr. Wright and Mrs. Mellon for another successful holiday.

Honours:

George's Cross - Not Awarded

Best Male Tourist - Patrick Forde (who keeps his title for second year running)

Best Female Tourist - Devi Govender

Michael King (Morale Control Officer)

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Transition Year Development Squad



Development Squad

*Mr. Walker, J. Fennell, R. Thompson, H. O'Connor, J. Allison, G. Masters, J. O'Malley, N. Keenan, R. Kiernan, N. Smith
D. Lalor, P. Bridges, R. Douglas, J. Collins, B. Wardrop (Capt), R. McNally, J. Hanan, I. McKee, R. Hamilton
T. Steedman, G. Hopkins, R. Slattery, M. McEndoo*

With more wins than losses, the development squad enjoyed a very successful season. The team was regularly disrupted due to the commitments of several of the players to Cup teams and therefore it was difficult to field a consistent side. The squad played their matches with tremendous heart and effort.

There was a core of 9 players who were the backbone of the side who could always be depended upon. These players were as dedicated as any professional players and showed this by attending tough training sessions at every available opportunity!!

Throughout the year we pulled off some outstanding performances, most notably against De la Salle, Terenure, Kings Hospital and Carlow. Our finest display of open running rugby came when we lost narrowly to Blackrock College in the league having started with only 13 players due to the rest being delayed.

I would like to finish by thanking the multitude of players who filled in for us, many at the last minute and especially Mr Walker for his dedication and amazing patience throughout the year.

Bruce Wardrop (Captain)



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Junior Cup Team Quarter Finalists 1995/96



JCT

*Mr. Walker, G. O'Meara, A. Day, D. Lalor, B. Marconi, J. Fraser, S. Smith, R. Slattery, A. Robinson, R. Thompson, H. Hogan
R. Hilliard, M. McCulloch, N. Stanley, P. Bridges, R. Douglas, A. Dunne, D. Downey, J. Anglim, C. Brandsma
P. Loane, D. Campbell, G. Black, D. Dunne (Missing: R. Wynne (Capt))*

The JCT this year were very fortunate in terms of having a large pool of players to select from, including four survivors from last years' squad.

They began the season with a marginal win over Gonzaga (17-15) prior to their league matches. The League yielded 3 wins over Pres. Bray (10-5), C.B.C. (8-5) and C.U.S (24-21) and 3 defeats by Newbridge (20-3), St Andrews (13-12), and Templeogue (20-12).

It was obvious that a good deal of work had to be done to achieve a competitive level of playing ability. All of the players trained extremely hard during the dark winter nights and Saturday mornings and by the end of November the JCT were playing an exciting and enjoyable style of rugby.

In December they overturned the earlier defeat by Templeogue, winning 10-3 and then were beaten by Castleknock 17-0 after dominating 90% of the game, before losing to Wesley 20-0 just before Christmas.

The New year began with a very satisfying win over St. Andrews (14-5) and a narrow defeat by C.B.C. (8-7). By now the training had become more intense and the players, to their credit, responded admirably to it.

The cup match was scheduled for Wednesday, January 31st, against St. Columba's at Kiltiernan. Although St. Columba's scored first, a hat-trick of tries from captain **Ross Wynne** and one from **Daniel Downey** capped

an excellent performance from the team winning 29-19.

The next round was played at Donnybrook against St. Michael's and although they played with true grit and determination to level the scores at 17-17 with 5 minutes to go, two unforced errors resulted in a defeat of 27-17.

Throughout the season the team steadily improved individually and as a unit which was personally very pleasing. The commitment and dedication of all the players was absolutely tremendous and I hope that they continue to extend themselves next season.

Finally, a few words of thanks to the boys for all their efforts during the season, to Mr Gill for his help with the J.C.T. A and B squads and also to the many parents who faithfully supported the team throughout the season.

R. Walker (Coach)

The season started off slowly with one win and three defeats, but in parts of those matches the team showed glimpses of the skill and determination which was soon to happen. After the three defeats the team blasted in with five victories in a row including wins against Templeogue College and St. Andrews who we had lost to previously. It also included a superb first-half performance against C.U.S. putting 24 points on the board.

Then came the tough Christmas training into which all the lads put 100% effort. After the Christmas holidays we had intense physical morning training to bring us up to peak fitness for the cup matches. The team was on a high after the good run but we then lost two games which gave us a push and reminder that we could lose.

The great day of the Cup match arrived. The nerves were jangling a bit. Even after going a try down to St Columba's our superior ability shone through. Our superb backline blessed with a myriad of talent tore the Columba's defence apart, running in five tries including a fine hat-trick by full-back Ross Wynne, a dazzling weaving run by out-half Dan Downey and a thunderous run by Julien Fraser. The pack won some fine ruck ball and defended admirably against a well trained Columba's pack.

The next round against St. Michael's dawned and this time we knew we were in for a tough match. We opened the scoring with yet another powerful run by Fraser who drew in three tacklers and popped the ball off to our other winger David Campbell (who had been moved up from

the U14 team the game before the first cup match) to run in unchallenged. After that we were somewhat on the back foot and found ourselves 17-7 down coming to the last ten minutes. However, the team clawed its way back with a penalty from Wynne and another try from Fraser which was converted beautifully by second centre Richard Thompson under severe pressure. Unfortunately, in the last five minutes, we conceded two tries and the dream was no more.

I would like to give special thanks to Mr R. Walker for all his dedication throughout the season to bring us to such a high level of ability and to Mr Gill who certainly put us through our paces in some of the fitness training. I would also like to thank all of the players for such an enjoyable season with special mention to Ross Douglas who led the pack superbly.

Finally, congratulations to Ross Wynne and Daniel Downey who were chosen to attend the Leinster School's coaching sessions.

R. Wynne (Capt)



JCT 'B'

Mr. T. Gill, J. Harris, J. Ellis, H. Hogan, J. Butterly, S. Smith, S. Murphy, D. Lalor, R. Patton, J. Henderson, P. Synott, D. Redmond

F. Browne, A. Day, P. Loane, G. Black, M. McCulloch (Capt.), A. Dunne, I. Masood, C. Brandsma, J. Anglim, M. Lynch, M. Hill, T. Wilson, M. Francis

Under 14 Rugby



Under 14A

M. Butterly, I. Logan, L. Crawford, O. Long, W. Lett, J. Harris, S. Cusack, D. Hanlon, B. McNally

*Mr. R. Davies, C. Phelan, R. Hilliard, D. Campbell, J. Ellis (Capt.), I. Masood, R. Simmons, M. Hill, Mr. G. Richmond
M. McCulloch, G. Black*

The 14A's had a tough season this year. The season started with a difficult match against Blackrock where they beat us (probably because we were so rusty after the Summer holidays) but there was a great interest shown by our players on the day. By the end of the first half the match was over for us, but in the second half the team showed remarkable improvement and we crossed the line ourselves with an Oscar Long try.

Before Christmas we had a number of very close matches. The main match that springs to mind was the one away to Clongowes. Our team battled very well and took the game straight to the Clongowes' team. Clongowes are considered to be one of the best teams and we very nearly beat them, but for a try that they scored in the last minute of the game. I felt we were the better side, spoiling a lot of their possession. We saw our best try of the season during this match when Imram Masood broke away from the 22 and scored. The final score was 20-17. This was our best match of the season, although we lost.

We also lost marginally to Terenure but not without seeing a brilliant try from David Campbell. Unfortunately David got injured during that match and so we had to adjust the backs and this led to a last minute Terenure try, which caused us to lose the game 27-20. Our first win of the season came against Newpark Comprehensive. We beat them 17-5. The

Christmas period was difficult because the teams we came up against were very experienced and much stronger.

After Christmas the season started with a good win over St. Columba's, Blackrock and a well gained draw against De La Salle. The season ended on an enjoyable note with a seven-a-side tournament.

I hope we all have gained great experience from this year's ups and downs and will go on to better things next season. I would like to thank the team for their great effort and support and Mr. Davis, Mr. Richmond and Graham Jones for their coaching and advice.

Jonathan Ellis - Captain

It was not a very successful year for the **U14B's** of The High School. It proved difficult to assemble a regular squad, but a hard core of about 11 to 12 players gave it their best all season. We suffered defeats at the hands of C.B.C., St. Andrews, Clongowes College, C.U.S., Castleknock College and Terenure but finally came good in the last match of the season against Wesley College winning 26-12 away from home.

Amongst the players who played on a regular basis were:



Under 14B

S. Flanagan, D. Duggan, I. Logan, P. Laycock, A. Lowry, S. Cusack, B. McNally, P. McGouran, J. Bourke

*Mr. R. Davies, A. Whyte, D. Scales, E. Bell, M. Bourke (Capt.), I. Kinsella, R. Gleeson, A. McFarland, Mr. G. Richmond
F. Boydell, R. Ryan, I. Dowling, A. Coleman*

Ray Ryan	(Scrum half)
Eoin Bell	(Wing)
Daniel Scales	(Centre)
Stuart Mellon	(Centre)
Allan Whyte	(Hooker)
Andrew Coleman	(Wing)
Andrew McFarland	(Wing Forward)
David Duggan	(Second Row)
Rory Gleeson	(Wing Forward)
Peter Laycock	(Wing Forward)
Shane Cusack	(No. 8)
Philip McGouran	(Out Half)

and our Captain for the season, Mark Burke, who played Full-Back.

I would like to thank our coaches, Mr. Davies, Mr. Richmond and Graham Jones for helping us all season.

Mark Burke - Captain



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U/13 Rugby

The **Under 13 A's** have come a long way since the start of the season. We have gone from strength to strength with the help of our two great coaches, Mr. Walker and Mr. Fennell.

What started out as some of the boys coming along to try rugby has now developed into an excellent team. With the two big men, Graham Ruddle and Nathan Breen, the skill of our back Philip DeBarra, the tackling prowess of John Kelly and Jimmy Boland and the speed of Steven Day, we have the makings of a great team.

We have shown great improvement this season, losing 56-0 early on and then improving to be able to beat the opposition 7-5 at the end. The highlight of the season was the last game against Templeogue when the team played excellent, winning 46-0.

Next season we are coming back bigger, stronger and with a lot more experience.

David Foran - Captain

The **Under 13B** 1995/6 rugby season got off to an encouraging start. Even though we were inexperienced and many players were playing for their first time, we defeated Mount Temple convincingly. After that we went through rough times losing narrowly to Wesley, Clongowes and De La Salle.

However, thanks to perseverance and dedicated training through the winter months, we were a new team when Spring came around. St Andrews were our next opponents. With encouraging play by Colm Doyle and Neil Dover and two tries from new boy Steven Day we beat them 22-10.

Our next match was against St. Pauls. After coming from behind we beat them 21-19 with an amazing hat-trick of tries by Robbie Gilbert. Next season, because of more experience and determination, we will be up there with the best of them.

Richard Somerville



Under 13's

Mr. Fennell, S. Day, T. O'Brien, N. Breen, V. Giblin, Mr. Walker, G. Ruddle, R. Gilbert, U. Boland, Mr. Reidy, J. Dockery, J. Kelly, R. Sommerville, P. DeBarra, D. Foran (Capt.), A. Hutchinson, M. McCartney, J. Maher, N. O'Byrne, R. Carnegie, T. Lloyd, B. Okonji, A. McDonnell

Hockey

SENIOR LEAGUE FINALISTS 1995/96



Senior Boys

*J. Cramp, P. Johnston, B. Hare, N. White, B. Kelly, G. Foster, I. Love, S. Gould, G. Murphy (Coach)
C. Lowe, J. Pickett, I. Gray, G. O'Meara, F. McGrogan*

The **Senior Boys** hockey team had a very successful season this year as they reached the final of their league. The team consisted of many of the players from last year and they were keen to improve on last year's performances. The team played some very good hockey during the league and they achieved some great results against Newtown, Kilkenny College and Wesley College.

One of the team, Nicky White was selected for Leinster trials in September and he succeeded in participating in the following three trials. Unfortunately, he did not make the final squad, but he was within a couple of places of doing so.

After Christmas the team had the chance to play against the best team in the Senior Cup, when they were drawn to play against St. Andrew's College. The team played well in the first half but the difference in standards was evident from the start and St. Andrew's finished as comfortable winners.

Following this, the team prepared for their league semi-

final against Sutton Park School with a lot of confidence. After extra time, The High School team emerged as winners (4-3) and qualified for their league final against Dundalk Grammar School. The final was played at Three Rock Rovers Hockey Club in front of a modest crowd of supporters. The High School team performed well on the day but unfortunately lost (2-1) after extra time.

All together the season was very good and it is a credit to Glynn Murphy (coach), Derek Moffett (captain) and all the squad that the season was so enjoyable. A special word of thanks is also essential for all the school staff who continue to support the development of Boys Hockey in High School.

Mr. D. Miller

Hockey Award
Neville Davin award for Senior Boys:
Fintan McGrogan

JCT Hockey

This year the JCT enjoyed a very successful season. The team improved immensely as the year progressed and we finally began playing as a unit instead of 11 individuals. Everyone's dedication was outstanding in training and preparation for the bigger matches. During the year we pulled off some good performances, notably against Killians, Wesley, Kilkenny and Dundalk. Our best display of hockey came when we beat Sandford 4-0.

The younger and less experienced players on the team did exceptionally well throughout, and were playing confidently by the end of the season. Kevin Field, who only started playing competitive Hockey this year progressed extremely well, and went on to be our top scorer.

I would like to thank everyone who played with us during the season and especially to Mr. Miller and the coaches for a great season.

Jessie Booth (captain)



Junior Boys

P. Bourke, N Holmes, R. Murphy, G. O'Meara, D. Barnes, R. Collins

K. Field, D. Bird, J. Booth (captain), J. McDowell, A. Rath

U/14 Hockey

The U-14's had a fairly rocky season compared to the previous term, where we reached the semi-finals of the league only to be beaten in the replay by Whitechurch.

There have been a few newcomers to the team this season, notably John Kelly who scored on his debut. In a few of the matches there have been great individual performances, but with excellent coaching from Mr. D. Miller, as a team we have grown in strength. If I was to pick a certain player who shone out during the season, it would be our goalkeeper Andrew Patterson, who improved immensely and had an outstanding season.

At this point I would like to give great thanks to the team, who, all season, gave their very best, to Mr. D. Miller

for the time spent coaching and building a team, and lastly, to Mr. Benson who very kindly gave up his own time to chauffeur us around the country.

Michael Slott (captain)



U/14 Boys

S. Reid, E. Mullane, O. Bux, M. Slott (captain), S. Marshall, D. Hanlon, J. Kelly

P. De Barra, S. Mellon, R. Gleeson, A. Patterson, F. Gilmore, D. Blackmore

U/13 Hockey

Our first game was against Kilkenny College in a friendly match. Most of us were just playing hockey for a week, and with only one training session, we went down 3-0. However, when the season started we had much more practice and training. Our first league game was against Whitechurch and to our disappointment we lost by a very lucky goal.

After this loss, we were unbeaten in nearly all of our games, with some convincing wins over Aravon, Kilkenny and King's Hospital. Our winning streak was ended by Wesley in our last league game. Despite this we still qualified for a quarter-final place against Whitechurch which we played in Three Rock Rovers. Even though they had beaten us before, we were sure that we could beat them. We won the match thanks to a goal scored in the last five minutes.

The semi-final match was against Drogheda. It wasn't the best game of hockey we had ever played but we won 2-0 with goals coming from Mark McCartney and John Kelly. The final was against Wesley who had beaten Sandford to get their place in the final. High School dominated most of the play with a great effort from the whole team and we managed to get two goals in the second half. The final score was 2-0 and High School won the U-13 league for the first time.

John Kelly (captain)

**U/13 BOYS HOCKEY
LEAGUE WINNERS 1995/96**



Under 13

*J. Dooley, B. Doyle, S. Flanagan, R. Gilbert, J. Maher, M. Mc Cartney, K. O'Meara, L. Slott, Ms. D. Sixsmith.
M. Mc Mullen, R. Sommerville, J. Kelly (captain), C. Sookram, P. DeBarra, J. Grimason.*

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The 26/4/95 was the date for our first league match of the season. It was at home against Holy Faith De La Salle, Skerries. It was going to be the toughest match of the season, with the winners almost certain of qualifying for the final. We got off to a dream start and had them 4 for 27. We then let it slip but excellent bowling from D. Bell meant they succumbed to a meagre total of 90. Then disaster struck when we lost three early wickets, and three of our middle order got ducks. Only Peter Johnston stayed around. He was rewarded with three 1 runs but this was not enough and we only managed a miserable 69. The whole team was dejected as this was basically the end of our season.

We were still in bad spirits starting our next match, and fielded badly to let St. Andrews score a large total of 174. When D. Bell was run out against his "bogey" team, the heads dropped even further. Once again P. Johnston showed the team how to bat as he made a patient 34. But this time he was well assisted by R. McCulloch (16) and J. Cramp (27).

Next came Gonzaga and we set out to prove something as our pride had been damaged considerably. Every one added something with the bat, in particular the top

order who were facing one of the best bowlers in Ireland. It was a game with many boundaries and top scorers were Scott Wynne (26) and R. McCulloch (27). We had by no means won when we took the field after another wonderful tea, but an inspired spell from David Bell (7 for 15 off 10 overs) completely wiped out the opposition line-up.

The return match against Coleraine was played on a dark day in mid-May. We batted first as it was a timed match. A huge opening partnership of 92 between David Bell (56) and David Menton (63) set the stage for a good first innings total of 186 for 8 dec. Scott Wynne (26) and Peter Johnston (19) also contributed to the total. Unfortunately we didn't leave ourselves enough overs to bowl them out, and even though most of the fielders got a chance to bowl, the match finished as a draw.

The final match of the season loomed and it was played on a perfect day in St. Columba's. David Bell and David Menton both tried to make it two half centuries in a row, but both fell just 2 runs short. A great total of 181 put us in the driving seat and a large group of female swimmers gathered to witness an amazing performance of express bowling from Stephen Sheldon, who finished with a career best of 6 for 24 off 8.

Once again the team enjoyed great teas, courtesy of the canteen ladies, at all of our home games. The team was also tutored by the expertise of Mr. P. who ensured that players went away with a great deal more knowledge of the game at the end of an enjoyable season. A special thank you must be said to our scorer Suzanne Moody who once again kept our scorebook perfect.

Scott Wynne

Awards

de Vere Shortt	Best Batting - Peter Johnston
Hanly	Best Fielder - David Bell
Jacobson	All-rounder - Stephen Sheldon

Coleraine Tour

We arrived at The High School at about nine o'clock on a fresh Friday morning, very tired after an enjoyable and eventful Easter holiday. The Sandford Park mini-bus pulled up outside the school at about quarter past nine. Everyone boarded with all our bags of clothes, equipment and any other essentials. We then set off for our first destination, Cambridge House, the first of two schools we were to play. After half an hour reflecting on the holidays just past, we all got bored very quickly. This is when a tape-recorder was produced courtesy of D.Kinsella and D.J for the journey Dan Manley.

We arrived at Cambridge House at about one o'clock. The weather was extremely bad with gale force winds and rain crashing down on a cold day. Perfect for cricket. After lunch, and much deliberation, the game went ahead. We won the toss and so opted to field first. It was decided to play a twenty over match instead of thirty-five. We won the match thanks to some good batting from D.Kinsella (35), Jan Findlater of Sandford (26) and Peter Johnston (12 not out). However, six wickets fell before the total of 92 was reached. With the match over we headed to our lodgings at the Belvedere B&B in Portrush.

We then got cleaned up and went out for a night on the town. First stop being for food. Next stop was Barry's amusement centre. A couple of rides on the dodgems and a go on a octopus shaped machine that spins you round horizontally and vertically. Not recommended after Chinese food. The two of us then headed back to the B&B, while the others then went their separate ways.

Dawn broke over the lovely scenery and it was time to get up. However not everyone was refreshed after a good nights sleep (probably because they decided to stay up late). Everyone packed up, had breakfast and we headed off for the second of the two schools we were to play, Coleraine. We lost this match, a match we should have won, but unfortunately that's the way things go. We always looked like losing against one of the best teams up North, but a good display of spirited fielding, made their task a difficult one. Top scores for that match were Paul Fitzroy (Sandford, 25), Justin Cramp (25), Peter Johnston (12) and Scott Wynne (12). Unfortunately Dan Manley getting run out by his partner didn't help.

After the match we all headed for the Coleraine Country Club restaurant. It was good to get a hot meal, after another freezing cold day facing the elements. We finished up dessert, prepared for our journey home, and got into the mini-bus. We left Coleraine at six o'clock and arrived back at H.S.D at about nine o'clock. We were extremely tired and longing for a good nights sleep.

Scott Wynne (captain)
Daniel Manley (team secretary)

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Second XI

Second Team honours were even, with victories over St. Columba's and Dundalk, and narrow defeats at the hands of Wesley and C.U.S.

Peter Johnston and Justin Cramp scored the bulk of the runs, and they also shared the majority of wickets between them. The most runs scored against High School were 123 by Wesley, and this reflects a good overall fielding performance in which Mark Nolan, David Kinsella, Hugh O'Connor and Dan Manley were prominent, proving themselves to be good all-rounders.

Everyone played well and helped towards the team's good performances, including N. White, T. Steedman and R. Hamilton, all of whom were new to the game. If it wasn't for the clash of dates between the F.A. Cup Final and our match away to Wilsons, we might have made the Finals!

We all enjoyed the season very much, and a special thanks must go to Mr. McMullen and Mr. Walker for their invaluable assistance.

Peter Johnston - Captain.

JCT



JCT

*Mr. Walker, R. McNally, I. McKee, J. Collins,
J. Robertson, Mr. B. Duffy
D. Clarke, I. Masood, R. Wynne, G. O'Meara (Capt),
G. Black, G. O'Meara
Missing: R. Thompson*

The '95 season was another large disappointment. We started the season well with a nearly perfect record in our league matches. The bowling attack was very strong, with Graham O'Meara, Greg O'Meara and Gary Black the main wicket takers. They were backed up well with some great fielding, most notably Jimmy Robertson and Ian McKee. The batting was also very strong throughout the season, with good middle order batting from Dan Clarke and Johnny Fennell.

We reached the final which was played at Danum. Unfortunately the batsmen had a bad day with the openers Ross Wynne and Imram Masood departing for considerably less runs than they would have hoped. The

Belvedere attack rolled over our batting line-up and they got the score with ease. Once again they pinched the cup from under our nose.

I would like to thank the tea ladies for all the trouble they went through throughout the season. And I would also like to thank Mr. Walker for all his work.

Graham O'Meara (captain)

U/14



U14

*Mr. Fennell, I. Carey, D. Downey, M. McCullough,
A. Dunne, Mr. Duffy
F. Browne, I. Masood, R. Wynne, G. O'Meara (Capt),
G. Black, F. Gilmore
Missing: R. Thompson*

This was a good season in which Gary Black was selected to represent Leinster up North and Greg O'Meara achieved record bowling figures of 5 for 0 off 8 overs which has never been done before in The High School. There were outstanding contributions from Imran Masood and Ross Wynne which led to an outstanding Cup campaign leading to a final against our old rivals Belvedere.

The final in Sandford Park was to be the opposite of previous encounters with Belvedere. They were kept down to 101 runs with their captain being caught by Gary Black off Imran Masood's first ball delivered in short. We then applied the pressure, with excellent fielding from Daniel Downey and A. Dunne to name but a few. After bowling them out we batted and with no great difficulty won the match with Ross Wynne (62) and G. Black (23).

Many thanks to Mr. Fennell, especially for the successful trip to Cork and his all-round help.

G.P. O'Meara (captain)

U/13

Our year started well with a good win against Headford. Headford batted first and scored 107 for 7. Gary Black and Robert were the pick of the bowlers, with 2 for 13 off 12, and 2 for 10 off 10 respectively. Our fielding was tight and we had some bright new cricketers like Jonathan Ellis and Shane Cusack. We went out to bat with only 1 hour and 20 minutes to chase the total. We scored the winning runs in the 23rd over with Imran Masood 56 not out and Gary Black 25 not out.

Our next match was against St. Columba's College who played very poorly. We bowled first and they were all out for 66. We went out to bat and G. Black scored the winning runs with 20 not out. On May 10th our under 13 B visited King's Hospital. K.H. batted first and made 83 for 5. The game was a tie, mainly due to Shane Cusack who top scored with 36.

Our first Cup game was against St. Mary's. We batted first and G. Black scored 78 not out. We finished with 111 for 2. We headed out to bowl and our main man turned out to be I. Masood with 1 for 8 off 8. High School triumphed and on we went to the semi-finals against Headford.

Before the semi-finals we had a friendly against the toughest team in the league, Old Belvedere. They batted first and scored 136 for 8. I. Masood was 5 for 21 off 7, G. Black 2 for 25 off 7 and R. Hilliard 1 for 7 off 3. High School went out to bat with I. Masood and G. Black opening. G. Black departed early and with only nine players on the team we were under pressure. Eventually we reigned triumphant with I. Masood 94 not out.

We next came up against Headford in the semi-final. Unfortunately, they came out victorious and our season was over. We scored 73 all out and they made it in the third over. I would like to thank the players and Mr. Quinn for turning up and making all our games so exciting.



U13

*Mr. Quinn, M. McCulloch, J. Ellis, S. Mellon, Mr. B. Duffy
I. Masood, G. Black (Capt.), S. Alkin, D. Duggan
R. Hilliard, N. Sawyer, S. Cusack*

Club Cricket

Most people, when asked, would rate cricket as one of the most boring sports in the world. But if you are one of those people who actually find themselves enjoying cricket while playing on the school team and would like to find out more about playing during the summer then read on. If you are not, I would just like to say that St. Mary's R.F.C. will win the league next year.

Cricket is a specialised sport and, as everyone knows, cricketers need specialised equipment. Because so few people play cricket in Ireland, compared to other sports, not many shops stock cricket equipment. You can't simply walk into Champion Sports and buy yourself your cricket whites. Every year there are often cricket whites to be purchased in the swap shop in High School around about the month of June. But you never know whether they will have the right size. Dundrum Sports and Elvery's do a range in cricket gear but there are only 2 companies that specialise in cricket gear, Windmill Leisure (6772008) and Beamers (4979135). Ross Wynne (4th Year) is an agent for Beamers and can be easily found around The High School or at home (4933070). After buying your whites you may decide you really like the game and wish to play throughout the "hot" summer months.

There are many cricket clubs around. Most are situated at the end of a long, narrow lane and if you didn't know it was there you would simply pass by without ever realising it was there. The closest club to High School is Leinster C.C. situated in Rathmines. A recently built clubhouse and ideal location in the centre of Rathmines makes it one of the most popular in Dublin. Leinster has teams of all age groups for both boys and girls. Two of this year's senior team, Justin Cramp and Peter Johnston, are members of the club. Emma Kennealy, captain of the girl's team, is also a member of Leinster. Almost as close is C.Y.M., found in Terenure. Carlisle, situated a minutes walk from the K.C.R., is the home of many cricketers in High School, the most famous being Mr. Davies. For those of you who live near Donnybrook you will be glad to know that Merrion C.C. is to be found almost behind Old Wesley. In fact you would have to go around the corner and down past Old Belvedere's rugby grounds to find the entrance which is on the left hand side of the road. If this sounds confusing I'm sure Dan Clarke will help you out. If you would like to play cricket beside the sea, Sandymount has three clubs all situated beside the railway line. Although Pembroke and Y.M.C.A. (home club of Mr. Walker) have better records in the senior league, Railway Union have the best youth teams of the three. Four of this year's seniors, the O'Meara brothers and the two Wynnes, have high status amongst the youth teams in Railway. Further afield is Phoenix C.C. where both Gary Black and Imram Masood play. Other clubs on the North Side include Clontarf (Mr. P.), Old Belvedere and Malahide. Even further out are The Hills, Rush and North County but if you live near any of these clubs you're going to the wrong school.

The best clubs for girls are Leinster, Railway Union, Merrion, Rush, Clontarf and Malahide.

If you are interested in any of these clubs then you can ask any of the people mentioned and they will help you out. If you don't know any of these people or you may be just too shy to ask, you can contact the club's schoolboy executive committee member:

C.Y.M.	Tim Linehan 6249765
Leinster	John Buckley 4974113
Merrion	Brenna Clarke 4974889
Pembroke	John Brennan 8422202
Phoenix	Gordon Black 4554394
Railway Union	David Carroll 2691480
Y.M.C.A.	Paul Walsh 6688705

Girls' team secretaries:

Clontarf	Stella Downes 8471006
Leinster	Fiona McCormack 4942410
Merrion	Mairead Larkin 4514487
Railway	Camilla O'Brien none
	Gillian Johnston 4931078

Scott Wynne 5

Soccer

The High School Soccer team had another successful year. This year we fielded two teams and though the emphasis was on participation rather than competition many of players improved greatly through the year. As a group they were eager to learn and trained diligently. In the coming term a small league, comprising six schools will be organised for them. I'd like to thank Mr Kirby for his assistance and expertise and Mr Benson for his support.

The following students participated: Andrew Gourley, Eric Field, Alan O'Sullivan, Ken Byrne, Peter Johnston, Graham Cadoo, Emmett Dunne, Ian Love, David Kinsella, Alex Burke, John Fogarty, Aaron Jewell, Niall Tilley, Stuart Gould, Greg Sibley, Rory Cooke, Patrick Kirby, Cass Crockett, Said Koya, Marc Nixon, Philip Maher, Derek Fisher, Luke McGurdy, Jonathon Heslip and Karl O'Malley.

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Hockey

1st. XI Cup Finalists 1995/96



1st. XI

Back row: A.I.B. Representative, Caroline Wynne (A.I.B.), Jill Carroll, Nadine Mull, Niamh Swords, Sally Walsh, Kate Lyons, Emma Fitzpatrick (Capt.) Suzanne Murphy, Devi Govender.

Front Row: Hilary Boyd, Leah Caulwell, Suzanne Moody, Danielle Hill, Niamh Swords, Mairead Dorney, Susan Moore, Ms. Gillian Mellon.

This year's 1st XI introduced only two new players as most of the team remained from last year's squad. The forward line saw Leah Caulwell move into mid-field, being replaced at left-wing by Niamh Mc Carthy and Mairead Dorney. Suzanne Murphy played at centre-forward while Nadine Mull was at right wing. Susan Moore joined the team this year at centre-mid with Suzanne Moody and Leah Caulwell. The defence was solid with Kate Lyons in goal. Helping her out at sweeper was Devi Govender. The experienced back line was made up of Niamh Swords, Sally Walsh and Emma Fitzpatrick.

The League Campaign saw us drawn against St. Andrews, St. Columba's College, Loreto Foxrock and Muckross Park. We started against St. Andrews at home in late September. We came away with a disappointing 0-1 defeat, mainly due to not settling in yet. However, de-

spite the loss we were determined to play on and not allow our heads to drop. Next came Muckcross which was also at home. Proving that we could play together we came away 3-1 winners, with some excellent marking by Sally Walsh.

Our next opposition was away to St. Columba's College. The game proved to be a very close one, but due to some superb defensive work and a brilliant solo goal by Suzanne Murphy, we won 1-0.

Our final League match in our section was away against Loreto, Foxrock. The game was played out in Loughlinstown on a freezing morning against a side which we had rarely ever played against in the past. Despite the cold, the team played one of their best games of the sea-

son, coming away with a 3-0 victory. Despite losing the one League game, we still managed to qualify for the semi-finals, which saw us matched against Loreto, Dalkey. The game was played at Serpentine Avenue, and proved to be very close. Suzanne Moody had an excellent game, man-marking Dalkey's star player out of the game. Despite the closeness, Dalkey took the lead in the second half, but with sheer determination and support, we equalised with Suzanne Moody scoring a well deserved goal. The replay was to be played two weeks later at the same venue.

Those two weeks saw the team train daily. When the date arrived, it saw Dalkey start as the better side. The defence coped well under the pressure, but unfortunately Dalkey scored twice to put the game out of our reach.

From Christmas onwards all our efforts were thrown into the Cup campaign. Before our first Cup match a number of changes were made. Susan Moore was moved over to left mid-field and Danielle Hill was brought into goal. Danielle, playing for both Juniors and Seniors proved herself to be an excellent prospect for the future. We were lucky in the first round to get a bye which allowed us to train through January.

Our first game saw us drawn against Our Lady's, Terenure, where we played some excellent hockey, winning 4-0 with Suzanne Murphy scoring some excellent goals. Next came St. Andrews in the quarter-finals, again at home. The game was extremely close, but making no mistakes as we had in the league, we won 2-0 with Suzanne Moody and Suzanne Murphy scoring.

The semi-finals saw us matched against Newpark at Belfield. The weather was extremely warm and both sides struggled on the bouncy pitch. Despite Newpark starting strongly, we forced a short corner which resulted in a determined goal by Leah Caulwell. For the remaining 50 minutes of the game we defended with Newpark playing in our half. Thanks to some excellent running on short corners by Niamh Swords and Emma Fitzpatrick, and also some sound goal helping by Danielle Hill, we came away 1-0 winners.

Next came the final against Loreto, Bray. We realised that if we played as we did against Newpark we might not be so fortunate, so we went out to the final with a very positive attitude. The game was played at Grange Road on the 8th March. We started out very strongly, missing a good chance in the first five minutes. The game was played at frantic speed with Loreto scoring early. The team's spirit fell and it wasn't until the beginning of second half that we started to attack again. Holding them back into their half, we attacked down the wings and were unfortunate not to score. However, Bray were always dangerous on the break, and with a few minutes to go, forced a short corner. The corner was only half cleared and it was up to Sally Walsh to push the ball over the back line. Much to our amazement, the referee awarded Bray a penalty flick, claiming that Sally had kicked the ball over the line. There

was nothing Danielle could have done, and Bray were 2-0 winners.

Despite losing in the cup final, the team showed extreme pride in reaching this stage, and were rewarded for all their hard work throughout the season.

Congratulations to Nadine Mull, Suzanne Murphy, Sally Walsh, Niamh Swords, Leah Caulwell and Suzanne Moody who all received Leinster Under-18 trials. Further congratulations to Nadine Mull and Suzanne Murphy who made the panel, and Sally Walsh who made the last trial.

I would like to thank Devi Govender, who, as vice captain, worked hard to organise the team. I would also like to thank Mr. Duffy and all the other teachers for their support. Also to those who supported us during the League and Cup campaigns, the parents who drove us around at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday mornings, and to the ladies in the canteen who prepared lunch for us during the Cup.

I, on behalf of the team, would like to thank Mrs. Mellon, who sweated blood over us. Sorry we didn't win the Cup, but the season was most enjoyable. Last but not least, I would like to thank the team for the work they put in towards our success which was astounding, and each and every player made it happen.

Emma Fitzpatrick (Captain).

Hockey Awards

Diocesan	Minor Girls	Hilary Boyd
Jean Scott	Junior Girls	Susan Moore
Jean Scott	Senior Girls	Suzanne Moody

2nd. XI



2nd XI

*Julie Gillen, Jill Carrol, Yvonne Maher, Fiona Shine, Ms. Arlene Blain
Aimee Harris, Gill Palmer, Lynn Carty, Ruth Harley (captain), Vanessa Carswell, Deirdre Lunny*

The Intermediate A's season started off with great confidence and enthusiasm. It has been one of the best Intermediate A teams in High School, with a great amount of skill and potential. We began our season playing against Alexandra College, and beating them 2-0. It was a game that really boosted our morale, as we were still getting used to our new positions, and were beginning to mould into a first-rate team! We played against St. Andrews, beating them 2-0, first at home, and then at UCD. Having reached this stage, we were confident about playing other matches in our League.

We travelled down to Newbridge College on a cold, dismal day and played well, with the result being a 1-1 draw. Wesley College were the next team we confronted, and a great confrontation it was! I believe that this match was the highlight of the season. Our short corners were very effective. The mid-fielders, Jill, Vanessa and Deirdre played extremely well moving the ball. The backs all defended superbly, with Julie, Catherine, Lynn and Fiona moving the ball to the mid-field and through to the forwards, Aimee, Ruth and Gillian. Unfortunately, in the last four minutes Wesley scored a goal to bring the final score to 1-0. We also drew with The Abbey, Rathfarnham and lost to King's Hospital.

I have captained this team for the past year and I thoroughly enjoyed every match we played. I want to thank

the whole team for putting their effort into every game. I am very grateful to the 3XI for helping us throughout the year, especially Yvonne Maher, Ruth Glacken, Lynn Fletcher and Sonia Patterson who substituted for us in our times of need. Also a big thanks to all the goalies who helped throughout the year.

Without our coach, Arlene, we would never have reached the position we achieved. Her enthusiasm, skill, encouragement and dedication to the team have been appreciated by all of us. Thanks a million Arlene!

Many of the players will be in High School next year, and I wish them all the best in 1996!

Ruth Harley (Capt.)

3rd. XI

The 3rd XI this year proved to be a very successful team, either winning or at least drawing most of our matches. We got through to the play-offs for the quarter-finals, beating Mercy Convent, Navan 2-1 in an excellent match. We went on to play King's Hospital in the quarter-finals but were unfortunately beaten on their home ground. The 3rd XI had an enjoyable year and played very well together as a team. Many thanks to Arlene for her dedication to the team and also to Miss. Sixsmith for her coaching. Also to everyone on the team for an enjoyable season.

Ruth Glacken (Captain)

4th. XI

The 4th XI had a successful, if uneventful season, with not many matches. Those we did play were generally won, with a very co-operative team. Unfortunately, due to a goalie shortage, we had no team goalie, and had to borrow people from senior teams, thus omitting us from league matches.

Many thank to Arlene and Miss Sixsmith for their much appreciated help and coaching throughout the season.

Lucy Harrison (captain)

JUNIOR B CUP SEMI-FINALISTS 1995/96



Junior B Semi-Finalists 1996

Ms. C. Ritchie, Emily King, Elenor O'Neill, Pamela Mc Donald, Suzie Early, Frances Kearns, Becky Manley Sharon O'Byrne, Karen Nelson, Khara Shine (captain), Karen Cadoo, Lynn Petrie, Mr.B. Duffy

The 95-96 hockey season for the Junior B's was a successful one. Although, it initially took time for us to come together as a team, we progressed well.

On entering the Leinster Cup, we were all fit and eager to win and went far in the competition with ease. We had a strong team with the forwards and mid-field working well together to produce goals, along with the defence working hard to prevent them.

We reached the semi-finals of the Cup, but unfortu-

nately were outplayed on the day by Mount Anville. I would like to thank the team for all their enthusiasm and dedication throughout the season, while still managing to enjoy themselves along the way. The whole team would like to thank Ms. Ritchie for all her time and effort in coaching.

Khara Shine (Capt.)

Junior A

Well, what can I say? The **Junior A's** - what a bunch they were. We weren't too bad at the start, and as time went on we got better. I think that our main problem was inconsistency. As individuals everyone was very talented, but as a team sometimes we lacked something. We won many matches. One that I remember well was the match against Dundalk. We had a 3-0 win, with goals scored by Suzanne Mellon, Susan Gray and Kate Halligan. There were four third years on the team who all have another season to go at Junior level. I would like to wish the best of luck to them next year, and give a big thanks to Ms. Ritchie for everything.

Julie O'Sullivan. (Capt.)



Junior A

Ms. C. Ritchie, Kate Halligan, Joy Walsh, Zoe Lipson, Susan Gray, Nicky Hodson, Debbie Nevin, Suzanne Mellon, Karen Pickett, Julie O'Sullivan (Capt.), Hilary Boyd, Danielle Hill, Mr.B. Duffy

Minor A



Minor A

Cary Gray, Jane Harley, Lydia Foster, Nicole Dowley, Jenny Rath, Ms. G.Mellon, Kara Cramp, Brenda Mc Parland, Debbie Walker, Kathryn Lowry, Alison Smith, Ruth Draper

Overall the **Minor A's** had an enjoyable season. We began as all other teams do, individually skilled but needing team practice. Initially it took time to sort out our positions, especially in the defense area but that was soon settled, defense being one of our stronger points.

We all improved rapidly and played well as a team after the positions were sorted out. Unfortunately early on in the season several players fell ill at different times hindering team improvement. That set us back quite a bit giving other schools' teams a chance to surpass us.

The Minor Cup began quite early on in the season, our first opponent being Sion Hill. Our team was obviously the stronger of the two. Our hard work and determination paid off as we won 5-0.

Our opponents in the 2nd. round were Beaufort. The match was played in the rain on Beaufort's all-weather pitch giving them the advantage. The teams were quite evenly matched but they proved stronger and won 2-0.

All in all it was an extremely successful season considering our setbacks and the team would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for putting so much time and effort into the development of our team.

Debbie Walker (Captain)

Minor B

This may not have been our most successful season, having failed to add any trophies to High School's collection, but we certainly put on a better performance than the Irish Rugby team! Having been knocked out in the early rounds of the Cup, we went on to reach the quarter-finals of the plate, where we were beaten 1-0 by the stronger team on the day.

We would like to thank Ms. Sixsmith for all the time, effort and enthusiasm she put into coaching us. Special thanks to all the team for all the work and dedication throughout the season. We may not have reached the world cup, but we certainly enjoyed ourselves!

Jenni Daly (Captain)



Minor B

Jennifer Hickey, Susan Yap, Kirsty Mc Farland, Suzanne Anglim, Shelly Horan, Sarah Brussey, Suzanne Kenealy, Susan O'Brian, Ms. D. Sixsmith, Jennifer Daly, Ellie Fry, Emily Holmes, Wallis Handleman (captain), Julie Nixon, Susan Wilkinson

Basketball

SENIOR LEAGUE WINNERS 1995/96



Senior SSA League Winners 1996

Clare Dowd, Ciara McCarthy, Gemma Tiernan, Joy Beattie, Zoe Mc Geeny, Kate Draper, Ms. Bergin, Lindsey Callaghan, Cleona Gray, Suzanne Moody, Sally Walsh, Deirdre Lunny

This year two teams entered the **SSA League**. The Junior team, finalists last season, moved to Division 1 while the Senior team played in Division 2.

Junior team

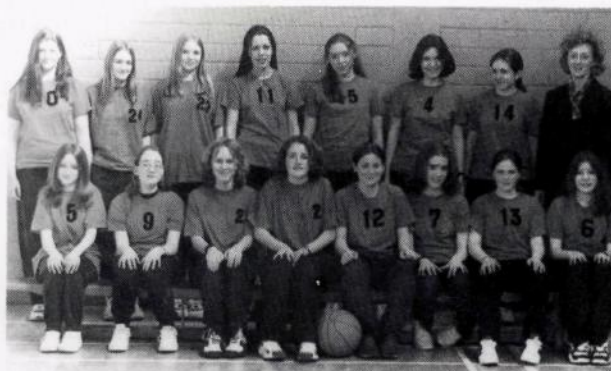
This team had a great season. They won all their group matches comfortably and progressed to play Maryfield College in the semi-final. At the half way stage of a close fought encounter, The High School led, but a determined effort in the second half saw Maryfield through by a single point. While disappointed with the final result, the team could take consolation from their contribution to an exceptionally exciting match.

Through the season, this team trained hard and improved greatly. Thanks to captain Debbie Walker and vice-captain Brenda McParland for their hard work this season.

Senior team

Thanks to the **Senior team**, 1995/1996 proved to be the most successful season for any High School Girls Basketball team to date.

This team won their section and were drawn to play Presentation Convent, Terenure in the semi-final. It was a closely contested match and following a three point vic-



Junior SSA League Semi-Finalists 1996

S. Anglim, J. Wardrop, S. Beattie, F. Bertz, S. Horan, J. Daly, S. Kenealy, Ms. Bergin, A. Coffey, A. Lynam, Z. Fairman-King, D. Walker (Capt.), B. Mc Parland, C. O'Connor, K. Cramp, R. Draper

tory, we won a place in the final against Ballinteer Community School.

On March 20, a nervous and excited team stepped onto the court at The National Basketball Arena. Following a slow start, The High School led by two points at half-time. At full time we were eleven points ahead and had become winners of the SSA Div2 league.

This fully deserved title is the first to be won by a girls' basketball team in High School. All members of the team trained hard but special mention must be made of Susanne Moody whose contribution was invaluable and of Lyndsey O'Callaghan (3M), the youngest member of the team and a player of great promise.

Thank you to all our supporters, particularly those who travelled to the Arena at such an early hour to cheer us on.

Thanks to Mr D Miller and Ms Ritchie for their help through the season and to Mr Benson for driving us to away games. Finally, thanks to Cleona Gray who proved herself an excellent captain again this season.

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Cricket

Senior Girls' Cricket

Throughout last season the **Senior Girls' Cricket** team continued to improve in both their bowling and fielding, although admittedly the batting showed room for improvement. Both the matches and team training sessions were enjoyed by all and we would like to thank Catherine O'Neill for coaching us with such enthusiasm. A special mention must be given to the canteen ladies who willingly provided us with our teas. I would like to wish the best of luck to future cricket teams.

Emma Kenealy (Capt.)



Senior 1995

Julie Gillen, Danielle Hill, Sally Walsh, Suzanne Murphy, Jill Carrol, Suzanne Kenealy, Suzanne Mellon, Kate Draper, Suzanne Moody, Susan Moore, Deirdre Lunny, Ms. G.Mellon

Junior Girls' Cricket



Junior 1995

Ms. G. Mellon, Danielle Hill, Ellie Fry, Kate Draper, Kathryn Lowry, Gail Mc Endoo, Suzanne Kenealy, Kara Cramp, Zoe Lipson, Jenny Rath, Suzanne Mellon, Becky Manley, Debbie Walker, Brenda Mc Parland, Becky Keenan.

Last year we had an enjoyable cricket season with the weather being good for a change. We played most of our games at home which made us less nervous. We played some good games but never succeeded in reach-

ing the finals of the league. We had a very close match against St. Andrews but unfortunately we lost. We were really lucky to get a coach from New Zealand as she really helped us with our cricket skills. Hopefully next season will be better.

Rebecca Manley 4S.

U/14 Girls' Cricket

The under 14's had a good season last year. We all played well together. During the season the team showed many skills in both batting and bowling. We would like to thank Catherine O'Neill who trained us and umpired our matches for us. The team enjoyed playing and are looking forward to next year's season.

Suzanne Kenealy

Tennis

Last season saw a record number of teams entered in the School's Cup including a senior team, two junior teams and many minor teams. The senior team, after un-luckily losing 2-1 to Rathnew, proceeded to the semi-final of the plate competition, beating schools such as Wesley (3-0), King's Hospital (2-1) and Crumlin (2-1), before losing to Mount Anville. Despite the shortness of the Summer term, both the Senior and Junior school Cups were enthusiastically contested. The Senior Cup was won by Stefanie Sheppard. There were also several friendly fixtures for players of all standards, making it a tennis packed term.

S. Sheppard

Awards

Jagoe	Junior Girls	Deborah Walker
Smith	Senior Girls	Stephanie Sheppard



Senior And Junior Girls Tennis 1995

Mairead Dorney, Julie Gillen, Ailbhe Maher, Aimee Harris, Yvonne Maher, Claire Mc Cullogh, Suzanne Murphy, Nicky Hodgson, Ruth Harley, Suzanne Mellon, Becky Keenan, Zoe Lipson, Susan Moore, Vanessa Carswell, Gill Palmer, Ms. G. Mellon



Under 14 Girls Tennis 1995
*Ms. G. Mellon, Kathryn Lowry, Kara Cramp, Elly Fry
Sara Gray, Debbie Walker, Brenda Mc Parland, Jane
Harley, Cary Gray*



Senior
*Susie Early, Karen Early, Zoe Lipson
Sinead Fry, Georgina Dunne (captain)*

Badminton

The U19 Girls' badminton team had a very enjoyable season this year. They had an early start and finished all their matches before Christmas. Out of five matches, against the schools Mt. Sackville, King's Hospital, St. Paul's (Greenhills), Newbridge and St. Mary's (Naas), three were won, two drawn and one lost. The team consisted of Georgina Dunne, Sinead Fry, Zoe Lipson and Karen Earley.

Once again, we would all like to thank Mr. Sheridan and Amanda Dunlop for all their help and support during the year.

Zoe Lipson.

Awards

Evans	Mixed	Frank Browne, Georgina Dunne
Factor	Junior Boys	Frank Browne
Hennessy	Senior Boys	Leigh Byrne



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Athletics

The School Sports Day took place in mid-May. Although the turn out was not great, some of the performances were of the highest standard. A most noticeable performance was by Colin Walsh who ended his stint as athletics captain by winning the Cornick, Southam and Walker Cups. The War Memorial Cup for Senior Points went deservedly to John Lalor, with Ross Wynne collecting the junior equivalent in the form of the Cunningham Cup.

The athletics team were very active in the early part of the cross-country season, with a number of fixtures in neighbouring schools. This combined with strenuous training sessions on Mondays and Fridays resulted in a high level of fitness for many of the team members. This dedication was paid off in the form of positive performances in early season fixtures, the highlight being a match against St Columba's in Danum. The Senior Boys scooped the first win of the season, and this combined with an individual first place for Keith Rynhart, completed a successful day for the team. Rynhart was supported unselfishly by Shane Keogh and Niall Tilley, who both had equally good performances.

The athletics team continued to perform well in friendly competitions, including a fine team effort in the Senior Boys' relays in St. Columba's. However these races served merely to prepare the team for the East Leinster Zone Championships in St. Columba's. The race fell on a bitterly cold day, with hazardous conditions underfoot. This failed to deter the team members with everyone performing to the best of their abilities. The star of the day was Aidan Walsh, who finished a well-deserved second in the intermediate race. This qualified Aidan for the Leinster Final in The Curragh where he finished 12th. Aidan was disappointed with this result as he was still suffering from the flu when he raced. Since Aidan's arrival to the High School in 4th year, he has added depth to the Athletics team, and holds much promise for the years to come. Looking to the future, a promising cross-country runner is Aaron Shorten who won the Form 1 High School cross-country championship.

The track season started as the cross-country season ended with a magnificent performance in Belfield, with "King-Pins" such as Belvedere, Benildus, St. Columba's, King's Hospital and Wesley competing. The High School under 16 boys' team "cleaned up" with top points. This competition also allowed for some excellent individual performances in the field events with Graham Fleming, Justin O'Malley and John Butterly reaching the highest standards in their respective events. The under 16 girls also had a promising performance.

To finish off I would like to congratulate the superb athletes who performed so well this year. The under 16 team look like providing the school with some future Senior stars. On behalf of everyone I would like to thank Mr. Irwin for his keen interest and training appearances, Mr. Gill for his continued support and Mr. Toomey for his commitment and support. I also extend my thanks to all the dedicated members of the team who were always eager to race, and Susan Griffin who never once missed training on Mondays, which shows the level of dedication members of the athletics team have.

Mark Homan

Awards

Belgrave

200 Metres - Senior Girls Kate Draper

Cornick

400 Metres - Senior Boys Colin Walsh

Cunningham

Points - Junior Boys Ross Wynne

Magill

100 Metres - Junior Boys Ross Wynne

Mathers

Points - First Year Girls Ruth Draper

Moore

200 Metres - Senior Boys John Lalor

Pakenham Hamilton

High Jump - Junior Girls Ruth Draper

Sloan

Long Jump - Senior Boys David Bell

Southam

800 Metres - Senior Boys Colin Walsh

Staff

Points - Third Year Girls Kate Draper

Taylor

100 Metres - Senior Boys Leo McKenna-James

Travers

High Jump - Senior Boys John Lalor

Walker

1500 Metres - Senior Boys Colin Walsh

War Memorial

Points - Senior Boys John Lalor

Whyte

Field Events - Boys John Lalor

Canoeing

'Canoeing continues to be a most popular adventure sport in High School'.

During the summer term of 1995 canoeing took place three times a week. The form one pupils improved on the Dodder and some of them participated in The Grand Canal race from Hazelhatch to Clondalkin. This was a most successful race and a good introduction to competitive canoeing for junior pupils. Congratulations to Emma Alloth, who won the girls under 14 singles in this race.

The more experienced canoeists trained on the Liffey every Saturday throughout April and May 95 for the Schools Liffey Race which is in the major event in the schools canoeing calendar. Congratulations to Oisín Boydell, Christopher Nicholson, Philip Maher, Ralph Benson, Brian Hare, Hugh O'Connor, David Bradshaw, Ruth Harley, Susan Long, Cillian Monaghan, Kate Harris, Abbie McHugh and Amber Walsh, who all participated in and completed the race. A special congratulations to Kate Harris who won an award in girls under 16 singles.

Every Wednesday afternoon in the autumn term and again in the summer, a group of form four, transition year pupils trained for the Basic Canoeing Certificate and this is continuing again in 1996. This is a valuable exercise and should help to improve the safety standards of those canoeing.

As this report goes to print, the summer 1996 canoeing programme is in full swing. In a recent race on the Grand Canal, ten pupils took part and Emma Alloth, Mark Francis and William Leth brought home an award. At the same time a more senior group of enthusiasts are back on the Liffey preparing for the annual Schools Liffey Race.

As well as canoeing within the school, Justin Walsh, Cillian Monaghan and Ralph Benson continue to canoe and compete throughout the year with their clubs. Congratulations to them for completing the International Liffey Descent last year.

Canoeing Awards

Broad (Form 1)

Canoeist of the Year

Junior Liffey

Fergus Boydell

Kate Harris

Ralph Benson

JS



Golf

This year a school golf team was set up which consisted of three 5th years, Mark Nolan (capt.), Trevor Steedman and Nick White, who represented the High School in the school's tournament. We all woke up bright and very early to prepare for a great round of golf. Seven a.m. during the mid-term was not a good start to the day, but by the first tee at Milltown Golf Course we had all woken up fully (well Mark had at least).

It is 8.45 a.m. and I was elected as the first player to tee off. I stepped up and addressed the ball. Quite a large crowd had gathered around the first tee to watch. They all grew silent as I prepared to tee off. I slowly lifted my 2 wood above my head and crashed down at full force behind the ball. I looked up to see how far it had gone but I couldn't see it. It must have gone miles! But when the crowd started laughing and I looked down at my feet I realised what had happened. The crowd's screams of laughter soon turned into screams of terror when Nick White's tee shot was hooked wildly into the on-looking gallery.

After these early disasters we soon settled into our rhythm. A great birdie from Mark Nolan and a couple of

triple bogey's from Nick White made the day both an eventful one and an enjoyable one also.

At the end of the day we added up our score cards to find that Mark and I had finished with rounds of 98 and Nick White with a 117. He tried to tell everyone that he thought that the higher the score the better. Well that was his excuse anyway.

All in all we had a great day. I hope that next year we will all come back with lower handicaps. Well, maybe not Nick!

Trevor Steadman 5C



Golf Team
Nick White, Mark Nolan, Trevor Steadman

Swimming

Throughout the two Winter terms, swimming took place in Terenure College Pool every evening from 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

In the early session from 6.00 p.m. - 6.45 p.m. a young and enthusiastic group attended regularly and improved significantly.

In the later session from 6.45 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. a group of mostly senior pupils trained for their Irish Safety Association Survival Award. Congratulations to the following who all received their awards in March '96. Kate Harris, Jane Wilkinson, Becky Keenan, Suzanne Mellon, Emma Alloth, Christopher Nicholson, Andrew Rankin, Andrew Gordon and Niall O'Byrne.

Throughout the two terms, several pupils took up swimming as their physical challenge in the Presidents Award. This proved very successful and hopefully more pupils will take up this challenge and use the opportunity next year.

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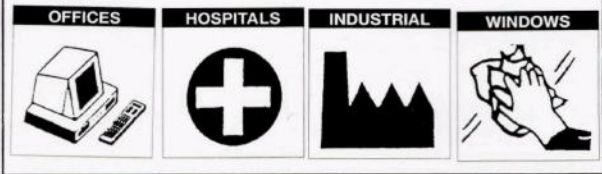
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Adventure Sports

Hillwalking

We started the year in September with a visit to an area never explored by the club before: the Cooley mountains in Co. Louth. This trip must be considered a success, in spite of the long driving time, because of the spectacular views over Carlingford Lough whenever the mist lifted. Over distant mountains in the north we saw some lightning flashes and heard thunder rolling. Fortunately we did not experience either directly above us, but the air was charged with electric potential, as evidenced by the way the hair on the heads of those with fine long hair stood on end in a most alarming manner. Mr. Cryan wisely advised caution in these circumstances. Carlingford Mountain (1935 f.) is the highest point in this pleasant walk, made easier by virtue of a car park which is halfway up the mountain! We'll be back.

Our next walk on October 1st. was the familiar circle of Sehan, Corrig, Seefinigan and Seefin around the Shankill Firing Range. The weather was ideal and the views very satisfactory.

The end of that month brought the special introductory walk for first year which was enthusiastically supported and enjoyed by all. We did an easy but interesting route from Lower Lough Bray to the transmitting masts on Kippure (2475 f.). But however easy or interesting, it must have not been enough because we never saw these pupils sign on for any of the later walks!!

In November we had our walk to Luggala (or Fancy) (1937 f.) which includes what must be one of the most scenic valleys in Ireland (and therefore the world) between Lough Tay and Lough Dan. The weather was perfect, with bright sunshine, and there was much dawdling on the banks of the Cloghoe Brook.

Our night walk in January was enjoyed (taking that word in its broadest sense) by all. A larger than usual turn out required assistance from Mr. Davies, Mr. D. Miller and Mr. Swan and we were together when we set out from the car park near Upper Lough Bray. The night was dark, the boggy ground underfoot was soft and black and there were many who missed their footing and screamed

and many more who nearly missed their footing and screamed anyway. Almost nothing could be seen without a torch, which, believe it or not, is most unusual for a night walk. However, while not ideal, the weather could have been a great deal more cruel and all arrived

quite safely at the transport quite convinced that they had had "quite an experience".

February brought the Paddock "Lake"/Powerscourt Waterfall and Maulin (1875 f.) route which provides great variety of scenery, steep wooded paths, the incomparable waterfall itself, open moorland and the unfailing sight of deer in the valley of the Dargle below Djouce Mountain. Again another rain free day, until we were safely in the bus on the way home.

Lugnaquilla in early March was seen as the only suitable "training" walk for those who would soon be attempting even higher mountains in Kerry. Another sunny day, with the wind only really cold when on the summit, saw us make excellent time on both ascent and descent and allowed us to take in not only "Lug" itself (759 m.) but also Slievemaan (759 m.) and Ballinaddan (652 m.) on the return route to the base of Camarahill.

The hillwalking "weekend" took place from Thursday 28 to Saturday 30 of March and was almost (but not quite) confined to those doing the Presidents Award from Transition Year. As recorded in previous Erasmians there has not been sufficient numbers interested in the last two



years for making the usual hillwalking weekend possible and so by combining forces with Mr. Swan's group we have managed to keep a regular series of walks going and now have also combined for the "weekend" formerly organised as two separate events. A party of twenty pupils arrived in Aghadoe Hostel (most by minibus, some by train) on the Thursday. Next day we ascended Carrauntoohill (3414 f.) by way of the Hag's Glen and the Devil's without too much difficulty. The weather, yet again, was ideal and though the summit was in mist most of the time as we approached, it cleared as we got nearer and afforded us a magnificent view of the Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Bay to the North West and the marvellous range of the Reeks to the East. I wondered how many of the party realised just how lucky they were to find themselves on the summit and not in mist! The party split, some opting for a return by the approach route and others daring to take the Beenkeragh Ridge, which has spectacular sheer drops on either side which encouraged caution even in those not terrified by heights. Caution duly taken, this party made their way back to the bus by way of the Beenkeragh (3314 f.) and Knockbrinnea (2782 f.) and with the perfect timing for which the climb is justly famous, the two parties met each other only half a mile from the parked bus.

The following day a delightful Summery (but not the wind) day saw us doing a low level walk in the world-renowned Gap of Dunloe with beautiful lakes and overhanging mountains. Then off home, both train and bus arriving about 6.30 p.m. after a most enjoyable weekend. Mr. Swan organised all the details of the trip including transport, accommodation and collecting money. Mr. Cryan arranged all the food for the staff and Ms. Purdy, as her morale-lifting bonhomie, provided table delights not usually found in an An Oige hostel! The pupils were very able and willing and at least one showed enormous courage in overcoming a fear of heights and uncertain terrain which should be an example to all. It has been very enjoyable to see pupils increase in confidence and physical ability as they have taken part in this sport in the course of the year. I hope they will remember these experiences with fondness and may wish to come on more walks in the future, even when there is no "award" at the end of the journey.

Rockclimbing

Due to the short Summer term we managed only five sessions at Dalkey Quarry. These all went well and one is hopeful that some leaders may emerge from the most senior of those taking part. Our thanks are due to the Governors who have provided funding for keeping all equipment up to the very highest standards of safety. I once again encourage more pupils to "have a go" at this unusual sport, which is very challenging and exciting and yet, at beginners' level, totally safe. Many thanks to the past pupils who gave up their time to assist us by leading and instructing their young victims: Sean Gilmore, Colin Harris, Michael Lunny, Nik Price, Alex Fraser, Duncan Foster and Colin Kirkham.

F.A.L. Gardner

Fred has gone on assisting the mountaineering club, both hillwalking and rock climbing for so many years after he retired as Vice-Principal that it sometimes comes as a shock to me to realise that there are some members of staff who have never met him. Unfortunately he recently had "a bit of an accident" (involving broken bones) and feels he can no longer help out in these activities, and with an air of generosity so typical to him, he has donated all his personal walking/climbing gear to the school. This includes waterproof jackets, Karabiners, nuts, slings, and walking guides (some of which have been collected from newspaper articles and are hence very rare) and other items far too numerous to mention, but suffice it to say that the whole amounts to a fascinating and practical treasure trove, whose financial value too is not inconsiderable.



I'd like to thank Fred sincerely for this marvellous gift and to take this opportunity to say how much he is already missed in our various activities. Fred is the toughest and most stoical person I have ever met. His deeds are legendary. I might mention plunging his upper body into a frozen lake, carrying a distressed "child" on his shoulders at an age when most are glad to be able to carry themselves, responding to a wax scald with, "oh dear!" His knowledge on everything one might possibly encounter in the course of a hill walk is encyclopaedic, and accounts for my own failure to bother remembering anything myself. Why should I when I can always "ask Fred"?

His concern for all the pupils walking or climbing will always be something I remember and strive to emulate. He was always quick to spot someone with a problem and give them moral support and even carry his/her rucksack. He went to extraordinary lengths to try to ensure that pupil who had to turn back, or had failed to scale a rock face, should suffer no sense of injured pride or self esteem.

So on behalf of the Mountaineering Club I thank you Fred for your recent gifts. On behalf of myself, and I'm sure all the pupils who shared our walks, thank you for so many years of great companionship.

I.B.

Caving

1995/1996 was another successful year for caving in High School. Nobody was killed and the minibus only broke down once.

Our first caving trip kicked off last May, when a few select members of High School were turned loose in Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare. On the first day of the trip we ventured down Polldubh, a good cave with a challenging traverse and on exiting this cave, we had the even bigger challenge of trying to find our way back to the bus. The second day so went down Pollnagree, which is a very short cave, but well worth getting into a cold wet-suit just to see some of the spectacular formations.

Our next trip brought us North to Co. Fermanagh, where on the first day we went down the Marble Arch Caves, which was by far the best cave we had ever been in. Although part of this cave is open to the public, I doubt many of them would have made it through the aptly named 'Corkscrew'. Again on the second day only **some of us** made it as far as Cradle Hole, which also turned out to be a cave well worth the visit. While in this cave, we had a great workout with Mr. Motivator, Gary McGouran, which kept us all warm after swimming in the very cold waters of the upper cradle. It was only a short swim but gave a whole new meaning to the word **Doggy paddle!**

On a cold and very wet March weekend, we headed back to our home away from home, Lisdoonvarna. This trip had many new faces down to try out a new sport. On the Saturday morning after a long discussion (argument!) by the C.D.G. (Cave Discussion Group), we decided to go down Pollnagallum, which turned out to be the best choice. There is a breath-taking waterfall and some very interesting graffiti to be seen in Pollnagallum. That night we ate **The Curry From Hell**, and saw Alistair Pratt take Keith Rynharts' year long title of Clares' U18 spoons champion. The next morning was a nightmare when we got lost and the bus reliably broke down. Luckily there were a couple of highly skilled volunteers who came to

the rescue! Soon enough we were back on what we thought was our way, but as it happened it was too wet to go down the cave and so we headed home. The bus journey home was very entertaining thanks to Nick White being obsessed with the words 'material' and 'man', about which he is not allowed to forget.

We would all like to thank Mr. Wright, Ed Wright, Mr. Davies, Ms. Mellon and the C.D.G. for all their help and we would like to encourage all the cowards, who have not yet tried caving, to have a go.

Jeffrey Griffin - Official C.D.G. Member.



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CANOEING

AN INTRODUCTION

TO THE SPORT BY CILLIAN MONAGHAN AND JUSTIN WALSH OF FIFTH YEAR



Canoeing at it's best is an "extreme sport". There is a lot more to the sport than you think and as you progress more into it you learn this. From the start it's a great buzz and from the start it requires self confidence, enthusiasm and courage. Canoeing can be split into a few different categories

- Sea Kayaking
- Touring
- Whitewater Kayaking/Extreme Whitewater Kayaking
- Rodeo
- Surfing
- Flatwater Racing (e.g. Liffey descent)
- Slalom
- Canoe Polo

Canoe Polo consists of two team's of four shooting a ball into overhanging nets at either end of a swimming pool in Winter, (it's played on rivers in Summer). It's a skillful game which is great fun and can be very aggressive. Slalom consists of overhanging gates (the gates are simply two overhanging poles suspended from overhead vines across the river) on a river or set of rapids. Whichever contestant paddles through a set course of them in the quickest time wins. It's easier said than done.

My main interests in canoeing however are Surfing, Rodeo, Whitewater Kayaking and Extreme Whitewater Kayaking (Kayaking is the correct terminology for the sport

but it is usually called canoeing in Ireland).

Rodeo or playboating is all about tricks and spectacular stunts, such as "popping out". This happens when you stick the nose (front) of your boat into a stopper (a stopper is a section of fast flowing water which flows back onto itself in a circular motion. They occur at the bottom of weir's and drops) the boat is either popped completely out of the water, in which case you have yourself a bit of serious airtime, or the tail of the boat rises vertically into the air and stays there for some few seconds, in which case it is possible to pirouette, the boat pivots 180° like a spinning top and you land facing the opposite direction in which you originally faced. Another trick which can be done takes place when the rear end of the boat becomes totally submerged, the nose faces upward vertically and the whole boat rockets forwards, this is known as an ender. There are many other tricks and stunts which can be done in canoes, many are variants of the two mentioned, many are not.

Surfing can be done on river's and on the sea. Big wave riding on the sea is most definitely a serious buzz. Surfing in a canoe is not as maneuverable as surfing on a surfboard although it is still quite maneuverable. The canoe can be moved up and down the wave and from side to side along the face of the wave. On river's waves known as standing waves can be surfed in a canoe, they are simply waves which stay in the one place and

are caused due to the terrain of the riverbed. When surfing in a canoe you do not stand in or on it, as some people seem to think, when I tell them I went surfing in my canoe you sit in it as you normally would.

Whitewater Kayaking is simply canoeing a river with much 'Whitewater' present on it, which means that it has many drops (large and small) stoppers rocks and boulders. Extreme Whitewater Kayaking is in my opinion Whitewater Kayaking with bigger drops, bigger boulder's, more rocks and a bigger volume of water. It requires more adrenaline, more courage and more confidence and what it gives you in return is a far greater buzz. Although I haven't had much experience of 'Extreme Whitewater Kayaking' I had a serious taste of what it was all about when I shot the Dargle with Justin and I surely did enjoy it. It was most definitely one of the biggest buzzes of my life.

I think one of my main ambitions in canoeing is to paddle the river's of the Alps. I'd also like to check out the Grand Canyon and a few New Zealand river's, whether I ever will or not is another question.

GETTING STARTED

I did my basic certificate with a canoe club named the WWKC (Wild Water Kayak Club). They have a club house at the Strawberry Beds, Palmerstown, on the river Liffey, just above

Palmerstown Weir. It's a good club to start off with and to progress further with. It cost me about £46.00 to do a six week course (about two hour's a week) which includes examination costs for the Basic Certificate. The gear is good and the instructor's are also good and very competent at what they do.

If you want to start canoeing don't go out directly and buy a canoe, you might decide you don't like the sport. Do your basic through the WWKC and then make up your mind.

When buying a canoe do not buy a fibreglass one, unless your planning on concentrating on racing or slalom, in which case be sure to get a slalom fibreglass boat Stay away from Skellig Plastique's, Odyse's and anything that has CXC or XC written on it. Try to avoid buying a plastic boat over five year's old.

SO WHAT'S GOOD?

Pyrhana Master's and Magic Bat's, any Prijon boat. Perception Corsica's, Corsica 'S' and Dagger AQ II's, avoid buying a low volume boat, buy a boat with a reasonably large volume. Good deals can be found when buying second hand i.e. a boat with helmet and paddles for £150.00. However when buying second hand never ever buy a plastic boat that has been in anyway damaged, even if they have been repaired they simply won't last, fibreglass on the other hand is easily repaired, no matter what the damage.

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SAFETY

This is a major aspect of Canoeing and must be treated with respect. If you are new to canoeing, you should never go near the water unless you have a qualified instructor, leader, or someone of at least AP (Advanced Proficiency) on the water with you.

Equipment should always be ICU (Irish Canoe Union) approved and boats should always be equipped with air bags and decklines (ropes on the boat) buoyancy aid and helmets should be worn at all times and "at least" one person in the group should have a good throw rope.

Canoeing is a great sport with a lot of risks and dangers attached to it. They can however be easily overcome and avoided if the above steps are followed and respected. Lack of respect to them often results in death, bad injuries or simply frightening people in such a way that it puts them off the sport completely.

Cillian Monaghan 5th Year

Jussie pirouetting on the avenbeg Co. Wicklow.



We Did The Dargle Glen!

BY Justin Walsh 5th Year.

On Sunday 24th March 1996 Cillian and I along with the Voyagers Kayak Club paddled what is acknowledged as probably the most difficult river passage in the Wicklow Mountains, the Glen section of the River Dargle, which is the bit of the river immediately above the motorway section of the Dublin Wicklow road, just a couple of miles from Bray. For myself and Cillian it was our first time ever to shoot this river. We had heard many terrifying stories of people going home needing stitching to their heads and major repair jobs to their boats. These tales did not help our nerves at all.

We started from the Tinnehinch Bridge located on the road leading from Enniskerry

to the Powerscourt Waterfall. For the first kilometre the river meandered gracefully, halted by the odd little weir but after a while the cliffs began to grow up around us, and then we realised there was no turning back. All the nerves which had been knotted up inside us untangled into a steady flow of pure adrenaline. The first few short sets of rapids signalled the start of the real kayaking.

I jumped out of my boat just before the beginning of "the gorge", which leads to the main waterfall, and I set up a rescue rope in case somebody came out of their boat and drifted down that three metre leap of faith. Then one by one, watched over by each other, we all went in turn through this difficult section. We all survived the gorge

and portaged (carried our boats) to inspect the waterfall. The fall consisted of two drops, the first one of which was the smaller but had the more powerful water-action which sent our boats nose first into the air, where we quickly had to gain control again before we went immediately over the second drop and under the water below it for what seemed like an eternity.

We all broke the surface of the water shouting with disbelief that we had actually made it, only to face the next one hundred metres of boulder dashing rapids, where we suffered our first casualty, one of our companions smashed his face off a rock ending up with a broken nose. He decided that he would battle on.

The next difficult section we came to was the "Watermain Bridge Rapids", as this bridge carries the main water supply to Dublin City. Here the channel of the river widened making it extremely difficult to pick the correct route through the minefield of boulders scattered along the river bed. The rapids ended at a little drop with a stopper which is amazing for performing "rodeo" type stunts in. We were all having a good laugh and even more so when one of our paddlers emerged after playing in the stopper with his nose hanging off in need of much plastic surgery, the nose of his kayak, that is. We bound it up with a bit of tape, and pressed on further, stopping every few minutes while we waited for the above paddler to empty his damaged boat.

We soon entered the next section of superb scenery and vicious water "the Canyon". This tight walled ravine of schist rock holds three small falls, each immediately after the other. Here one of the team got his boat jammed awkwardly against a boulder, but after much effort we managed to free it unscarred. Cillian and I shot the first little drop under a fallen tree which lay half way across the river, while the rest just took the much preferred easy route. The next little drop bore no problem to anyone, but on the lead up



Much the same as the drop on the Dargle when its in flood.

to the last one, the water flowed along the right hand side of the canyon making it hard to stay away from the threatening wall. We all made it safely into the plunge pool at the bottom of the third drop, and though a few people took a swim, no further damage was suffered.

The next section of one hundred metres of river is called the "Maze", and rightly so as the river begins to lose itself among the many boulders. We manoeuvred our boats safely through to the other side to face our final challenge, the "Fallen Tree Rapids". These are an excellent series of small winding drops climaxing in the "Double Drop", a series of two small drops ending the best roller coaster ride of my life so far, difficult. but not impossible, and we managed it. ■

Cillian popping out in the Sluice on the Liffey.



ESSAYS AND POEMS

The following pages contain work by some of the pupils of the school which were submitted over the last term.

SCHOOL IS NOT ALWAYS EASY

The great institution of learning, that is the school, is supposedly where we spend the best days of our lives.....I beg to differ. If the best days of our lives are days when we are deprived of our freedom and individuality and are subjected to petty rules and worn out regulations, then we have little to look forward to.....

As far as I'm concerned the only people who talk about their school days as being the best times of their life are either the mentally unstable or the elderly, looking back on their lives through rose tinted glasses.

In school we are told to listen, yet we are not listened to. We are told to accept people, yet we are not accepted. This is hardly the tune of an environment in which to grow into sensible, mature and well balanced young adults (I think a quick look at society today proves this point).

Even in our own dear school, we are not protected from the hypocrisy already spoken of. (Certain) teachers constantly check small details regarding the appearance of pupils. One occasion, in particular, springs to mind in which a pupil was told he was "breaking school rules" by wearing black shoes with a tiny dark brown stripe. It was the stripe which was causing the "problem" and his shoes had to be dyed.

Other ridiculous rules include girls being allowed to wear the biggest, ugliest shoes imaginable, yet never ankle boots; girls being allowed to wear one small stud in each ear - two, of course, would be scandalous; pupils being allowed wear one small "signet ring" - why specifically a "signet ring", what is wrong with a claddagh ring?; girls being allowed wear a hair-band but never a hair scarf - perhaps some of the "better educated" members of our school community could tell us what the difference is???

Our school does not have a sports uniform. This may come as a surprise to many people, but this is what our faithful school leads us to believe. Quoting yet another school rule: "Pupils must enter and leave school in school uniform". Yet when students leave the grounds in the "school tracksuit" they are frequently stopped and ordered back into school to change into uniform. Thus, I must conclude that our beloved school does not have a

sports uniform. On enquiring about the reason for the pupils not being allowed to go home in sports gear (after all, we have been told in school that all rules are there for a reason), I was informed that girls going home in short skirts might attract too much attention. This was the only reason I was given!!! Firstly, girls don't wear hockey skirts for training, most wear tracksuits - how should this "attract too much attention", and secondly, if their concern is for girls, why are boys also subjected to this senseless rule? I think it is also worth a mention that our school is only concerned with us on a "Monday to Friday basis". On Saturdays girls come and go to hockey matches in their "short skirts" but nothing is ever said about this.

Our school also insists that a "plain black jacket bearing no motifs or logos must be worn". Personally I can't see the problem with having "wrangler" written on the back of a jacket collar. However, there is more to come.....no denim or leather jackets may be worn. What? Could it be that our great school is prejudiced and judges people by their appearance? Could it be that our wonderful school decides that anyone wearing a leather jacket is a thug and a hooligan? Surely not....

Could it be that our school is not as wonderful as we might have thought? Perhaps our school needs to learn a thing or two....

Jenni Daly

The World of Sport

The world of sport is a world where once competitors gave 110% in pursuit of glory, prestige and honour. Sportsmanship was always evident and the sports world as a whole had a certain untouchable grace about it. Sadly, this is extremely lacking in the world of sport today.

In the past few weeks it has come to light that England want 75% of the T.V. deal for the Five Nations Rugby Championship. Ten years ago, lucrative television deals and teams demanding ridiculous amounts of money were rarely heard of. Today, however, they are all too common.

The average weekly wage of a decent premier league footballer is between £7,000 to £9,000. This works out at approximately £400,000 a year, more than an average person would earn in 30 years of hard work. Manchester United F.C. paid £7m for a certain striker who has netted

only 12 goals in 48 appearances. Football players and sports stars earn crazy amounts of money from merchandising deals in which they wear certain trainers or sweatshirts.

As I write, Stephen Hendry is trying to defend his world snooker title at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. If he is successful, Hendry will pocket a mere £200,000. (If a snooker player manages to make a maximum break of 147, they will receive £147,000. That is £1000 a point!).

This Summer the Olympic games take place in Atlanta. This is undoubtedly the biggest sporting event in the world, uniting over 150 countries. At the Seoul Olympics in 1986, a Canadian sprinter, Ben Johnson, took steroids to enable him to run faster. Johnson duly won the race, but was afterwards caught and branded a cheat. He clearly felt that the money from sponsors would have been so great had he won the 100m dash, that it was worth taking the risk of cheating.

I believe that in the long run, all this money will have a seriously detrimental effect on Sport in general. I will be watching the games in Atlanta this summer and I sincerely hope that we will see honest athletes giving it everything they have and thinking not about money, but about honour and glory.

Ray Ryan 2D

DREAMS

Yellow Fox was in awe. He stared at the man on the sleek horse. The man was tall, lean and handsome, just the way Yellow Fox had pictured him. His name was Crow Dog and he was one of the most respected warriors in all the tribes for many miles around. He had come to Yellow Fox's tribe for the Piercing of her Ears. They always invited a great warrior to perform the ceremony, and this time it was Yellow Fox's sister whose ears were to be pierced. Yellow Fox watched as Crow Dog dismounted, his long hair shining in the sun, and walked to Yellow Fox's father. The two men greeted each other solemnly, and after the initial rites had been performed, the holy man presented Crow Dog with the sharpened bone with which he was to perform the ritual.

After the POW-wow, Yellow Fox lay awake in the grass just south of the village. It was late, but he couldn't sleep, so he had come here to ponder. Ever since his eighth Summer, Yellow Fox had wanted to be a great warrior, like Crow Dog. He had witnessed the battle between his tribe, which was one of the Lakotas, and the Pawnee across the wide river. The Pawnee had come in the night and taken some of his tribes' women, so a battle ensued. He had watched while his tribe's warriors painted their bodies with the war ink, he had peered into the Tipi where the holy man had set fire to a piece of hemp and the warriors ate the smoke to give them strength. He hid in the tall grass and saw them praying to Wakan Tanka for courage. He had stood outside his family's Tipi while the warriors

walked to the banks of the river with their mighty bows and powerful tomahawks, and he had heard their families and their wives crying as they left. The emotion was almost tangible that day, as the holy man chanted as they left for the battle. After they had crossed the river, Yellow Fox saw his tribe's warriors triumph, and heard their victorious cries. Not a single man from the tribe was lost that day. They returned home with their captured women, all safe. Yellow Fox smiled when he remembered how the wife of the warrior, Iron Eyes, had greeted him. She had flung herself into his arms the very moment he got out of the canoe, and he had lifted her off the ground and kissed her, and all the children laughed at them.

Ever since that day, Yellow Fox had longed to be like those warriors, a hero. And now his wish was finally going to be made a reality. At dawn he would reach his sixteenth summer. His father was one of the chief's advisors and so had made sure that Yellow Fox would be made a warrior. They were to fight the Pawnee again the following week.

Finally the night finished its silent serenade and the sun rose. The things Yellow Fox had to endure to become a man! He thought his lungs would burst with the heat in the sweat tent on the first day. And the vision pit! He was led up the side of a mountain by the holy man, and then he was left alone in the vision pit for four days, and without food, water or clothes. All he had with him was the star blanket that his mother had made him, and the forty-eight pieces of flesh that he had watched his grandmother cut from her arm with the sharp piece of bone. He had had his vision on his third Day in the pit. The birds had told him to have no fear, and the spirit of his great-grandfather had come to him in the form of a mighty cougar and told him his new name. From tomorrow onwards, he was to be called Eagle Ells, after his uncle, and he was to be the bravest warrior in the land.

At last the day of the battle dawned. He did not sleep that night, but he was not tired in the morning. He had felt excitement like never before when the women painted his face, and the holy man had lit the hemp and he had eaten the smoke, and he felt so proud as he walked to the edge of the river bank with his mighty bow and his powerful tomahawk, the sound of his mother, grand-mother and sisters weeping in his mind while he boarded his canoe and sailed across the river. He had felt ready for anything as he lay in the long grass behind the village of the Pawnee, his weapons at his command. He had been surprised when he heard the dull "thunk" on his back. He had felt the pain, and the hot warrior blood flowing down his back, and the last thing he had seen was the painted Pawnee warrior raise the tomahawk to the sky and bring it down. Then, Eagle Ells, the fierce warrior, had closed his eyes tight and cried out, but then there was nothing.

Aisling Doyle 4P

THE TIME MACHINE

The year was 1996. Steve stepped into the machine on which he had spent so much time working. It was nearly three metres in height and its smooth, cool, metallic walls gleamed. Steve hesitated as he reached for the handle of the door. He couldn't believe it! He was about to experiment with his time machine! He was so close to fulfilling the dream he had had since as far back as he could remember. 'God Almighty,' he thought, 'I'd be locked up if anyone heard about this!'

Even though he fully believed time travel to be possible, he had learned by experience, that most people did not share his opinion and simply dismissed him as a lunatic if he shared his beliefs with them. There was a gentle click as the door opened revealing an extensive control panel, with buttons and levers of every shape, size and colour. Steve eased the door shut and lowered himself onto the seat facing the controls.

At the flick of a switch the machine buzzed and whirled into action. Lights of all colours flashed as Steve stared incredulously at the control panel. He could still not quite believe what he had achieved. Having taken a number of deep breaths, Steve slowly turned the dials and pressed the buttons in front of him. He was hoping to hurtle backwards in time, to a land of long ago.

There was loud clang. The time machine rocked violently. Steve tried to steady himself against the wall to avoid being thrown against the door. There was a thundering boom and all was silent, except for the gentle swaying of the machine as it slowed to a halt. Steve slowly opened the door and peered cautiously out.

Nick stepped out into an uncivilised world, home to an archaic society. Women were treated as second class citizens, their voices and opinions were considered frivolous and unimportant. The rich, upper classes treated the poor with contempt. As far as they were concerned there was bound to be work to be had and if the 'peasants' didn't have the inclination to find it then they deserved to be in impoverished conditions. People were plentiful and therefore expendable as far as employers were concerned. The roads and streets were filthy. Black people and others of different cultures or ethnic backgrounds were treated with suspicion and disdain. Crime was rife and people were often ambushed on roadways for money or jewellery. Members of government were more interested in personal gain than in what the people needed or wanted.

Steve stamped his foot and cried out in anguish. His time machine hadn't worked.

Jenni Daly

POETRY

For K

I used to love you, but you changed my mind,
For you my tears fell, I was sad, I pined,
You thought I'd never,
Choose to leave you, ever,
But you can go to hell because I did.

I used to love you, even after I'd gone,
I'd sit and brood and listen to our songs,
Because of you I
Wasted two years of my life,
But now I'm back and on a roll, sugar.

I used to love you, and you must have known,
That's why you called me on the telephone,
Boy you have some nerve,
To think I was still in lurve,
I was kidding myself, so I told you I was with someone else.

I used to love you, until the very next day,
I took the number 184 to Bray,
I got chatted up,
By the dish in a music shop,
So I'll go back there again next week,
And I hope you're well gutted because I don't love you anymore, baby.

Aisling Doyle 4P

Silence

Each hour that passes is always long,
My walkman keeps blasting Oasis song,
It's pouring rain,
There's dirty mud,
I am forever searching for his love.

I want to stay,
But I'm waiting to go.
My thoughts are empty
Always him...
He doesn't know.

The rain has stopped falling,
I remember his words,
My attraction is eternal -
A quiet world.

Anon

For your own good

You can't go out like that dear,
You'll catch your death of cold.
That top looks too mature dear,
You're only thirteen years old.

Don't use so much make-up dear,
You'll only make a mess,
That perfume's very strong dear,
Use a little less.

You can't wear that short skirt dear,
I can see your underwear,
Please wear some woolly tights dear,
Your legs look awfully bare.

I'll pick you up at ten dear,
You can't stay out too late,
You've got to wake up early dear,
We'll leave for school at eight.

You can not pierce your ears dear,
Until you're seventeen.
Never kiss a boy dear,
Unless he's really clean.

Don't read those magazines dear,
They're all a load of trash,
You should think of better ways dear,
To spend your hard earned cash.

Those heels look awfully high dear,
Your legs aren't fully grown.
Finish your conversation dear,
Others need to use the phone!

Tidy up that bedroom dear,
It really is a tip,
If you sulk any more dear,
You'll trip over your bottom lip.

Those posters on your wall dear,
I find them rather crude,
It really isn't nice dear,
To look at young men nude.

Stand up nice and straight dear,
Don't ever slump or slouch,
Do homework at your desk dear,
Not lying on the couch.

Turn off that awful noise dear,
We can't hear ourselves think.
Open up a window dear,
What is that dreadful stink?

Go and have a walk dear,
The air will do you good,
Don't come into the house dear,
Your shoes are covered in mud.

That film is just for adults dear,
And life is never fair,
What everybody else does dear,
Is neither here nor there.

Your language is atrocious dear,
Your Granny would be shocked.
Say that word again dear,
And your income will be docked.

I know you think we're nagging dear,
And really quite a bore,
You'll thank us when you're older dear,
DON'T SLAM THE BLOODY DOOR!

Their nagging really gets to me,
It cuts me like a knife,
They say it's for my own good but,
They're RUINING my life!!!

Ellie Fry 2R

The Other Girl

If he liked me
Why did he want her?
'I love you,' he said.
So why did he need to go to her?

Me alone,
Them together.
A hand rips out my heart.
The beating gets louder,
Louder.

If he liked me
Why did he ring her?
'I have always wanted you,' he said.
So why was he with her?

My heart shatters,
Splintering into my body.
I tear up his letter,
A tear trickles down my cheek.

Anon

Flames

Sparkling, Dancing, Jumping to and fro,
Showing their beautiful light,
Our beautiful giver of heat and taker of life.

Sarai Mooney 1Q

WHY?

Why is the sky so blue?
Why is the grass so green?
Why are the clouds so grey?
Why do bees fly
from flower to flower
collecting pollen?

MORNING

When the sun rises in the morning,
I see a sparrow in a tree,
Singing his sweet, sweet morning song,
That stays with me all day long.

DAILY JOG

Going for my daily jog,
I see a burglar run from my house,
I pick up my speed,
And catch him in a flash,
"That's my stuff, I believe!" I pant,
And promptly have him arrested.

Claire Cauldwell

An Observation

You move like a demon,
And through the crowd,
Your face stands out,
Like a funeral shroud.
You're negative as
The day is long,
You're always right,
And I'm always wrong,
You're a negative pessimist
And greedy too,
Power and money,
Are Gods to you,
You used to be handsome,
But your twisted mind,
Has made you ugly,
Obstinate and blind,
You're in league with
Hitler, Stalin and Saddam,
Because you're hurting me,
And you don't give a damn.

Rayne Booth 2D

Silence

Confusion, people turning, running
Pushing, no room to breath
Madness, endless noise, confusion.

A ship on a stormy sea
The wind fills it sails
Waves and white horses crash upon the bow.

Peace, sincerity, calm is what I feel
I sit and watch the world go by
No cares at all, the trees absorb it all.

Ants scurrying, each with their own job to do
No care for another
They have their own jobs to do.

Thrown about, our legs like jelly
The ship rocks from side to side
in the cruel sea.

A clump of trees, nothing more
Their tangled branches intertwine surely
No life within such an impenetrable maze.

Sarai Mooney 19

Peace

Why all the violence,
Why all the pain,
These terrorists, these murderers,
What do they gain?

The bombing restarts,
The shooting goes on,
Where is the ceasefire,
Where has it gone?

Eighteen sweet months,
Helped heal the pain,
But were all talks,
Only in vain?

David Kinsella 5H

News of Past Pupils

The High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union Joint Presidents' Report

Our first official duty was to present the Old Boys' Cup and the Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl to Garret Lyons and Julie McGouran, two outstanding pupils.

During the year we attended several schools' Past Pupils dinners and the Kilkenny/Celbridge P.P.U. Wine and Cheese evening. We represented the Union at the Association of Schools Unions' meetings and took part in the Annual Service for Sport in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 10 March 1996.

The Old Boys' Dinner was held on Saturday, 27 January 1996 when Mr. Des Cashell was the principal speaker, the Reynolds Hall being full for this popular event. An enjoyable Celebration Dinner in the Royal St. George Yacht Club and the bi-annual London Dinner were both well attended and provided our members with a chance to entertain their guests and meet old friends. Thanks to Harry Booker who organised all three functions.

The Ladies' Dinner took place on Friday, 26 April 1996, in the Deerpark restaurant in Clonskeagh. The guest speaker was Mrs. Helen Cole who is programme manager for A.P.S.O. (Agency for Personal Service Overseas).

We have had a very busy 1995/96 season with an activity each month - the most rewarding being our 'Silent Auction' when we raised in excess of £1,200 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Our thanks must go to our secretary, June Leach, for master-minding the whole event and to everyone who contributed and helped out on the night.

We are now approaching the end of our year in office and we should like to pay tribute to all our committee for their hard work and dedication. We are proud to have served as joint Presidents of our Union and have en-

joyed the year very much.

We should also like to thank the Principal, Brian Duffy, David Benson, Gene Draper, Brendan O'Donovan and Olive Bates for their interest and co-operation during the year.

Finally we wish our Presidents Elect, June Leach and Robin Miller, a happy and successful year in 1996/97.

*Eithni Seymour and John Bailey
(Joint Presidents)*



Joint Presidents Eithni Seymour and John Bailey

Secretary's Report 1995/96

It was most encouraging to see a group of last year's school leavers at our Welcome Supper in September but disappointing not to have a better attendance from our established members who have in the past given good support to this informal event. Perhaps it was the choice of Friday the 13th for this event which deterred members from attending!

The following week a Celebration Dinner was held to mark the 125th anniversary of The High School. This formal event took place in the beautiful surroundings of the Royal St. George Yacht Club overlooking the harbour in Dun Laoghaire. Several Past Presidents of the Union were among the ninety-five members and friends who

thoroughly enjoyed this event, the organisation of which was undertaken by our Patron, Mr. Harry Booker. I know there are many in the Union who hope Harry will find another reason next year for a similar function.

Attendance was very poor at the Wine Tasting Evening in November. George Cole of Dalkey Wine Services gave us a most informed talk on the many aspects of wine, how to choose what is right for different menus and, more importantly, how not to end up buying a bottle of plonk! Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable night sampling more than they should have and availing of the very reasonable prices at which the wine was on sale. The wine racks (and cellars?) of the members of the PPU were well stocked, for at least a short while, following this event.

In December we made our annual visit to Orwell Nursing Home to sing carols to the residents. The presence of four male members and the accompaniment on piano by Ruth Farrell helped us all to sing in harmony. The "piece de resistance" was undoubtedly our rendition of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* which left some of us literally speechless. Supplies of throat soothing lozenges, courtesy of our Joint President Elect, Robin Miller, helped restore some of our voices - others required stronger medicinal cures which they sought and found in the nearby Orwell Lodge Hotel.

The Men's Dinner took place as usual in January and once again The Reynolds Hall of The High School was bursting at the seams to seat all those who attended. I understand it was a most enjoyable night despite the inclemency of the weather.

In February the prospect of a talk on gardening appealed to a good number of our members and their friends. Victor Hislip, whose wife Hilary is a past pupil of Diocesan, gave a super talk on lawn care and on how to make your own compost. Victor's wonderful humour ensured that not only did we learn a great deal but also thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The London Dinner, held on the eve of the Ireland vs. England rugby match in the Forum Hotel in London, brought together seventy-one past pupils and friends from both sides of the Irish Sea. Once again the arrangements for this dinner were handled by Harry Booker who called on the expertise of three members of the Rathmines & Rathgar Musical Society, to entertain the diners. I understand it was another thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The following week the Union held a Silent Auction in aid of The Motor Neurone Disease Association. It was the first time we had undertaken such a fund-raiser which was a huge success, raising £1,223.30 for this most worthy cause. In comparison to some other fund-raising events in which I have been involved it was very easy to organise and I'd certainly recommend that it be repeated, perhaps the year after next.

During the year the Union purchased a lap-top com-

Annual Golf Outing

*Wednesday, 11th. Sept. '96
at Rathfarnham Golf Club*

Time Sheet in Operation

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puter and laser printer to enable us to modernise the way in which records of members are kept. The task of inputting all the information was an onerous one, but one which was very ably and willingly undertaken by our Membership Secretary, Wayne Sheridan. The teething problems which arose when we started to use the computer and printer were smoothed over and ironed out by two more of our members, Carole Bardon, a current committee member, and Gillian Smith, a past president - both quite obviously extremely computer literate. My thanks to each of them for all their "unpaid" work.

As we go to print the Ladies of the Union look forward to their dinner on Friday, 26 April. We hope that this year's Headgirl, Yvonne Maher, will be able to join us at the dinner and trust that the evening is enjoyable for everyone. A reunion of the "class of '66" has been arranged by Barbara Strong to coincide with the Ladies' Dinner and by the response that Barbara has had to her contact with her classmates we should have a considerable increase in the numbers attending the dinner. Hopefully, the choice of menu (Roast Beef!) won't have an adverse effect on the bookings - I'm assured by Oliver Cosgrave of the Deerpark Restaurant that the beef which will be served will be Irish born and bred.

The AGM in May will be unusual for me as I juggle my role of Secretary and incoming Joint President. The committee will be losing some of its members this year who have completed their two years' duty but I know that while there is never a waiting list for members who wish to serve on the committee, we will succeed in appointing a full committee on the night. It may take some gentle persuasion between then and now but I know we will succeed.

I have enjoyed my year as secretary which has been made very easy by the hard work of the committee members. The help and assistance which we receive from The High School, particularly from David Benson, is paramount to the success of the Union. Without the facilities given by the School to the Union for its events and committee meetings, the running of the Union would be far more difficult (and expensive!).

Attendances during the past year may not have been

at the level we hoped for but the Union, since amalgamation, is in its infancy, and I hope it will grow stronger and more successful each year. New ideas to attract active members are always welcome. If you have an idea of what the Union should do to strengthen its active membership and ensure its ongoing success please do let us know.

*June Leach
Hon. Secretary*

News of Past Pupils

Billy Blackmore (1989 - 1995) and **Ben Jackson** (1988 - 1994) are involved with the Jazz Society in Trinity College which was named Society of the Year in 1996.

Melanie Brown (1979 - 1989) conducted at concert for her own music for cello, piano and flute on Thursday, 7 March 1996, at The Ark, Eustace St. The concert was linked to an exhibition of pictures and poems by children from the Terezin ghetto in Prague. Melanie's music was part of a response by young Irish artists to the exhibition.

Jonathan Bardon (1953 - 1959) who lectures in History at the Belfast Institute of Higher Education, has been appointed Chairman of the Community Relations Council in Northern Ireland. His book "History of Ulster" was short listed for the Irish Times Literary Awards in 1993.

Philip Davidson (1969 - 1975) has had his first play, "The Invisible Mending Company", performed at the Peacock Theatre.

Jean Edgely (1984 - 90), **Karen Glover** (1980 - 90) and **Karen Hill** (1984 - 90) have passed their final nursing exams in the Adelaide Hospital.

Allison Furney (1984 - 1990) passed F.A.E. in 1995 and will be admitted as a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in 1996.

Keith Gamble (1980 - 1986) since graduating from D.I.T. with a Diploma in Building Services Engineering has worked in Belgium, Holland and the U.S.A. He is currently an Analyst with Andersen Consulting, Phoenix, Arizona.

Ruth Gilmartin (1966 - 1972) (nee Blake-Knox) B.A., Dip. Ed., is presently a national school teacher at Aravon private school, Bray.

Andrew Grimason (1987 - 1993) and **Judith Haslett** (1987 - 1993) became Trinity Scholars in Science in May 1995. They are both now studying Genetics.

Desmond R. Johnson (1956 - 69) was President of Old Wesley Rugby Football Club for the 1995/96 season.

Conan McCabe (1979 - 85) wrote, produced and di-

rected a 30 minute drama 'Darkest Hours' about the death of Michael Collins. This was screened by R.T.E. in July 1995.

Michael J. Montgomery (1959 - 65) is Principal Mechanical Engineer with Babcock Water Engineering based in Wakefield.

Andrew Pierce (1978 - 1984) is lecturing in T.C.D. in the School of Hebrew and Biblical and Theological Studies. He gained a Ph.D. in Theology and was awarded the Elrington Research Fellowship.

David Reichental (1975 - 1981) is managing director of his own business, Avida Ltd. Computer hardware and software sales and distribution. They are agents for Intel and Microsoft.

Gideon Reichental (1977 - 1983) is sales manager for Blythe software U.K., a multinational computer software company. He is now living in London.

Jonathan Reichental (1982 - 1988) is a Technical support specialist in Coopers and Lybrand, a multinational accounting firm. He is now living in Miami, Florida.

Malachy Robinson (1982 - 1988) graduated at the Guildhall School of Music, specialising in double-bass, and was awarded the Dave Memorial Prize for general excellence. He then completed a Masters degree in Historical Musicology at the Royal Holloway College, in the University of London. Having played with the Philharmonic Orchestra in London, he has now returned to Ireland and is a member of the Irish Chamber Orchestra.

Olive Savage (1966 - 1972) (nee Sloper) is working as administrator in an Eye & Ear hospital in Bristol.

Stephen S. Sexton (1988 - 90) played on the Cambridge team in the Annual Varsity match at Twickenham in December 1995.

Conor Sheen (1977 - 88) graduated with a B.Sc. (Eng.) from the Dublin Institute of Technology, and went onto do a Master's degree in Industrial Engineering. He worked as a Systems Analyst in Germany, and is now a project manager in Belgium.

Frank E. Sowman (1956 - 65) is currently Chairman of Selectors for the Irish Rugby Football Union International team.

Joshua Walker (1986 - 1991) and **Debbie Walsh** (1987 - 1992) were married in September 1994. After finishing school Joshua went to do one year of Christian work in Belgium. He will graduate from Trinity this June with a degree in Computer Engineering. Debbie has been a primary school teacher for the past two years. This October they will begin Youth work.

Peter Walker (1988 - 1993) was married to Ruthanne Ryan last June. They both went to Spain for a year to do Christian work. Peter is now completing his second year in Trinity College where he studies Spanish and Portuguese.

Rebecca Walker (1984 - 1989) was married last August to Glen Parks. After finishing school Rebecca went to Belgium to do Christian work for two years. She then studied for two years at Bible College in Paris. She took a year off her studies to do a further year of Christian work where she met Glen. She went back to College to get a degree after which she married Glen. They now live in Nebraska, U.S.A. where she works as assistant manager in a nursing home.

John Wann (1977 - 83) graduated from Cardiff University and has done an M.Sc. in Environmental Science in U.C.D.

Gordon W. Williams (1936 - 43) was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Literature by Trinity College, Dublin. Dr. Williams is THACHER Professor of Latin at Yale University.

Robert P. Willis (1935 - 41) was conferred with an Honorary Ph.D. degree by Trinity College, Dublin. He was honoured for his services to the Rotunda Hospital and to the University of Dublin (of which he is Pro-Chancellor).

Avril Young (1966 - 1972) attained a C.Q.S.W. in Social Work at Jordan Hill College, Glasgow. She is now a Social Worker in St. Michael's House, working in the area of learning disability.

Deaths

A. Victor Baker (1930 - 37) 31 January 1996 at Bangor, Northern Ireland.

Revd. W. J. Noel Mackey (1922 - 25) 17 February 1996 at Belfast.

Revd. Donald W. McClatchie (1949 - 57) 13 October 1995 at Dublin.

Dr. Henry B.S. Montgomery (1919 - 27) 25 January 1995 at Kent.

Cecil G. Morton (1922 - 30) 15 January 1996 at Dublin.

Percy C. Scott (1922 - 27) 25 December 1995 at Dublin.

Kenneth A. Travers (1977 - 84) 21 April 1996 at Dublin.

Obituaries

Mrs. Irene M. White

The original Diocesan Old Girls Association lost one of its most hard working members, Irene White, who died on the 26 March 1996. For so many years due to illness, she was unable to attend our present meetings. During 1963 to 1965 she was the Association's President and one will always remember her impressive speeches, especially at our Annual Dinners.

During her long life, music was of great interest to her and she played the organ in very many Churches, especially Rathfarnham Church and Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines. She was one of the founder members of the Junior Choral Union and was the treasurer of this Union from 1966 to 1986, and this Festival is still being held each year during the month of May.

Irene was also the Past Pupils' Treasurer, a post she held for very many years.

One will always remember her active part in the School's Sale of Work held in Diocesan School. When she was in charge of the refreshment stall one can remember her wonderful home made cakes and her famous trifles. After our monthly meetings in the old school these were always produced for our supper.

Many of us look back at all the times she so kindly took her friends and members of our Association to and from hospital if they were ill, or had to visit relations, and was always ready to lend a helping hand for any in need.

We send to her son, David, and daughters, Hilary and Beryl, our sincere sympathy.

R.F.

Mr. Bill Tector

Bill Tector touched the lives of countless numbers, an organiser, a friend - each had their own special memories of him.

William Richard Tector, Bill to everyone, was educated in Kilkenny College, where he was head boy in 1946. He captained the First XI hockey team that won the Leinster Senior Cup during his time there.

Bill had the distinction of playing for Trinity First XV for four consecutive seasons, and was captain during their centenary year, 1954. He then joined Wanderers and won three caps playing for Ireland as full back.

As a teacher Bill will be remembered for his sheer professionalism. He came to Sandford Park in 1959. In 1965 he was appointed Assistant Headmaster, and Headmaster in 1985. Among the happiest and proudest moments of his life were the two occasions in the 1980s when the school won the Leinster Schools Senior Cricket Cup.

A scratch golfer in his day, he was a member of the Rathfarnham team that won the prestigious Barton Cup, and later when he joined Portmarnock, he was elected captain in 1980. He was subsequently appointed Vice-President of Portmarnock Golf Club. He was also a Past President of DUGS-Dublin University Golfing Society, and captain of RIGS-Rugby Internationals Golfing Society.

Bill loved organising massive auctions that raised thousands of pounds in a night, with a lot of fun added in. Bill thrived on that sort of thing in Sandford Park, High School, Portmarnock Golf Club, the Papal visit to Dublin and elsewhere.

He was a great husband, a great dad, a great friend, a great man.

Late News An Taisce Environment Awards

On the 1st. of May, 1996, the class of 4T ventured off into the city centre to undertake a survey of the effects of air pollution on our historical buildings. During the year we had been learning about various aspects of pollution and this was a chance for us to see first hand what we had been discussing. We started at St. Andrew's Church and we noted that the limestone was in bad condition due to the air pollution problem. Next we moved on to College Green and we examined the London Plane trees there. These trees are well known for their ability to survive in a city environment. After that we continued to No. 9, Front Square, T.C.D., the Graduate's Memorial Building, the Printing House and finally to the Museum Buildings. We presented our findings in a report and submitted them to a representative of An Taisce. We found that many of the buildings were badly corroded by the air pollution in our city. We hope to receive our awards soon and would like to thank Mr. Irwin for organising this for us.

Karen Pickett and Rachel Mathers

Alan Shatter Remembers

During the year **Justin Cramp** requested an article from a prominent "old-boy" in public life to give an appreciation of his time at the High School. Alan Shatter was chosen and this is the product of his labour, for which we thank him greatly.

"I spent most of my childhood in High School, starting in J1 in the Junior School and then working my way through the secondary school. The school in my days was located in Harcourt Street. The classrooms comprised the old building at the end of a block of houses on the left hand side of Harcourt Street and a variety of prefabricated buildings in the grounds which now contain the new Garda Headquarters. The school was lucky to have teachers with not only good academic ability but also with unique characters and personalities. Many of them generated not merely the respect but also the affection of the school's pupils.

In the context of the Junior School, the kindness, teaching skills and good humour of Dorothy Blakeney shone like a beacon of light over the desk of every boy lucky enough to pass through her class. She was kindness personified and still retains a lifelong interest in the many pupils she taught.

As a young teenager in the Senior School, the then Vice-Principal, Sammy Evans, had an extraordinary ability in a unique way to not merely teach his class but to instil in them a respect for their fellow human beings. I can still recall the extraordinary day when, as a teenager, approximately 40 of us entered his classroom and sat down and wondered in total silence at his standing in a corner with his back to the pupils with a paper hat on his head. We sat silently for five minutes as he remained standing, not a muscle in his body twitching. Just as some of us started to wonder whether he had taken leave of his senses, he turned

around to the class, pointed to the hat on his head and announced that "This is a Dunce's Hat and this is the corner some of you will have to stand in if you don't take greater care when doing your homework". Both he and the class then roared with laughter. Nevertheless, the message got through and as a result of his efforts, many of us succeeded in Intermediate and Leaving Certificate achieving high honours grades in the subject of Commerce which then involved business methods and accountancy.

Another incident which caused great amusement during my time in the High School resulted from the then Physics teacher, Mr Gardiner, who, on occasion, had a somewhat unorthodox approach trying to discipline a group of boys who were throwing snowballs in the old cobbled school yard during the course of the lunchtime break. He descended the stairs from his laboratory, picked up a brush on one side of the yard and threw it across the yard to break up the fight. The brush missed the boys and went straight through Mr. Evan's, the Vice-Principals, window. The embarrassed expression on his face explaining to Mr Evans ten minutes later in the middle of the school yard during a snowstorm why his window was broken was for a young pupil in the school one of the great highlights of the year.

A number of teachers who taught me are still happily part of today's High School. Some of those who were there in my day have since passed away and others have retired. Nevertheless, I have little doubt that the legacy they left has contributed to the strength of today's High School and that the spirits of those who have departed this world walk the corridors of today's school in Danum during the evenings and holiday times when both the school gates and doors are closed to the outside world."



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