

**THE ERASMIAN AND
DIOCESAN TIMES
YEARBOOK 1995**



School Supply Centre

CRANFORD CENTRE, MONTROSE (Next door to Moorkens Uniform Shop)

All books on your school booklist are available from

SCHOOL SUPPLY CENTRE, Cranford Centre (beside the Montrose Hotel)

BOTH NEW AND SECONDHAND BOOKS ARE STOCKED

**EXTENDED OPENING
HOURS**

JUNE 7th TO OCTOBER 1st – 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
MONDAY TO SATURDAY – OPEN THROUGH LUNCHTIME EVERY DAY

Parents are advised to get their **booklists filled early** (June – July) and **avoid the queues** and the inevitable “out of stocks” which occur during the busy August-September period.

EXTENSIVE PARKING AVAILABLE AT CRANFORD CENTRE

Buses: 46A – 46B – 52 – 10 – 17 – 63 – 84

TELEPHONE:

FAX:

283 7633/283 7634.

494 5974

george a. dagg



mazda

THE PREMIUM BRAND

All Mazda cars are covered by a new, full
three year/100,000 km warranty.

**MAIN DEALER
ESTABLISHED 1935
SALES • LEASING •
SERVICE • PARTS**



RATHMINES, DUBLIN 6. Tel: 4972390 - 4973999



STANLEY MACADAM COMPANY

• *MACADAM & ASPHALT SURFACING*
CONTRACTORS •

• *SITE DEVELOPMENT* •

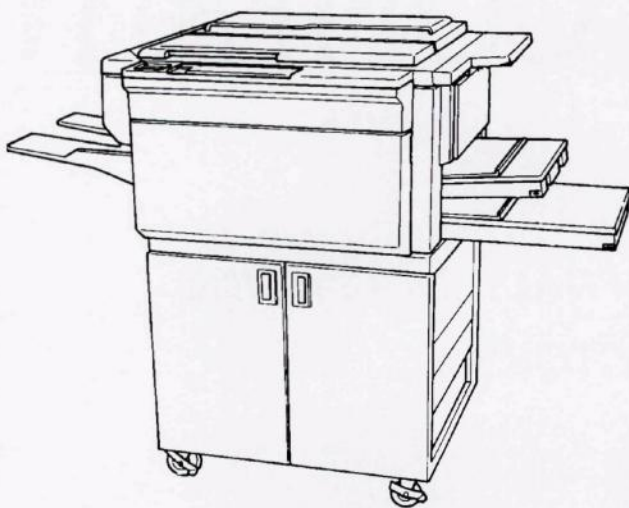
STANLEY MACADAM COMPANY

BLACKCHURCH,
NAAS ROAD,
RATHCOOLE,
CO. DUBLIN.

Tel: 4588153 / 4
Fax: 4588152

ELAN OFFICE MACHINES LTD.

*Authorised distributor for
OLYMPIA Products*



- ☐ Lease
- ☐ Purchase
- ☐ Rental
- ☐ Nationwide

Sales & Service

Tel: 4569028. Fax: 4569029

**UNIT 2, E.P. MOONEY BUSINESS CENTRE,
WALKINSTOWN, DUBLIN 12.**

CONTRACT CLEANERS LIMITED



Tel: (01) 4537711

DAILY CLEANING

- Offices
- Schools
- Institutions
- Public Buildings

HOSPITAL CLEANING

- Daily Housekeeping
- Specialised Theatre Cleaning
- Antiseptic Fumigation

WINDOW CLEANING

- All Structural, Interior & Exterior Glass

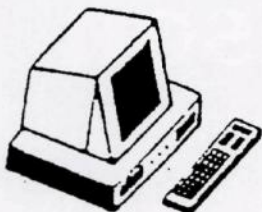
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES

- Suppliers of all Proprietary Cleaning Products

SPECIALISED SERVICES

- Carpet Cleaning
- Factory & Plant Cleaning
- Venetian Blind Cleaning
- Industrial Painting & Washing

OFFICES



HOSPITALS



INDUSTRIAL



WINDOWS



Property Problems?

- ◆ Efficient Sales and Letting Services
- ◆ Advice on all Aspects of Property
- ◆ Residential and Commercial
- ◆ Countrywide Professional Valuation Service

Directors: David Herman M.I.A.V.I.

Charles White M.I.A.V.I.

**HERMAN
WHITE**

MIAVI

MIREF

Property Auctioneers & Valuers
**161 Lr. Rathmines Road
Dublin 6.**

Tel: 496 6019. Fax: 496 2245

Furniture Auction every Thursday

- ◆ Specialist Bi-Monthly 2 Day Fine Art Auctions
- ◆ House Clearances
- ◆ Prompt Payment
- ◆ Countrywide Valuations & Sales Service

Directors: David Herman M.I.A.V.I.

Charles White M.I.A.V.I.

Herman & Wilkinson

MIAVI

Furniture Auction every Thursday

MIREF

161 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Tel: 497 2245. Fax: 496 2245

DWYER & DALY LTD.

Flooring Contractors for over 40 years



Specialists in Timber Floors

WOODBLOCKS · PARQUET · STRIPWOOD
TARKETT & JUNKERS LOOSE-LAY
FLOORING · SANDING & POLISHING
Also LINOLEUM · RUBBER · VINYL
CORK TILES - CARPET TILES

18 Russell Street, Dublin 1. Tel.363066. Fax 363330

Ireland's longest established specialist recruitment consultants.

ELLIS EMPLOYMENT

Salesforce

Shopstaff

Law People

Ellis Computing

Ellis Accountancy

Technology Selection

Financial Placements

Healthcare Recruitment

Office Personnel Agency

Executive Search & Selection

International Placements

Catering, Hospitality & Tourism



Contact Pat Halpin or John Ellis for all your permanent or temporary staff requirements.

15 COLLEGE GREEN, DUBLIN 2. TEL: 01 679 3561 FAX: 01 679 3717

CUTTING TOOL COMPANY

DISTRIBUTORS TO THE ENGINEERING, ELECTRONIC AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES

TAPS
DIES
COVENTRY DIES
COUNTERSINKS
COUNTERBORES
REAMERS

KNURLS
BURS
SLITTING SAWS
TOOLBITS
CAP SCREWS
TUNGSTEN CARBIDE

MILLING CUTTERS
BANDSAW BLADES
SILVER STEEL
GROUND FLAT STOCK
GENERAL MACHINE SHOP
REQUIREMENTS

46 SHELBOURNE ROAD, DUBLIN 4

TEL: 668 3174

FAX: 668 3718



TEDCASTLES OIL



8786911



FOR ALL YOUR HEATING REQUIREMENTS
CLEANBURN GAS OIL • CLEANBURN KEROSENE

george a. dagg



PEUGEOT

PEUGEOT THE LION GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

MAIN DEALER
ESTABLISHED 1935
SALES • LEASING •
SERVICE • PARTS



RATHMINES, DUBLIN 6. Tel: 4972390 - 4973999

THE ERASMIAN AND DIOCESAN TIMES

DIOCESAN TIMES VOL. XXXIV

ERASMIAN VOL. LXXXV

EDITORIAL

"So long as the young generation is, and continues to be, well brought up, our ship of state will have a fair voyage; otherwise the consequences are better left unspoken".—Plato.

This belief of the great philosopher and educator, Plato, seems to be shared by many people today. There has been an almost resurgence of what are called "family values" and this was, and still is, evident in Great Britain. The Major Government called for the return of good old fashioned moral values but the general public has, to a certain extent, reacted with resentment to this "Back to Basics" policy. These conservative, far-right views also exist in the U.S.A. and are popular amongst some voters. However, it is rather dangerous for politicians to preach to others and in recent years many high profile politicians have been exposed as hypocrites for condemning prostitution, drugs, homosexuality, infidelity and fraud and subsequently being discovered to have taken part in the acts which they so vehemently denounced. It enrages many people when politicians attack their lifestyle—it is very easy to sit in a nice comfortable home and make generalised statements about people who are, perhaps, not as well off.

I think that this wave of moral righteousness presents a very false perception of our society and perpetuates many myths: not all children from single parent families become delinquents and not all children from wealthy two parent families will become successful, happy individuals. Society is not made up of White Anglo Saxon people with their suburban homes and 2.4 children and this belief that a good upbringing of children will cure the ills of the twentieth century is a fallacy—why are children expected to behave responsibly when all around they see irresponsible adults? The problems of society should not be pinned down onto the youth of today—yet another generalisation states that all young people are on drugs or don't care about anything or anyone. It makes me angry when adults dismiss the opinions of young people—politicians never truly listen to the views of young people, but I suppose that if you can't vote then you are not truly important in the eyes of political parties. This fundamentalist movement is not as apparent in Ireland except in the cases of abortion and divorce. There are no politicians in Ireland with an extremely conservative outlook and I don't think that the Irish people would welcome a person with typically pre-1950s standards. Irish society has become more liberal and I think that a return of "morally cor-

rect" values would tend to marginalise society and lead people to see society merely from their point of view.

Even though I disagree with these extreme conservative views, I do recognise that stability in a child's development is very important and that education is a vital part of this stability and growth. Education in schools and universities has improved drastically over the last forty years: there is a greater range of subjects and courses and a much greater participation rate. It must also be stated that many beneficial reforms have been implemented in recent years. The Irish education system is now recognised as a very good one and many foreign students come to study at Irish schools and universities. The Junior Certificate, which was introduced in 1992, was a welcome replacement for the inflexible Intermediate, and the Transition Year must also be appreciated. The Transition Year does not show immediate results in the form of examination results but the unusual courses that pupils can take and the provision for work experience means that the student can approach education in this year with a relaxed attitude and enjoy the courses at their own pace and find some time to think about where their interests lie and what they would like to do after sixth year.

Another reform that has been welcomed is the abolition of third level fees and it will help many students to attend university or college. It came as a relief to many middle class families who would have had to scrimp and save to send their child to university. However, many students from working class backgrounds will still find it hard to continue their education. There are no fees for these people to pay but there is a pressure on many to find jobs to help support their families (especially if there is unemployment in the family). It is a pity that many bright students with potential are not attending further education, due to economic reasons. A university is not essential for life but it is increasingly important in modern times. I think that the abolition of fees is a good thing but one must consider the effects of this action. Will it lead to cutbacks? After all, if the government is paying the fees out of taxes, will the government decide that a new arts building is not necessary? Will the already overstrained facilities become even more used? It is hard to forecast the effects but I hope the actual education of young people will not suffer due to government budgetary problems.

Education is not defined and therefore can change from

generation to generation. Education in schools is limited through the use of a curriculum. Some people see a curriculum as an imprisonment of the mind—just as a class is learning about a new aspect of a subject, they are told that there is no point in learning that aspect because it is not on the course. It can be frustrating at times because the thirst for knowledge is being quelled by the authorities. The bureaucracy of examinations, curriculum and indeed the points race can damage the true sense of education. Education is not just about learning facts and formulae off by heart. Learning how to learn and how to think independently is just as important. Education cannot be decided by the powers that be and dictated to the teachers and students. It is necessary that an education system can adapt and develop in response to a changing world. There is no point teaching how to count on an abacus if the world is using highly advanced computers.

The Irish education system has adapted to these changes and the curriculum has become a little more realistic to the youth of today but in some areas there is very little correspondence between education in schools and the real world—the subject of life skills and sex education is just as important as Pythagoras' theorem or the conjugation of a French verb. In fact the whole area of personal development is rather neglected in schools and I believe that non-examination subjects should be encouraged by the Department of Education. At The High School there is a subject of personal development and group discussions which especially takes place in fourth year. However, in some schools the subject is seen as unimportant and a waste of time. It is hard to argue that sex education is a waste of time—it is perhaps not such a comfortable subject for students or teachers to discuss but with the existence of AIDS, it should be a compulsory subject in every school in the country, no matter what religion its students are.

There must be room for other interests in school also. Not everybody is academically proficient and the developments in practical subjects such as technology and woodwork have helped to offer an alternative to the traditional, academic subjects. Education should be an experience for life and it is a tremendous pity that some people end their formal education after secondary school. Of course, this does not mean that they don't learn anything more—it is said that one learns something new everyday. Education shouldn't be a bad word for some people and I think the The High School does try to pass on a love of knowledge to the pupils. Teachers who are genuinely interested in the subject transfer that interest to the students. In these cases, the class ceases to be a cramming session for examinations and instead the teacher and students are learning together. Believe it or not, teachers are not the definitive source of absolute knowledge!

The consequences of a poor education do not just mean the consequences to the individual. A poor education breeds ignorance and intolerance and society can well do without violent, racist thugs. So Plato's words of wisdom still apply all these centuries later—a society will function much better when there is tolerance and understanding of each other and this understanding can only be achieved through discussion and education.

Lisa Jewell.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

EDITOR: *Lisa Jewell*

EDITORIAL SECTION: *Susanna Coghlan; Carrie-Anne Ling; Evan Spier; Derek Wynne.*

SCHOOL RECORD: *Trudie Carroll; Glynn Foster; Sinead Fry; Liam Lyons; Matthew Whiting.*

SPORTS REVIEW: *Georgina Dunne; Beverley Jones; Susie Harrison; Cornelia Kennedy; Abbie McHugh; Stefanie Sheppard.*

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY: *Brian Hare; Colin McEndoo; Susan O'Brien; Liam Lyons.*

COVER DESIGN: *Colin McEndoo.*

ADVERTISING: *Miss Mabel Denniston.*

PRODUCTION: *Mr K. Mills*

Mr R Wallace

The New Process

The layout of this year's *Erasmian* has been set-up using a desk-top publishing package called Aldus Pagemaker. The process begins with the typing of the articles which are submitted by staff and pupils. The computer programme used for word processing is Microsoft Works. The photographs and graphics were scanned using a ScanJet Iip. It is hoped in future years to develop this process and educate pupils in its use.

K.Mills

A Good or Evil World

Natasha was a normal happy-go-lucky student. She was a good looking 18 year old. Nothing strange had ever happened to her. It was her Easter holidays and she was up early on Friday morning, browsing through all of the curio shops that she passed by. She saw one particularly old and grimy antique shop and walked in. After about ten minutes of flicking through books and looking at dusty jewellery, she noticed a big, old book entitled "The Prophecy of a Good or Evil World". It was not the title which struck Natasha as interesting, but the picture of a locket on the cover of the book. Had she not just seen that locket in a glass case of odds and ends that nobody wanted anymore? Natasha bought the book and locket, although she did not know why. The shopkeeper looked at her strangely, as if he was wondering what on earth a young girl would want with such rubbish, but Natasha did not care. All that she wanted to do was go home and read the book. She put the locket around her neck and started to read. She was engrossed in the book for two hours. Her head was spinning after she had read the book from cover to cover, yet she could not make any sense of it. Or maybe her problem was that she could and did not want to. The prophecy was that on this coming Tuesday, 200 years after the prophecy was written, would come a storm. Everything would go black, and every evil person would be banished from the earth. Natasha did not fully understand that bit, but nevertheless was worried. Could this be true, and if so, who would be categorised as evil? If you had made a mistake in the past, would you be taken from the earth forever? Was there anything you could do if you were sorry? It was going to be all Natasha's fault. She had worn the magical locket while read-

ing the book. Now she was going to bring doom upon the world. Time ticked slowly away, but eventually it was Tuesday. What was going to be the fate of the Human race? A few hours later darkness fell and a storm broke out. Natasha knelt on the floor clutching her walkman in her hand. A last item of reality? She prayed for it all to be a dream. Soon she heard thunder and lightning, it was lashing rain and there were no stars or moon. Fear gripped her as she listened to the wind howling and then the screams of the people who had done things wrong. Natasha was petrified, but suddenly it was all over. Two months later, and Natasha was beginning wonder had she imagined it all. Everybody seemed to be good and kind, nobody ever mentioned that Tuesday _ maybe they didn't remember. Natasha was afraid to say anything in case people thought that she was crazy. She supposed that life had to be better when everybody was nice, but she could not help thinking that everybody was only being nice because deep down in their hearts they were terrified of what would happen if they weren't, and if so, life couldn't be better than it had been. Knowing what Natasha knew, was life even worth living?

By Soraya Pillay, (1R)

HSD 125 Years Young

This year marks many great milestones in the history of our small island. We have witnessd peace in Northern Ireland, seen the demise of a government due to scandal, and, of course, this year marks the 125th anniversary of The High School.

Very few pupils are aware of our school's history and heritage. This could be due to the fact that there is very little around the school to remind us of this except for some plaques, photographs and some members of staff. However, we should not forget how many great pupils have attended High School in the past 125 years. Pupils who remained faithful to their trust until the day that they died. Think of all of the past pupils who fought, and in some cases died, in the Great War, past pupils who have gone into politics or become charity and missionary workers to try and make this world a better place.

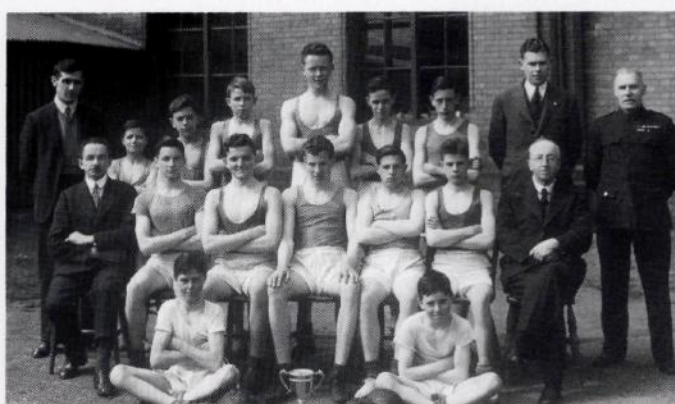
Do not underestimate the part High School has to play in breaking down cultural barriers. Every year the school takes part in Co-operation North to try and improve relations on a personal level with Northern Ireland. Also, now that apartheid has ended in South Africa, the school has extended its hand of friendship to the people of South Africa, as the school's rugby and hockey teams prepare to tour there soon as part of the anniversary celebrations.

Since 1870, the school has changed a great deal. It is now co-educational, the system of teaching is a lot less formal, and technology is used more in the classroom. Despite all these changes, High School has kept its traditional values and continues to mould dedicated and loyal pupils.

Matthew Whiting (5th)



The High School Junior Cup Team of 1945-46



Above: The High School Boxing Team 1937



Left: A cricket match in Belgrave Square

Below: The school play, "William Tell" from 1952 with W. McDougald, R. Boyce, A. Gill, D. Bowie, P. Kelly, M. Taylor, S. Mackay, B. Johnston, G. Kerr, R. Kilroy, L. Coombs, T. Keatinge and W. Lyster playing the main parts.



Kurdistan Human Rights Trip To Turkey/Iraq (August 1994)

The Kurdish people, mountainous inhabitants of much of the Middle East, have long been a persecuted race. Their mineral-rich homeland is divided between Iran, Iraq, Syria, Turkey, and the former Soviet republic of Georgia. Mainly due to the suppression of their culture, the 20 million Kurds have long sought some form of independence. In Turkey, the persecution has been particularly extreme in the last 50 years. In this period, the Turkish government has refused to acknowledge the existence of the Kurdish race, referring to them only as "Mountain Turks". The Kurdish language is banned from publications, state schools, and is generally discouraged from use, often by the use of violence. It is such conditions that led to the formation of several separatist groups, the largest of which is the Marxist "Kurdish Workers Party" (PKK).

It was in August of 1994 that it was decided for a group to travel to Turkey to act as Human Rights Observers. At this time, the 10th anniversary of the Turkish-PKK conflict was near, and the near-bankrupt Turkish state was staging a huge offensive against guerrilla forces in the east of the country. At the same time, the National Kurdish Party, the only Kurdish group dedicated to working entirely through constitutional means, had seen its 6 parliamentary members either detained by the state or forced into exile. It was obvious that observers were needed.

The group consisted of 2 journalists from the "Sunday Tribune", a cameraman and 2 observers, of which I was one. We departed on the 8th of August for London, where, after a briefing of the military situation at the Kurdistan Information Centre, we arranged a guide and departed for Istanbul. We spent 2 days in Istanbul, where we interviewed Human Rights Officials and victims of violence, much of it by the authorities. In the offices of "Ozgar Ulke", a pro-Kurdish newspaper, we interviewed the staff, 97 of whom had recently been detained for 2 weeks without charge. Unfortunately we could not interview the Chief-Editor as he was still being held by the authorities. 30 journalists of the newspaper had been killed in the past 16 months, with the alleged involvement of the state police.

From Istanbul, we flew to Diyarbakir, the largest city in Eastern Turkey, where we proceeded to interview victims of the Turkish-PKK conflict. The city has a resident population of 400,000, now swollen to 1,200,000 with Kurdish refugees. From these people we learned of the systematic destruction of age-old Kurdish villages by the Turkish military, in an attempt to destroy the civilian base of the PKK. The next day, we met up with the five member British Human Rights team, and agreed to travel on as one group.

From Diyarbakir we departed for Hakkari, in the extreme east of the country. The distance to this small city was no less than 300 miles by road, with Turkish army checkpoints about every 25 miles. The long journey by minibus was made bearable by the hilarious comments of our Kurdish guide. On the way, we encountered several burnt out Kurdish villages. We came across a Kurdish village where half of the inhabitants had fled. They were being forced to leave by the Turkish military. The village was due to be destroyed by flame thrower in two days' time. The reason for this was not because the people had supported the PKK, but that the men of the village had refused to work as "village guards". These are Kurds who work

policing the villages, discouraging support for the PKK by use of force, and they are hated by their race. We agreed to try and come back before the army arrived.

After 2 days travel, we arrived in Hakkari. Since journalists or Human Rights groups of any sort are forbidden in the conflict zone of the east, we had hidden our identity from the military, by posing as a group of tourists. Finally we reached Hakkari, making this town the furthest that a Human Rights group had managed to get to. However, upon our arrival, we were immediately detained and taken into custody by the authorities, who placed us under house arrest in a hotel. Our room was bugged, a group of policemen were stationed in the lobby, and an armoured personnel carrier was parked outside our hotel, all for our "protection". The next day, we were allowed to go around the city, accompanied by 6 policemen. However, since there were 11 of us, we managed to divert their attention, and interview the Local Human Rights officer. From this man we learned the location of military run "concentration camps", where hundreds of Kurdish civilians were being held forcefully. Upon our departure from the city, we headed in the direction of these camps, only to be turned back by a military roadblock.

We departed from Hakkari and headed towards the Kurdish village we had visited. At this time, the military had just moved in, and we had no access. Upon investigation, we learned that the men of the village had remained to fight off the flame-thrower crews. The military had been called in and a firefight had ensued. We were not able to get any further details.

We soon reached Diyarbakir and after a night there, we departed for Iraq. We dismissed our minibus driver at the border and crossed by taxi. North Iraq, although a UN safe-zone, is controlled by 3 main Kurdish factions, the PKK, PUK, and KDP. The PUK and KDP are tribal factions unrepresentative of the Kurdish people, and this has led to almost total anarchy in the area. It was by the KDP that we were met as we crossed the border, and we were "invited" to enjoy their hospitality. We declined, but after an interview with the local commander, we were given free-run in the city. The next day we departed for the UNHCR refugee camps in the mountains.

We spent 2 days in these camps, where about 15,000 people lived in makeshift tents. These people offered us the best they had, even though they had very little themselves. We conducted several interviews and learned that the UN had provided them with about 20 tents, a below-subsistence food ration, and out-of-date medicine. Although the area was a "No Fly Zone", the Turkish authorities regularly attacked the camps by mortar or F-16. We heard of a recent attack by Turkish Cobra helicopters, which was filmed by a Swedish cameraman. On the afternoon of our third day in Iraq, we met up with some members of the PKK, and were taken on a 17-mile hike to the nearest PKK base. There we received the same hospitality as we had received in the camps. We had arrived late in the day, and we spent the night there. The next day, we managed to interview the Commander-in-Chief of the PKK Iraqi division. From this and our own observations, we learned that the PKK was a highly motivated and highly professional force of about 30,000 troops. Although they had only light weaponry, such as AK-47 rifles and RPG rockets, they had done much damage to Turkish forces. In fact, they went so far as to teach us how to use these weapons, displaying their capabilities.

In the afternoon we headed back for the border, but as we

reached the border town of Zachó, we were delayed by the KDP, who brought us back to their "public relations" office. It was here that we were placed in a room to wait for the KDP section-commander with an American businessman, whom we later found out was a member of the CIA. We were subsequently interviewed by MI-9 British Intelligence, and it was probably the thought of 5 Irish people having contact with a guerrilla organisation that caused them to do this. It was 20 minutes before the border closed for the day when we asked one of the KDP officials whether we were being held against our will. When he said no, we took our leave and took a taxi to the border.

Upon crossing to the Turkish side of the border, we were promptly arrested and taken into custody at the customs control. It was at this time that we had to destroy some of our photographs, and hide the rest. We were moved to the police station in the border town of Silopi, where one of the English women was strip-searched. Upon our reaction to this, the police didn't try it again. We were placed in a hotel under guard, and our passports were confiscated.

The next day, we were given the free run of the town, but as our passports were confiscated, we couldn't leave the area. We went immediately to the local phone office, where we made several well-placed calls. The effect of these was to cause the Department of Foreign Affairs, the British Home Office, several heads of universities, newspapers and Human Rights groups to contact the Turkish government to demand our release. We were soon given our passports and asked to leave the country. We drove back to Diyarbakir and were followed the whole way there by the police. From there we flew to Istanbul where we managed to get one final interview with a journalist who had just been released by the police after being tortured, and it was obvious that most of his ribs were broken.

Upon our arrival back in Dublin, we began to work on the material we had obtained, and eventually submitted a report to the Dáil Foreign Affairs Committee.

Colin Walsh (6th)

Learning French in France

We left Dublin for Bordeaux on the 22nd of March with the hope of learning some French. Our destination was a boarding school called Tersac, situated between Bordeaux and Toulouse. On arriving there we were surprised at its size. It was extremely small but personal, consisting of about one hundred pupils.

We were given timetables of 18 hours of classes per week. For class we were mixed in with the French, which we found to be very beneficial. We did subjects such as Biology, History, Geography, English, Economics, French and conversation.

As for sports we had the option of basketball, soccer, tennis or canoeing on the Garone canal which runs alongside the school.

At the weekends we were taken on several outings to the nearest town, to the cinema or on picnics.

We would strongly recommend what we did, to future Transition Year students. It was a wonderful experience.

Aimée Harris 4C, Susan Moore 4C, Van Gleeson 4C, Janet Mahon 4C, Paul Kirwan 4WR.

Attitudes in The High School - A need for change?

This year The High School celebrates 125 years, during which time many changes have occurred. Have attitudes kept pace with the other changes in The High School? I empathise with the Board of Governors, the Headmaster and others who have the difficult job of running the school, but these people must keep in mind that they are influencing the next generation and that in secondary school students are very impressionable and are forming their own attitudes and moral values. On 7th April 1995, Susanna Coghlan and myself did a survey in the school. We asked all students who were born in April what they thought about the school's attitude towards gender, religion, sports, streaming, school pastimes and family income levels. The responses were very interesting.

Religion is a very difficult subject to teach with a broad mix of religious beliefs within the student body, but are the staff sensitive enough to those differences? Some students liked religion classes, others felt that the Protestant ethos was forced upon them. At a Protestant school it is appropriate that this is the basis for religious teaching and all students are aware of the ethos of the school before they enrol, but the staff must also keep in mind the opinions of the students and not always assume that their beliefs are the right ones or the opinions held by all students. We must also recognise the fact that minorities are as important as majorities, and stress the point that it is all right to be different.

Gender is another issue which the student body has strong opinions about. It is twenty years now since The High School and Diocesan Girls joined forces; thankfully two years ago we saw the end of the split in uniforms, but has the school really acknowledged the fact that we are now the High School - a co-ed school, rather than The High School boys' school, incorporating Diocesan girls. I strongly believe that "The Erasmian and Diocesan Times" should be renamed to acknowledge the fact that none of the girls in The High School now were ever 'Diocesan Girls'. Equal opportunities for boys and girls within the school is also an issue which would benefit from some form of reformation. Sports choices should be varied and as open as possible for each sex. Understandably girls are not built for games such as rugby, but in fairness many boys are not built for rugby either. This year saw the addition of cross country running as an alternative to rugby in first year, with the hope of a greater choice in approaching years. However for years boys had no choice but to play rugby for at least their first year at school. This was explained by the statement that "High School was a Rugby School". I find it hard to believe that High School really was a rugby school as for the past 20 years High School has been mixed, 50% of the students have been female and have never played the game. Other sports such as basket ball, hockey, badminton canoeing, hill walking and athletics are available to everyone at certain stages, but why not give students equal opportunities in these throughout the school? Sports in school should be for fun, to promote physical fitness and to develop a strong sense of team-work - invaluable assets for later life. Unfortunately they often lead to a feeling of inadequacy because you do not excel at, or enjoy, a particular sport, but have no choice but to participate in it. We should want to teach students to work and play together in mixed sex groups, not single out each sex individually. On questioning the students about their attitude to sport a lot of feelings were expressed. The overall view was that the choice was varied in the later

years of the school and the support and time given to sports by teachers was impressive. The two most common negative feelings expressed were that girls were not given the same coverage or support as boys when it came to matches and a strong wish for the school to introduce football and football teams. I am glad to see that progress has been made in both these areas in school this year. The senior boys now have football coaching and team matches, and for the first time the girl's matches were recognised and given a half day, but only for the senior half of the school. A step in the right direction, but do we really want to let the students think that male activities are more important than female ones? The women of Ireland have been trying to crush such sexist attitudes for years.

In The High School we have many talented students who excel in areas such as art, debating, writing, chess playing and academic subjects, but many students feel that these pursuits are not given the same overall recognition as sport. There are individual teachers within the school who give their time, effort and expertise to encourage pupils in many activities, but overall the students feel that there is not the same level of support for other interests as for sport. To consider this fairly we must stress the fact that sports training during school hours is not where the conflict lies, but outside school hours sport enjoys far greater support and kudos than other activities.

Another issue within the school which has caused a lot of debate over the years is streaming. The High School are going to abolish the practice of streaming for first years from September 1996. This is considered a welcome change, as over the years streaming has had many negative effects within the school. The stereotyped opinions of pupils in A or B forms towards each other was, and still is, apparent. Those pupils placed in B streams often felt demoralised, as though they were less important as they were not high academic achievers. This was not helped by the attitudes of some members of staff towards the different classes. The students we surveyed had a range of opinions. Some thought it was wrong and demoralising, but others thought it was a good way to separate pupils of different abilities. There was, however, a feeling that the A streams were given 'better' teachers and more academic encouragement and opportunities than the B streams, although the Headmaster assures me that this is not the case. Some students even felt that their behaviour was judged on what stream they were in.

Lastly, the debate goes on about sensitivity towards individuality. Does our school recognise and support individuality? The debate on school uniforms, and their good and bad features, is never ending. Next year will bring the phasing in of the school approved coat, a plain black jacket of the students' choice, and tracksuit. Many students felt that the school was not being sensitive towards the differences in family income levels when they were planning the old school coat and tracksuit. It was inspiring that the school sought the opinions of the students themselves when discussing and planning for these new items and I think it would be a useful and productive thing if the school were to continue this practice on other issues. After all who knows more about how the students feel than the students themselves?

Sinead Fry (5th)

assisted by Susanna Coghlan (5th)

POETRY

Companionship

*You should meet my friends sometime,
Maybe you're already acquainted;
Loneliness is the nicest possible guy,
He comes to whisk me away,
To his house,
Where we play games together,
He sometimes lets me win.
That's my best friend,
But confusion is interesting enough too,
She doesn't like loneliness though,
Thinks he puts her down,
Acts superior.
Then there's depression,
He calls around from time to time.
Quite a busy bloke,
Always got something to say,
Gets on well with loneliness;
Said to me last week,
"You can't choose your family,
Only your friends".
But we all need someone to talk to.*

Michele Matthews, 5th

The Sky

*As dawn slowly broke,
The sky was a dusty mauve,
Hazy and fresh, cool and crisp,
And in the air, hung lightly, was the misty dew.
As morning neared,
The sky was a smooth calm blue,
The sun was like a ball of white glowing light,
While little wisps of fluffy white cloud
Floated gently along.
As noon approached
The sky was a rich purple
A playful breeze was blowing
And puffs of cloud danced and skipped, darted and flitted
On gusts of wind, across the sky.
As afternoon began,
The sky was a creamy brown,
Hills of cloud were pushed and jerked by a fierce wind,
Rapidly tossing, turning, thrashing,
Blustering through the sky.
As evening advanced,
The sky was a murky grey,
The angry clouds broke and rain began to quietly fall,
Glimmering and gleaming, sparkling as it came.
As twilight arrived,
The sky was alive
With a fiery orange sun a flame,
Burning gold fingers reached out,
Touching the whole country.
As dusk fell,
The sky was a blazing red,
The brilliant sun began to fall.
Slowly dropping, gently slipping, out of view.
As day drifted to a close,
The black sky was like velvet,
Studded with twinkling stars,
Like glittering diamonds,
The moon was a mellow yellow,
And was perched far away,
In the corner of the night sky.*

Jenni Daly 1D

Gail and the Knight

*She was as pure as a bunny on an island.
He wore a suit of armour as black as his thoughts.
Her footprints in the dust bred flowers in the sand.
His dark twisted eye shows the evil he has sought.*

*Her schismatic mind saw a seed of hope in him,
Complexly connected to a thread of despair.
Delusions of reconciliation, a whim.
For if they did (most unlikely) no-one would care.*

*She moves to confront him with some trepidation
And realises that one of them will not survive.
Her skin transparent; a soul of coruscation.
If one of them should die, then the other will thrive.*

*He employs dirty tactics and gets a result -
Gail has a vicious wound in the small of her back.
She falls and a furtive glance might think her defunct
But she gets back up and he renews his attack.*

*Yet the blood of the Phoenix courses through them both.
Although either may stumble, neither will fail.
Then when the Knight knows he can never be smote,
They embrace, merge, then emerge, as a nightingale.*

By Len Galvin (6th)

Do I Not Like That!

*Manchester United have Eric supreme
The successes came fast with him in the team
League and cup trophies to make up the double
But our Cantona was no stranger to trouble.*

*A Wednesday night in January at Selhurst Park
He was shown the red card for making his mark
On his way to the tunnel, awaiting a match ban
"Au revoir Cantona!" jeered out a fan.*

*This now made Cantona tick
He violently replied with a flying kick
If it wasn't for Cantona boiling over
He'd be back in the game before October.*

*His goals were stunning and truly terrific
But this will be the last we'll see of Eric.*

Robert MacNamara (2S)

Sunshine

*Raindrops turn to rainbow,
Depression turns to fun,
Shine on, sun.*

Cheryl Hodgkinson (4I)

The Jealous Killer

*There was a man who lived in Dublin,
He lived in Dublin for all his life,
But after a scandal in his place of duty,
He became jobless and lost his wife.*

*He knew that he couldn't pay off his reckoning,
And have arrears for most of his life,
He lost his car and his place of dwelling,
And as for his wife, well she had a life.*

*She married a rich man in the south of Dublin,
They lived in a big house and had three cars,
They were envied by her ex,
And one night he ended their time.*

*He entered their mansion
Through the forest behind,
And planned an escape route
And a place to hide.*

*He waited till midnight
And then entered the house,
He went to their quarters
And shot them with ease.*

*He regretted his doings
And hated his life,
He thought of suicide
And eventually gave in.*

Darragh Curran (1D)

In Your Mind

*As I talk to you my face is visible,
Its every detail can be examined.
Slowly your eyes
Note the position of my features
Just as your ears take in my words.
All this information is processed
And catalogued in your head as a picture,
Yet the picture is incomplete.
For you cannot see the back of my head,
Nor can you hear the mind behind the words.
The image is only two-dimensional
And I lack depth.*

Owen Frazer (5)



Song of the Sea

*I am the sea
I can be rough
Or I can be calm
I can kill and bring sorrow
I can bring great pleasure
For I am the powerful sea.
When I am rough
I injure
And wreck many lives
I can cause great disasters
Or be the watery road for ships
On great missions.
If I am calm
I am as smooth as a huge sheet of Glass
I can bring happiness and joy
To the lives of many;
I can also be beautiful on summer days
Shimmering in the light.
I bring a livelihood
To many fishermen
And I bring food to those
Who have nothing.
I also bring fresh salty air
Making people feel care-free and calm.
When I am angry
I bring many ships down
Killing and hurting all whom I drown,
And leaving ships
On the sea bed
Never to be found.
I can bring great pleasure
For all to see,
Creamy frothy waves
Slap the shore
And flow back
Noisily.
I can be very choppy
And hard for ships to sail;
I can also be smooth
And a pleasure to sail.
You could stand on a cliff
And watch harsh waves batter
the shore
And a short while later
See quiet waves
Licking the bay.
I can be an inspiration for poets
and artists alike,
They spend endless hours
studying me gleefully
Writing and drawing about me
Happy as can be.
I am very changeable,
And a great mystery
For no-one in the world
Knows everything about me.
Jennifer Daly (1D)*

Last Breath

*Grant me peace, I ask you.
Let me settle with the dust
And decay into the ground.*

*No more hurt or ache,
Elation or deprivation,
No sense, but a feeling
Of numbness.*

*My inner ear will still
Hear your world.
Your speech. Your company,
None shall go without
My observation.*

*I'm going to move
Another step in my journey
And I walk alone.*

Isolde Carmody (6)



Lost

*Quite quietly
To creep alone
The darkened hall.*

*Two people
Communicate by sign language.
The music encapsulates,
Neither can fight it.*

*To reach the door
To turn the key
To push it
Very gently.*

*The scene is set.
The lights are done.
The camera flashes.*

Isolde Carmody (6)

The Tip

*Arriving at the restaurant
I look at the waiter
Then we sit down
at a table where I
cannot look at the waiters.*

*A waiter brings over menus
(he is a good looker) I smile
I look at the menu,
then I order
chicken curry - main course
followed by my favourite dessert
triple chocolate dessert.*

*We eat our meal
then when we are
finished we leave
and I tip the waiter.*

Claire Caldwell (4Wa)

Sonnet

*Pasty ideas pass through my
mind, I taste
try and discard, but then it comes
a spark, a windy night. I am
faced
by standstill, stuck still in this
path
I try, the moving hurts, it pains,
lift and go, to see the light
ahead, it lies across the plains
of mind, getting closer, almost
there.*

*Disappear, it flees away, and
drobbling
dribbles beat me down. Rain,
black
and drooping, blots mind out,
dead
roots clutter all, birth black.
Confounded cycle sits behind me
Making sure. Depth will find me.*

Caroline Walshe (6)



Artwork



Top: 'Cup Match' by Brian Hare (5)

Left: Drawing by Anand Gaurav (2H)

Above: Cartoon by Aubrey Robinson (2D)

Wanton Whispers

By Jamie Tanner (6)

I want to be the raindrops when you go walking in the rain,
I want to be the sweet-soft tears to soothe away the pain,
I want to be the dawn that chases off the night,
I want to be the wings every time that you take flight.
I want to be the slightest touch, sending shivers down your spine,
And every time you drink life's blood I want to be the wine.
I want to be the satin wrapt' around your golden skin,
I want to be the wicked thought, the purest breathless sin.
I want to be the eternal flame, to warm you from the cold,
I want to be the whispered secret, never to be told.
I want to be the hunter and you the frightened deer,
I want to be the joy, the pain, the hate, the love, the fear.



I want to be the open plains, your spirit running free
And when you find the secret door, I want to be the key.
I want to be the thought and dreams that echo in the cave,
And when you swim the moonlit sea, I want to be the wave.
I want to be the sweetest smile, shining brightly on your face,
I want to be the secret garden, the magic hidden place.
I want to be the cool fresh breeze that blows right through your hair,
And every time you breathe a breath, I want to be the air.
I want to be the vampire feeding on your vibrant soul,
I want to be the sparkling diamond, crushed from blackest coal.
I want to be the golden sand, slipping through your fingers,
I'll be the candle in the wind, and you the wisp that lingers.
I want to be the panther as he pounces for the kill,
And every time you feel the rush, I want to be the thrill,
I want to be the adrenalin rushing through your blood like fire,
And when you're on the highest peak, I want to take you higher.
I want to feel your warm embrace as our bodies melt the snow,
And when you're lost, I'll find you, where only dreams can go.
I want to be the wave that rests you gently on the sand
And when you catch a falling star, the burn that marks your hand.
I want to be the twilight sky and you the brightest star,
And in my wildest dreams, I want you just the way you are.
I want to be the clouds when my golden angel sings,
I want you to be the one to share these secret, special things.



I want to smash the hour-glass, and spill the sands of time
Hold you close and kiss your lips, your eyes, your neck, you're mine.

SCHOOL RECORD



Top Left: The School Choir with Mr. Wisener

Top Right: Comrades Ryan and Wright embrace during the High School trip to Prague

Centre Left: The Lord Mayor on his visit to The High School meets Ian Ellis, Colin Walsh and Christopher Swift

Bottom: A scene from the Fashion Show

CONTENTS

Mr. A.P.R. Brook	12
School News	13
Prize Distribution	14
List of Prizes	15
Valete	17
Lord Mayor's Visit	19
Turas go Ciarraí	19
Music	20
Drama	21
Pictorial Review	23
Cookery	25
Assembly	25
Visitors	25, 29
1916 Scholarship	26
Sixth Year Dance	26
Clubs & Societies	27
Library	29
Fashion Show	30
European Youth Parliament	30
President's Award	32
Environmental Network	32
Model United Nations	33
Young Scientist	34
Maths Olympiad	35
Parents' Association	36
Careers Library	36

• MR. A.P.R. BROOK, HEADMASTER 1971-1994 •

Mr. Brook retired in July 1994. Many tributes were paid to his work in The High School; here we print three from people who know different aspects of that work.

When Allan Brook was appointed Headmaster of The High School in 1971, he was returning to the School where he had finished his own education and where he had begun his teaching career before going to teach in England. His return coincided with the move from Harcourt Street to Danum, so much of the work of organising the life of the school in its new premises was his responsibility.

Within a short period another major step became his responsibility when the merger of The High School and The Diocesan School for Girls was announced.

This involved growth from a single sex school catering for over 400 boys to a co-educational school of 650 pupils, and necessitated the building of a large extension to the buildings at Danum. All this was accomplished without serious disruption to the education of the pupils.

It takes a special kind of man to return to the school of his education as Headmaster, to preside over such rapid and significant changes in such short space of time, and to have the ability to provide leadership to parents, pupils and staff, and to inspire the motivation to mould this new organisation into the fine co-educational school which The High School is rightly recognised as today.

What kind of man is Allan Brook? I first came to know Allan when I joined the Board of Governors in 1974.

However it was only when I became Chairman of the Board in 1989 that I fully appreciated the very real complexities of the job of Headmaster, and the qualities which Allan Brook brought with such maturity to that position.

He was a mathematician by background, and with just a hint of hockey thrown in, moulded in the teaching profession, and finally shaped by experience as a Headmaster of repute.

As for the real man, the man behind the mask we must all wear in life, I know him as a private man, a caring man, and probably, above all, a family man. We faced a number of difficult and sensitive situations together as Headmaster and Chairman, and throughout any crisis, Allan Brook was always a fair man and from the many parents who have come to see me over the years, I know how highly regarded he is by those who have known him care for each individual pupil as if they were his own. An intriguing side to Allan Brook was of course his great detective work, the Hercules Poirot, it might be said, of The High School. Many a pupil came to learn of Allan's great deductive powers and commitment to solving mysteries.

Allan Brook has left the School in good shape, and I know will fill his days with worthwhile activity, as a gardener, a rose

grower, as a listener and helper in terms of pastoral care, and together with Jane, his most supportive wife, as a father and grandfather in the years to come.



Norman Kilroy

Chairman of the Board of the Erasmus Smith Schools.

My earliest recollection of Allan Brook is of a senior pupil making his way across the cobbles of the courtyard at the back of the High School, Harcourt Street, heading for Victor Graham's room and intent, no doubt, on further honing his mathematical skills- skills which soon led to the winning of a Sizarship on entering Trinity College, followed by a Foundation Scholarship in Mathematics and in due course a Moderatorship. That was long ago and it was many years later that I was next in contact with Allan when he wrote to me in the summer of 1971 from Taunton, where he was Senior Mathematics Master at Huish's Grammar School - the former senior pupil had just been appointed Headmaster of his old school. Many changes however had taken place in the High School in the meantime.

After the tragic death of Dr. Reynolds in December 1970 it fell to me as Acting Headmaster to guide the School to the end of that school-year and to organise its transfer as a teaching unit to the new School at Danum, Zion Road, Rathgar. So it was that Allan began his career as a Headmaster in a school

which had just moved into new premises, where all was novel and strange to staff and pupils alike. This was the first of many challenges which he was to meet and to overcome successfully and it was not long before everything had settled down and the school was running smoothly.

Then came the second challenge. The Board of Governors, after consultation with the Dublin, Glendalough and Kildare Diocesan Board of Education decided that the school would become co-educational. Such a change usually begins with the first year and gradually works its way up through the school. Circumstances decided otherwise and in September 1974 the Diocesan School for Girls- staff and some 225 girls- arrived en masse at Danum! It was a situation that could have been disastrous. Few Headmasters can have been faced by such a situation. For that school year there would be two supreme commanders- Miss Jagoe, Headmistress of Diocesan School and Mr. Brook, with their Assistants- Miss Good and myself.

In the staff room where High School and Diocesan teachers gathered, diehards could be heard muttering about this 'monstrous regiment of women' that had invaded their sanctum but

it was not long before goodwill all around led to the smooth amalgamation of the staffs. It was a difficult year for Miss Jagoe and Mr Brook but between them they solved all the problems involved. At the end of that school year Miss Jagoe and Miss Good retired.

Allan was again in sole command - but now of a co-educational school. The problems were just as many but now they were more varied. However all were tackled and solved with the Headmaster's usual competence and efficiency and before long the co-educational school was running as smoothly as the boys school had run before. Further developments in the School were the opening of the new wing in 1976, the creation of a fully equipped computer room and the laying out of an all-weather 'astro turf' hockey pitch up to international standards. This latter reflected Allan's keen interest in hockey, a game in which he himself had won his colours in Trinity and at which he had reached English county level.

A Headmaster's work can be regarded from many aspects. Firstly there is the organisation and running of the school, then there is class teaching, although in big schools there is little or no time for this, then there is what may be called the pastoral aspect of the Headmaster's work. In all of these Allan excelled but there can be no doubt that his forte was the pastoral side of his work. He took a keen personal interest in every single pupil's progress in work and play, home background and personal problems, contact with parents. He was interested in every aspect of a pupil's life and many troubled pupils were grateful to him for his help and advice.

There are many other favourable comments that could be made on Allan's headmastership- his friendly relations with the staff- his great interest in the wider field of Irish education as shown in his annual Headmaster's Report- but I will conclude by saying that the ten years spent as his assistant were the most pleasant of all of my time in the High School. May he and Mrs Brook have many long years of happy retirement.

George Keegan, Vice-Principal, 1970-1981

This year's First form will be the first year since 1971 that will come through the school without the guidance of Mr Brook. As members of the present Sixth form we had a longer relationship with him than the rest of the student body and his presence as a Headmaster will be greatly missed by all.

Mr Brook had many fine aspects in both his work as a Headmaster and in his personal relationship with staff, parents and of course pupils. In the 23 years he was Headmaster in High School he did everything in his power to help the students in both their academic and personal lives. As religion played a big role in his life, Mr Brook was always careful in his choosing of any religious reading for Assembly making sure it coincided with the religious calendar of all Christian faiths.

In all his affairs one could not ask to deal with a fairer, more honest or more genuine man. He was never one for a brash judgement and both sides of any story were always heard before a decision was made.

Mr Brook's sometimes stern exterior occasionally masked an interested and caring man. We wish him and Mrs Brook every happiness in the future.

Julie Mc Gouran (Head Girl)
Garret Lyons (Head Boy)

• SCHOOL NEWS •

The new Principal, Mr. Brian Duffy, took up his position on 1st August 1994. Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Smith and Miss Kinsella left the staff at the end of the last academic year. We welcome to the staff: Mr. R. Walker (Physical education), Ms. Anne Stevenson (French and Remedial teacher), Mrs. J. Murphy (Latin and Classical Studies) and Mr. G. McDonnell (History, Geography and Japanese) in Transition Year.

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. R. McMullen on his marriage to Miss Jean Wilkes.

Congratulations to Eoin Curran (3AP) who was chosen to represent Ireland in the Informatics Olympiad in Holland in June, 1995.



Above: Mr. and Mrs. Brook sitting in front of the rug presented to Mr. Brook at his retirement function

Below: Mr. Fennell making a presentation to Mr. Brook at his retirement function



• PRIZE DISTRIBUTION •

The annual Prize Distribution and Parents' evening was held on Wednesday, 26 October 1994. Mr. Norman Kilroy, Chairman of the Governors, presided and the prizes were distributed by Mr. Pat Keating, special adviser to the Minister of Education. The following is the text of the Principal's speech:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

May I begin by thanking Mr. Kilroy for those very kind words of introduction. Since my appointment a year ago, Mr. Kilroy has been supervising a very careful process of induction and transition and I have greatly benefited from the time he and Mr. Brook have spent with me. I would also like to thank those of you, and there were many, who wrote to me with good wishes. It is very gratifying to feel that there is such goodwill and support among the parents, pupils, staff, past pupils and Governors of the school.

I am conscious of undertaking a great responsibility at a time of significant change in the world of education. The responsibility of the educator is unique. There is no other profession to which so much is entrusted. From the age of four or five until between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five children are entrusted to educators for large portions of the year and you expect us to accomplish a great deal. I sometimes wonder if nowadays too much is expected of the profession. To be a teacher is indeed a noble calling and some of the finest people in society dedicate their lives to the profession, usually out of a desire to help to bring out the best in the individual personalities of children and teenagers, to encourage adolescents to achieve their full potential and to form a positive image of themselves.

I don't think I can remember ever hearing a teacher saying he or she entered the profession in order to help pupils to pass examinations or accumulate points. Teachers may well have a strong desire to impart a love of the subjects which they teach but the competitiveness of the points system in Ireland is something which has been thrust upon teachers and pupils and which has resulted in a common condemnation. We look forward to the gradual easing of that pressure in the years to come as the number of students declines and we hope that the Department of Education uses the opportunity to create a much better ratio of third level places to second level students, even to the extent of providing a place for every student who wants one.

The pace of change in the academic curriculum has been hectic during the last six years, with the introduction of the Junior Certificate and the extension of the Transition Year to schools such as ours. Teachers have had to try, with scant training and support, to adjust their whole outlook towards the process of teaching - what the curriculum developers refer to as an attitudinal change. The training is gradually improving and I compliment the Department on the initiatives it is taking in that direction but, according to present information from the Department (as distinct from the newspapers) we are now expected to cope with, in this school, nine new Leaving Certificate syllabi to be implemented next September. To date we have not seen any of these syllabi and there has been no training.

I have no doubt that training will come but when it does it will have to be taken out of the school year, thereby shortening

valuable class contact time, because the Department has not yet grasped the nettle of negotiation with the unions to provide extra training days in return for better conditions and salaries for teachers. Teachers want a professional approach to training and, in fact, have been crying out for it for years but the programme of implementation of curriculum reform designed by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment is resulting in overload of a profession already overloaded and overstressed. I am reminded of words written by a Roman soldier two thousand years ago:

We trained hard, but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams we would be reorganised. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganising; and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralisation.

In all the further change proposed for the education system under the White Paper, let us ensure that it is necessary, well-planned, taken at an easy pace with which teachers and students can cope and properly supported with training and resources.

We in post-primary schools are expected not only to ensure that pupils pass their examinations and accumulate the points they require but also, in many cases, we are asked to be friend and counsellor, social worker, child psychologist, source of moral standards and disciplinarian in an uncertain society. We are asked to provide information on sex, health, drugs, lifeskills, employment opportunities and a host of other areas. We are expected to help pupils to gain confidence, to communicate effectively with the spoken and written word, to be technologically literate and to assist them in understanding human relationships and even parenting. These are substantial challenges to teachers but challenges to which we respond as best we can. However, we are not and never can be, substitute parents. Neither are we professional child-minders.

It is only with a sense of true partnership between parent, teacher and pupil that education can really succeed. It is where the school is reinforcing values which begin at home that we will find success. A school can not be the primary source of discipline and stability in the life of a teenager. It is only where trust exists between parent, teacher and pupil that a happy, relaxed and yet co-operative atmosphere can exist in a school. As a person who has newly entered the community which is The High School I am glad to say that such is the atmosphere I have found here. There is, therefore, a solid foundation on which we all can build.

As you will have seen in recent months I have undertaken a wide-ranging process of consultation within the school community, surveying parents, pupils and staff; giving all the opportunity to contribute ideas to the High School of the future. During the last year the Minister has undertaken a similar proc-

ess on a national scale and I have been privileged to be a part of that process, representing the post-primary interests of the four major Protestant Churches. I welcome many of the Minister's proposals, certainly in their spirit and intention, if not always agreeing with the detail. Mr. Keating has very kindly agreed to come along here tonight to address some of the concerns which the Protestant community expressed at the National Convention and at the other talks which have taken place since then and he is very welcome. We look forward to hearing from him later.

One of the main thrusts of the Minister's proposals has been to ensure that parents and teachers are represented in the management process of schools. Here at The High School we have had representatives of both at our Board and Management Committee meetings for years and we welcome their participation. We have found it to be an enriching and fulfilling experience and, therefore, we feel that our community can quite easily adjust to the Minister's expectations. We look forward to an increased spirit of partnership and co-operation since that has been our tradition in any case. I hope that the Minister's intentions will not be so diluted by the time they reach legislation that they become a change without a difference. She, with Mr. Keating's advice, has taken Irish education forward in a forthright and courageous manner towards a more participatory and pluralist future and we at the High School strongly welcome her initiatives.

In my own consultations and surveys I have, like the Minister, been listening. I have heard what you have said and over the next few years I hope that we will all work together to bring about many of our ideas, building on the proud academic, sporting and other traditions of this 125 year old school, balancing the immediate interests of pupils and parents with the longer term views of staff and Governors to bring the High School into the 21st century walking tall as one of the leading schools in this country but, above all, serving the needs of every individual child who walks through our doors.

Thank you.



Mr. T. Lewis (President O.B.U.) presenting the O.B.U. Cup to J.D.R. Oakes in 1956

List of Prizes

School Entrance Scholarships 1994

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship: Jennifer Daly
Rathfarnham Parish N.S.

Eleanor Fry	Rathfarnham Parish N.S.
Nicholas Lyons	St. David's N.S., Naas
James Murphy	Rathgar N.S.
Nicole Dowley	Rathfarnham Parish N.S.
Zelda Fairman King	Rathfarnham Parish N.S.
Neil McIlwaine	Blessington No. 1 N.S.
Music Scholarship:	Fergus Boydeell, Sandford N.S.

List of Prizes

Form 1

Etheline Brady Prize (best overall in Form 1):

Michelle McCartney

Jellett Memorial Prize for Irish: Sarah Gray

Class Prizes: 1D	Declan Donoghue, Robert Hilliard
1H	Benoit Ferre Cullen, Gary Mahon
1M	Rebecca Peare, John Anglim, Jesse Bancroft
1R	Lynsey Stuart, Terence Gunning
1S	Caitriona McGovern, Paul Bright

Form 2

Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize (best overall in Form 2):

Elizabeth Hilliard

McNay Prize for English: Karen Cadoo

Parents' Association Prize for English: Ben McGuire

Parents' Association Prize for Materials Technology (Wood): Eoin Curran

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Gillian Lane

Diocesan School Music Prize: Elizabeth Hilliard

Dorothy Blakeney Prize for Biology: Not awarded

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes: Keith Bradshaw, Clare Dowd, Koren Wilson, Jennifer Steedman, Jennifer Moss

Class Prizes: 2AP	Melanie Boyle, Zoe Lipson
2AS	Daniel Frazer, Eric Klotz
2BP	Philip Bailey, Justin O'Malley
2BQ	Ross Douglas, Karen Nason
2BT	James Kelly, Hilary Boyd

Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize (best performance in Junior Certificate): Kevin O'Reilly

Brook Prize (best performance in Junior Certificate): Freda Vora

Dillon Prize for Mathematics: Kevin O'Reilly

Foster Memorial Prize for Mathematics: Freda Vora

Carpenter Memorial Prize for English: Mairead Dorney

Emily Latimer Memorial Prize for English: Freda Vora

Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Kevin O'Reilly

Casserley Prize for History: Philip Maher

German Government Prize: Freda Vora

S.S. Evans Prize for Commerce: David Finlay

Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Cleona Gray

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Mairead Dorney, Cheryl Hodgkinson

Parents' Association Prize for Technical Graphics:

Jonathan Pickett

Class Prizes: 3A1 Stuart Kenny, Sarah Marcus
 3A2 Justin Cramp, Scott Wynne
 3B1 Paul Kirwan, Justin Walsh
 3B2 Arron Inglis, Robert Kiernan
 3B3 Lynn Carty, Keith Rynhart

Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship (best overall in Form 5): Ross McCulloch

Dr. Start's Prize for Chemistry: Ross McCulloch, Colin Walsh

Parents' Association Prize for English: Berkeley Vincent, Philippa Wilkes

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Isolde Carmody

Class Prizes: Maximilian Bacik, Jonathan Campbell, Sharon Jackson, Lisa Jewell, Ruth Naughton, Rachel Reid, Caitriona Rice, Naomi Smith, Caroline Walshe.

Form 6

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

High School Exhibition (£250) (best Leaving Certificate performance of a pupil who enters T.C.D.): Ian Wilkinson

John Thompson Scholarship (£200) (best performances in English, Classics and Languages of a student who enters T.C.D.): Not awarded

Glorney Exhibition and Cup (£160) (next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education): Anthony Lock

Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize (£120) (next best performing pupil who enters further education in Ireland) Grainne Colgan

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize (£100) (next best performing pupil) Steven Edge

John Bennett Memorial Prize (£50) (next best performing pupil): Roger McCormack

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize (£100) (best pupil who studies Engineering at T.C.D.): Richard McCrae

Victor Graham Prize in Mathematics (£1,000): Simon Stroughair

Ivan King Memorial Prize for History (£40): Ronan McGrogan

B'nai Brith Scholarship (£300) (for entrance to Upper Sixth): Heidi Kinsella

Alan Peters Memorial Prize: Ross Metcalfe

Diocesan School Music Prize: Simon Stroughair

Bessie Bury Prize for English: Steven Edge

Casserley Memorial Prize for English: Grainne Colgan

German Government Prize: Janet Craven

Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Ronan McGrogan

S.S. Evans Prize for Commerce: Ross Metcalfe

Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Ciara Griffin

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Barry Fogarty

O.B.U. Debating Medal: Niall Coghlan

Class Prizes: Sarah Deegan, Sarah Hegarty, Ben Kiersey, Sarah Rowell, Jenefer Taylor, Nicola Veale, Sinéad Whiting

Form 6 Upper

Class Prizes: Anne-Marie Farrington, Julie Harper, Anne Parker

Jean Scott Trophy: Ciara Griffin

Old Boys' Cup: Bruce Dodd

Leaving Certificate 1994

Lynn Acheson	Caroline Hall	Nigel Moody
George Armstrong	Cliona Hanrahan	Shane Morris
Helen Ball	Stuart Harford	Niamh Morrison
Vivienne Bannigan	Julie Harper	Graham Nicholson
David Bell	Gordon Harris	David O'Donnell
Glenn Birney	Joanne Hegarty	Garrett O'Gorman
Jonathan Blain	Sarah Hegarty	Nicola O'Toole
Rory Brazil	Diane Hendy	Alyson Orr
Beverly Bryan	Damian Hession	Anne Parker
Mervyn Butler	Julian Hickson	Helen Patterson
Niall Coghlan	Samantha Holley	Philip Perrem
Grainne Colgan	Elizabeth Jenkins	Sinead Pickett
Warren Conlon Grant	Sandra Johnson	Andrew Price
John Connellan	Graham Jones	David Price
Angus Cowie	Shiarra Juthan	Rebekah Rafferty
Janet Craven	Cheryl Keatinge	Nicola Rafter
Theresa Cronin	Naomi Keatinge	Melissa Rance
Stephen Cusack	Sarah Kelly	Glynis Redmond
Alberto de Cordoba	Stephen Kelly	Jennifer Rowan
Santiago de Cordoba	Marie-Claire	Sarah Rowell
Sarah Deegan	Kennedy	Tracey Ruane
Bruce Dodd	Stephen Kenny	Janet Sheppard
Guy Donald	Benjamin Kiersey	Ian Sherry
Gavin Douglas	Heidi Kinsella	Nicola Slack
Gordon Dunne	Victoria Levis	Ross Staunton
Steven Edge	Emma Linnane	Simon Stroughair
Mary Evans	Wendy Lipson	Jenefer Taylor
AnnMarie Farrington	Anthony Lock	Caroline Tobin
Nigel Fennell	David Lyons	Susan Tracey
Andrew Finlay	Aoife MacNally	Nicola Veale
Dermot Finn	Andrew Mahon	Alison Warde
Mandy Fletcher	Sarah Massey	James Watson
Wendy Fletcher	Gerard McCarthy	Aaron Weinrib
Barry Fogarty	Simone McCaughren	Andrew Weld-Moore
Brian Foley	Roger McCormack	David West
Marie Gallagher	Caroline McCoy	Sinead Whiting
Gillian Gibson	Richard McCrae	Ian Wilkinson
Peter Gibson	Neal McCullagh	Keith Williams
Samantha Giusti	Emma McGrane	Michelle Williams
David Gould	Ronan McGrogan	Sarah Williams
James Goulden	Ross Metcalfe	Jennifer Willis
Peter Gourley	Emma Miller	Diane Wright
Amanda Graham	Gavin Miller	Jennifer Wright
Ciara Griffin	Kenneth Miller	Nicola Wynne
Rebecca Griffin	Gregory Molins	

Junior Certificate 1994

Oisín Boydell	Denise McClintock	Christopher Allison
Mervyn Craven	Claire McCulloch	Ross Argue
Mairead Dorney	Karen McElhinney	Susan Carroll
Karen Edge	Susan Moore	Vanessa Carswell
David Finlay	Michelle Murphy	Lynn Cogan
Van Gleeson	Garreth Nevin	Justin Cramp
Stuart Halligan	Chris Nicholson	Sarah Eager
Aimee Harris	Carl O'Malley	Gillian Free
Anna Jordan	Hugh O'Connor	Gavin Furney
Stuart Kenny	Kevin O'Reilly	Nathan Hall
Susan Long	Jonathan Pickett	Cheryl Hodgkinson
Kate Lyons	Nicola Reid	Tara Horan
Philip Maher	Emma Rosenberg	Samuel Jackson
Janet Mahon	Alan Smyth	Peter Johnston
Sarah Marcus	Fiachra White	Nicholas Keenan

Rachel Kiersey	James Maguire	Patrick Tanner	David O'Donnell	Science, Maynooth
David Kinsella	LoughlinMcSweeney	Evelyn Tiernan	Alyson Orr	Business Studies, L.S.B.
Ian Love	Cillian Monaghan	Sally Walsh	Anne Parker	Veterinary Medicine, U.C.D.
Ailbhe Maher	Derek Nicholson	Lynn Carty	Philip Perrem	Employed in Perrem Hardware
Daniel Manley	Ross Parker	Emmett Dunne	Sinead Pickett	Science, Maynooth
Graham O'Meara	Derek Pemberton	Roslyn Ellis	David Price	Business Studies, D.I.T.
Henrietta O'Neill	Andrew Smyth	Wayne Farrell	Rebekah Rafferty	Deferred place in Equine Science, Writtle College, Essex
Gillian Palmer	Justin Walsh	Lynn Fletcher		Accepted for nursing at the Adelaide
Fiona Shine	Joy Beattie	Jonathan Heslip	Glynis Redmond	In Employment
Andrew Somerville	Claire Caldwell	Lisa Hickey	Ian Sherry	Arts, U.C.D.
David Spier	James Croke	Aaron Jewell	Ross Staunton	Working at the K club prior to Hotel Management, Shannon
Hilary Taylor	Sheera DaltonO'Neill	Thomas Love	Andrew Weld-Moore	Arts, U.C.D.
Bronwyn Vincent	Janice Duggan	Deborah Markey		Marketing
Freda Vora	Kevin Egan	Elaine Matthews		
Scott Wynne	Stuart Goodwin	Niamh McCarthy	David West	
Jonathan Allison	Stuart Gould	Marguerite	Diane Wright	
David Bradshaw	Cleona Gray	McConnell	Ivor Young	
Jeremy Brown	Lucy Harrison	Luke McGurdy		
Sean Cooper	David Hill	Mark Nolan		
Vanessa Doran	Arron Inglis	Conor O'Neill		
Samuel Gibson	Robert Kiernan	Sonia Patterson	George Armstrong	
Olga Glass	Joy Logan	Darragh Rice	Helen Ball	
Jeffrey Griffin	Deirdre Lunny	Keith Rynhart		
Robert Hamilton	Gary McGouran	Jennifer Sinnamon	David Bell	
Barry Handelman	Tristan Murphy	Peter Stroughair	Glenn Birney	
Tara Heffernan	Marc Nixon	Simone Warbrick		
Paul Kirwan	Gareth Petrie	Nicholas White	Jonathan Blain	
Mikal Koya	David Power		Rory Brazil	
Gavin Larson	Trevor Steedman			

• VALETE •

Sixth Upper

Lynn Acheson	Teacher Training, Stranmillis	Grainne Colgan	Gurteen Agricultural College
Vivienne Bannigan	Finance, Maynooth	Warren Conlon-Grant	Working in book shop temporarily
Mervyn Butler	Aeronautical Science, Q.U.B.	Angus Cowie	Year off
John Connellan	History and Politics, Q.U.B.	Janet Craven	Quality co-ordinator, K.B. Combustion Ltd.
Theresa Cronin	Social Science, U.C.D.	Stephen Cusack	Management Science, T.C.D.
Guy Donald	Construction Technology, D.I.T.	Alberto de Cordoba	Business Course, Ballyfermot Senior College
Mary Evans	Philosophy, Milltown	Santiago de Cordoba	Weirs Ltd., Grafton St.
Annemarie Farrington	Natural Science, T.C.D.	Sarah Deegan	City and Guild Course in Sound Engineering, Pulse Recording Studios
Nigel Fennell	Computer Science, Griffith College	Bruce Dodd	Medicine, T.C.D.
Johnathan Freeman	Philosophy, T.C.D.	Gavin Douglas	Year off
Peter Gibson	Aqua Science, R.T.C. Galway		Repeat Leaving, Ashfield College
Rebecca Griffin	Science, Maynooth	Gordon Dunne	B.E.S.S., T.C.D.
Cliona Hanrahan	Food Technology, Letterkenny R.T.C.	Stephen Edge	Arts, U.C.D.
Julie Harper	Medicine, T.C.D.	Andrew Finlay	Spain
Sandra Jackson	Marketing, Mountjoy Square	Dermot Finn	Spain
Shiarra Juthan	Psychology, American College, Merrion Square	Mandy Fletcher	Teacher Training, C.I.C.E.
Cheryl Keatinge	Has been accepted for nursing in the Adelaide	Wendy Fletcher	Property Economics, D.I.T.
Stephen Kelly	B.E.S.S., T.C.D.	Barry Fogarty	Repeat Leaving, Institute of Education
Emma McGrane	Science, U.C.D.		Missionary, Canary Islands
Ken Miller	Agricultural science, U.C.D.	Brian Foley	Natural Sciences, T.C.D.
Niamh Morrison	Business Studies, Rathmines Senior College	Marie Gallagher	FAS Course
			Art, Ballyfermot Senior College
		Gillian Gibson	Marketing, Rathmines
		Samantha Giusti	Electrical Engineering, D.I.T.
			Industrial Design, Brunel University, London
		David Gould	Commerce and Spanish, T.C.D.
		James Goulden	Hotel Management, Cathal Brugha St.
		Peter Gourley	Art Course, Sallynoggin Senior College
			Learning Italian in Lugano, Switzerland
			Applied Science, D.I.T.
			Science, D.I.T.
			Repeat Leaving, Dundrum College

Amanda Graham	Art Course, Liberties Vocational College	Sarah Rowell	B.E.S.S., T.C.D.
Ciara Griffen	Social Studies, U.C.D.	Tracey Ruane	Journalism, Ballyfermot Senior College
Caroline Hall	Business Studies, R.T.C., Tallaght	Janet Sheppard	Apprenticeship in gold jewellery making and design.
Stuart Harford	Working as a club D.J.	Nicola Slack	Art, National College of Art and Design.
Gordon Harris	Business Studies, Rathmines	Simon Stroughair	Theoretical Physics, T.C.D.
Joanne Hegarty	Arts, U.C.D.	Jennifer Taylor	Geography and French, Aberdeen University
Sarah Hegarty	Arts, U.C.D.		Repeat Leaving, H.S.D.
Diane Hendy	Secretarial Course	Caroline Tobin	Year off
Damian Hession	Temporary work prior to Hotel Management Course	Susan Tracey	Teacher Training, C.I.C.E.
Julian Hickson	Stage Hand, Disney on Ice	Nicola Veale	Arts, Dundee University
Samantha Holley	Clerk, J.J.Dickson, Ltd	Alison Warde	Computer Science, D.I.T.
Elizabeth Jenkins	Repeat Leaving	James Watson	Games, Grafton St.
Sandra Johnson	Marketing, D.I.T.	Aaron Weinrib	History, T.C.D.
Graham Jones	Repeat Leaving, Rathmines	Sinead Whiting	Theoretical Physics, T.C.D.
Naomi Keatinge	Repeat Leaving, Institute of Education	Ian Wilkinson	Forestry, Sweden
Sarah Kelly	Business Studies, R.T.C., Tallaght	Keith Williams	Travel and Tourism, L.S.B.
Marie-Claire Kennedy	Arts, Maynooth	Michelle Williams	French, Spanish and Business Studies, D.I.T.
Stephen Kenny	Financial Investment and Management, Rathmines	Sarah Williams	Legal Secretarial Course, Rathmines.
Benjamin Kiersey	Aeronautical Engineering, Bristol University	Jennifer Willis	Secretarial Course
Heidi Kinsella	Repeat Leaving, H.S.D.	Jennifer Wright	Arts, U.C.D.
Victoria Levis	Repeat Leaving, Rathmines	Nicola Wynne	
Emma Linnane	Repeat Leaving, Dundrum College		
Wendy Lipson	Repeat Leaving, H.S.D.		
Anthony Lock	Physics, King's College, London		
David Lyons	B.E.S.S., T.C.D.		
Aoife MacNally	Secretarial Course		
Andrew Mahon	Agricultural Science, Harper Adams University, Shropshire		
Sarah Massey	Environmental Sciences, Wolverhampton University		
Gerard McCarthy	Repeat Leaving, Ashfield College		
Simone McCaughren	Repeat Leaving, Institute of Education		
Roger McCormack	Law, U.C.D.		
Caroline McCoy	Marketing, L.S.B.		
Richard Mc Crae	Engineering, T.C.D.		
Neal McCullagh	Repeat Leaving, Ashfield College		
Ronan McGrogan	Commerce, U.C.D.		
Ross Metcalfe	Commerce, U.C.D.		
Emma Miller	Business Studies, L.S.B.		
Gavin Miller	Arts, U.C.D.		
Gregory Molins	Father's Business		
Nigel Moody	Trainee, Woodies Ltd.		
Shane Morris	Repeat Leaving, Institute of Education		
Graham Nicholson	A.I.B., Donnybrook.		
Garret O'Gorman	Science, D.C.U.		
Nicola O'Toole	Business and Languages, R.T.C., Tallaght		
Helen Patterson	Repeat Leaving, Rathmines		
Andrew Price	Year off		
Nicola Rafter	Clerk, McConnell's Advertising		
Melissa Rance	Business Studies and Spanish, L.S.B.		
Jennifer Rowan	Nursing, Adelaide		



Mr. Brook and Mr. Ryan viewing a SCT match in Donnybrook



Mr. Brook with Ms. Jane Williams (former Senior Lady Teacher) at his retirement function.

• LORD MAYOR'S VISIT •

In early February 1995, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor John Gormley, visited The High School, Dublin, to meet with senior students to discuss various environmental topics. Environmental projects completed by fourth, fifth and sixth year students were presented to the Mayor by the pupils. The projects were:

6th year: Christopher Swift, Colin Walsh and Ian Ellis, runners up in Young Scientists Exhibition 1993, examining the levels of Radon Gas in caves in Ireland.

5th year: Yvonne Maher and Suzanna Coghlan, European Action on the Environment project 1994.

4th year: Erica McKerron and Derek Nicholson with a study of the effects of air pollution on historic buildings in Dublin city and a study on the levels of pollution in the river Dodder, presented as part of An Taisce's "Young Reporters on the Environment" Award.

The Lord Mayor spoke about the tasks which he has undertaken, such as visiting as many schools as possible during his term in office. This is as a result of a visit to the Mansion House by a group of children from Chernobyl. Also, he plans to increase awareness of Sellafield and other environmental issues, such as air quality, water quality and waste management.

After his talk, the Lord Mayor spoke to the project workers about the work that they carried out during their projects. He then had a photo taken with the project workers and then with Mr Duffy, the Principal; Mr Fennell, Vice-Principal; Mr Irwin, co-ordinator for the environmental project and the head boy and head girl, Garret Lyons and Julie McGouran. We then



Above: The Lord Mayor with the Principal, Vice-Principal, Mr. Irwin and the Head boy and Head girl.

Below: The Lord Mayor viewing one of the projects



brought him to the dining hall for refreshments. He then left in his environmentally friendly Volkswagen Ecomatic.

Daniel Manley & Henrietta O'Neill (41)

• TURAS GO CÍARRAÍ •

Cosúil le gach maidin eile d'éiríomar go luath. Buíochas le Dia ní raibh sé ag cur báistí ná ní raibh an ghrian go hard ach an oiread.

Chomh luath agus a bhí an bus lán go doras, ar aghaidh linn ar an mbóthar go dtí Contae Chiarraí. Ar an tslí thógamar sos anseo is ansiúd. Tar éis trí uair de bheith ag tiomáint stopamar i gCill Dá Lua. Ar bhruach na Sionainne d'itheamar agus d'ólamar ár lón. Lá álainn ab ea é mar ní raibh aon scamail sa spéir. Gan a thuilleadh moille léimeamar ar ais linn sa bhus.

Tar éis sé uair shroicheamar Trá Lí ach níor mhoillíomar anseo. Níorbh fhada go raibh an brú óige os ár gcomhair. I gceann cúpla noiméad bhíomar ag ullmhú an tae. Thaitin an bia go mór linn mar bhíomar lag leis an ocra.

Chaitheamar an tráthnóna i dTeach Ceoil i mBaile an Fhirtéirigh. Chualamar ceol agus bhí daoine ag rince. D'fhanamar go dtí a haon déag a chlog.

An lá dár gcionn d'éiríomar ar bhreacadh an lae agus chuamar go dtí Ionad Eolais an Bhlascaid agus bhí pictiúirí ann agus fístéip ar na Blascaid.



An tráthnóna sin, chuamar go dtí an Daingean le haghaidh siopadóireachta. Is baile beag, an-deas é Daingean agus ta alán siopaí ceirde suimiúla ann. Tugann a lán daoine iasachta cuairt ar an mbaile seo le haghaidh "Fungi" a fheiceáil. Thaitin an t-am sa Daingean go mór linn.

Tar éis an dinnéir thugamar cuairt ar an ionad chun ceolchoirme a fheiceáil.

Chan na daoine áitiúla amhráin éagsúla as Gaeilge agus sheinn siad ceol freisin. Bhí siad an-shuimiúil agus uaireanta chanamar leis na daoine áitiúla. Bhí oíche iontach ag gach duine.

Ní raibh alán ama againn maidin Dé Domhnaigh. Ar aghaidh linn go luath. Turas compordach agus taitneamhach a bhí againn.

Chodlaíomar go sámh an oíche sin agus bhí brionglóidí suanmhara againn.

Buíochas leis an Uasal O Conchubhair agus le Bean Uí Lorcáin. Thaitin an deireadh seachtain go mór linn agus tá cuimhní an-deasa againn.

Beverley Jones agus Ruth Glacken (5th Year)

• MUSIC •

This year the orchestra welcomed several new members making a total of thirty-three. This is the largest it has been for a long while. In particular, it pleases me to see more members from the younger years, as there are a lot of fifth years who in a year's time will be leaving. Its members to date are as follows:

1st Violins: Owen Frazer, Gwen Masin, Oisín Boydell, Philip Loane, Isolde Carmody, Deborah Nevin

2nd Violins: Elizabeth Hilliard, Louise Watson, Fionn Fitzpatrick, Luke Ashe-Brown, Clare O'Connor, Andrew Shaw, Geoffrey Thom, Susan Anglim

Viola: Daniel Frazer

Cello: Richard Sweeney, Redmond O'Connel, Fergus Boydell

Flutes: Liam Lyons, Tarik Rahman, Yvonne Elliott, Ben McNally, Cynthia Taylor

Clarinets: Freda Vora, Jane Toolan, Emer Roberts, Stefanie Sheppard, Mervyn Elliott, Benoit Ferre-Cullen

Bassoon: Philippa Wilkes

Trumpet: Billy Blackmore

Horn: Eric Klotz

Tuba: John Anglim

The orchestra began this year by playing an Albinoni concerto and a Bizet suite at the annual Prizegiving Ceremony. A few of its members, joined by outsiders, later in the year played at the fifth years' production of *Dream Date* which was enjoyed by all concerned. We again put in an appearance at the Christmas Carol Service in Zion Parish Church, where we played a selection of carols combined with more serious orchestral pieces.

At the Wesley Feis, several of our members gained prizes individually, while as an orchestra, we won 1st prize playing the first movement of Beethoven's first symphony. A few of us, as a chamber orchestra, won 2nd prize playing the overture to *The Barber of Seville*.

Again, playing the first movement of Beethoven's first symphony, and a new piece, *Linden Lea*, based on a folk tune by Vaughan Williams, the orchestra entered the Department of Education exam, gaining 139 marks out of a possible 150.

The choir, which rehearses for the most part during lunch-time, for the second consecutive year has sung at the annual Prizegiving Ceremony, and has appeared for the first time in assembly. At the Prizegiving, we sang a negro-spiritual and an unaccompanied anthem by Rutter. As usual, we sang at the carol service, and entered the Department of Education exam, singing the "Sanctus" from Mozart's *Kronungsmesse*, Rutter's Gaelic Blessing, and a modern carol by Elizabeth Poston in which Robert Hilliard sang the treble solo. We gained 135 marks out of a possible 150.

A past pupil and former member of the orchestra, Nicky Sweeney, now studying for a performance degree in the Guildhall, London, gave a concert in the National Concert Hall with

the DYIO. She played Mendelssohn's violin concerto. I attended that event and found it to be a most enjoyable occasion. Nicky was also chosen as a reserve for the European Union Youth Orchestra. This means that she will be working with conductors of the calibre of Haitnik and Rostropovich. We all wish Nicky well with her promising musical career.

Gwen Masin, a pupil in fifth year, played Brahms' Violin concerto at the Rotunda with John Finucane and the Hidernian Orchestra. I believe this went well and am only sorry I wasn't free to attend it myself.

Nicholas McMurry, another past pupil of High School, and a former member of the school choir, now studying Latin and History in Trinity, sang a recital of early English songs for counter-tenor accompanied by our very own Malcolm Wisener. I attended this and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Melanie Brown, another past pupil of High School, has just been awarded a BA in Music at Trinity. She composed the anthem especially for the school choir last year. She has had "Three Blessings" performed in the National Concert Hall by the DU Music Society. I attended this and thought the works were beautiful.

Above all, we would like to thank the dedicated Mr Wisener for all the time and work he has put in, to rehearse and conduct both the choir and the orchestra.

Liam Lyons (5th)

Composition Workshop

Last November, a privileged few attended a composition workshop in Dublin Castle. The small group of fifth years studying Music were accompanied by Mr Wisener.

The workshop was to commence at 11am and was to be one of the most informative, interesting hours of my life! The enthusiastic Colin Mawby, director of the National Chamber Choir, gave friendly advice and guidelines to all the aspiring composers attending. He explained technical terms and followed them with demonstrations by the NCC which proved to be quite amusing at times! The NCC also gave useful hints and performed some pieces, which may I add, were brilliant.

At the end of the workshop, Mr. Mawby set us a task. We were all to attempt setting a poem to music and enter it into the competition sponsored by Church and General Insurance and Bus Eireann.

Out of our little group only one person managed to write a complete piece of music. It is called 'A Winter Night', music written by Liam Lyons. Liam's piece was so original and full of potential that he became

one of eight finalists in the competition, which extends all over the country. On Sunday, 7 May Liam's piece was performed along with the eight other works. The winning composer was to write another piece for the Chamber Choir to perform in October, in the National Concert Hall. For this, he/she would receive £500 commission. To everyone's great delight, Liam's composition was deemed the best. We would like to congratulate him on this tremendous achievement. CONGRATULATIONS LIAM-WELL DONE!!

All of the High School students who attended the workshop would like to thank Colin Mawby and the National Chamber Choir for making it so worthwhile and we would like to wish Liam the best of luck on Sunday.

Fionn Fitzpatrick (5th)



• DRAMA •

"Dream Date"

In choosing a play this year we decided it needed to fit a certain number of requirements. Due to the astounding multitude of musically talented pupils in fifth year we thought we'd be crazy not to do a musical. We also wanted something that everyone who wanted to could take part in. As a result, a small committee of us decided upon "Dream Date", a two act play with singing, dancing, love, heartbreak and humour by Kevin Dowsett. This decision was an extremely adventurous one considering none of us had seen or even heard of the play, but it was the prospect of a lot of fun that really appealed to us.

Auditions began early in September and the cast was soon picked. Thankfully nobody had to be disappointed, due to the enormous amount of parts available. Meanwhile, the stage was frantically being designed along with a magazine cover and contents page, tickets, T-shirts, posters and programmes. The stage construction team, under the watchful eye of Mr. Hayes, worked like Trojans and thanks to their perfectionism produced one of the best sets ever. One of the drawbacks of having such an enormous cast was that we rarely had time to rehearse together; instead we would practise scene by scene.

So, it wasn't until our mid-term break that we finally got to rehearse together and have a full run through of the entire play. We rehearsed all through our mid-term break and it was here that everything really began to come together.

The work continued and soon the band, led by Mr. Wisener, was organised, the lights were arranged, the finishing touches were being added to the set, the sound system was set up and I was having a nervous breakdown. Every spare minute was spent rehearsing, painting or learning the dances. A different type of choreography was taking place too as the infamous stage crew practised hard, moving the sets on and off with athletic speed and continuity.

Before we knew it, opening night was upon us and, despite nerves, all three nights went perfectly, with a packed house every night. All in all, it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all involved and one which brought the year closer together.

Thanks to the following people without whom we couldn't have done it:

- **Mr. Hayes**, for his hard work on the set,
- **Mrs. Purdy, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Dowsett and Ms. Kerry**,



Finale Dream Date

for helping out backstage on the night

• **Jane Toolan**, for choreographing, and teaching every single dance in the entire play to everyone, with the patience of a saint

• **Gavin Timlin** (my trusty co-producer), and **Leo McKenna-James** (last year's stage manager and producer), for their words of wisdom and for setting up the lights, and **Richard Sweeney**, for being groovy and organising the band.

Finally, on behalf of everyone involved, thanks to our director **Mrs. Mary Milne**. She stuck with us through thick and thin, even when I wouldn't have blamed her for leaving. She was a true professional. We started off with a typed script on paper and she turned it into a work of art. Thanks a million!

Alex McKee (5)



The Models



In his bath Archimedes sat.....!

Cast in order of Appearance

Jackie (The Editor)	Emma Eager
Kathy's Mother	Suzanne Rynhart
Kathy	Beverly Jones
Office Girl	Nadine Mull
Raymond Cooper	Adam Whelan
Mr. Atwell (The Sub-Editor)	Liam Lyons
Queen Elizabeth	Suzanne Rynhart
Archimedes	Owen Frazer
Miss Dalton (Kathy's Teacher)	Sinead Fry
Carole (A Checkout Girl)	Avril Patterson
Mike (Employees of Dream)	Tim Carthy
Tony (Date)	Shane Keogh
Jobsworth(The Commissionaire)	Mark Cantan
Pop Star	Richard Sweeny
Lynda	Leah Cauwell
Letter Readers	Jenifer Cole
	Devi Govender
	Leah Weinrib
Pompom Girls	Susanne Moody
	Jill Carroll
	Karen Earley
	Georgina Dunne

Characters in Double Love Trouble

Dave	Paul Campbell
Dave's Voice	Jonathan Sherling
Sally	Ruth Harley
Sally's Voice	Yvonne Maher
Julie	Jill Carroll
Julie's Voice	Susanne Moody
Popstar's Bodyguards	Tim Moore
	Trevor McDonald
	Alex McKee
Agony Aunt	Fionn Fitzpatrick
Her Assistants	Ruth Glacken
	Cornellie Kennedy
Shampoo Advert Girl	Kirsty Clarke
Pin Up Man	Ian Marconi

Chorus

Girls

Jill Carroll
 Trudie Carroll
 Leah Cauwell
 Kirsty Clarke
 Georgina Dunne
 Karen Earley
 Fionn Fitzpatrick
 Ruth Glacken
 Devi Govender
 Susan Griffin
 Ruth Harley
 Suzie Harrison
 Susanne Killeen
 Shalom Lambert
 Yvonne Maher
 Suzanne Moody
 Nadine Mull

Boys

Paul Campbell
 Tim Carty
 Owen Frazer
 Shane Keogh
 Mick King
 Liam Lyons
 Fergal Rice
 Jonathan Sherling
 Gavin Timlin
 Adam Whelan

Dancers

Susanna Coghlan, Chloe O'Donovan, Jilly Hamilton, Catherine Gourley, Linda McNeill, Jane Toolan, Emma Murphy, Avril Patterson, Suzanne Rynhart, Hilary Ryan, Shalini Varma, Sinead Fry, Vanessa Kilbride, Sarah Quinn McDonagh

Musicians

Trumpets

1st: Barry Halpin
 2nd: Billy Blackmore

Clarinets

1st: Freda Klotz
 2nd: Freda Vora
 3rd: Stefanie Shepard

Trombone

Marlyn Hilliard

Piano

Mr. Malcom Weisner

Saxophones

Alto: Deidre Slattery
 Tenor: Mark Hogan
 Baritone: John Sheehan

Conductor

Mr Malcom Weisner

Musical Director: Richard Sweeney

Scences from the "Pirates of Penzance" performed in 1962



Back: R.J.Dunne (Pirate King), R.P. Coulter (Maj. Gen. Stanley)

Front: R.A. Reynolds (Ruth), E.G. Keogh (Frederick)



Back: A.E.B. Beck (Edith), S. Endine-Hill (Mable)

Front: G.S. Nowlan (Kate), S.G.E. Lloyd (Isabel)

• PICTORIAL REVIEW •



A stimulating Fashion Show meeting! Yvonne, get your finger out of your mouth



More enamel than a kitchenware exhibition.



Rugby socks growing hairs?!!



And next we're getting chairs



Yes John, we know you're there



You O.K., Yvonne?



Eric Cantona, eat your heart out!



So?!



High stakes in the low grades!



Go away! Leave me alone!



Are you serious, it's not real cheese?!

• COOKERY •

National Dairy Council Cooking Competition 1995

Every year the National Dairy Council hold a national cooking competition to find Ireland's top young chef. The search for this chef began by each participant submitting a recipe for a two course meal, the only limit being the use of 'yoghurt' in one of the two courses. I received the entry form from Miss Bergin and decided to submit a recipe for two Mexican dishes, with the use of 'yoghurt' in the main course. The main course was "Tortillas et Poulet" and the dessert was "Natillas de Custard". A month after submitting my entry I received information that I was chosen out of 1,700 entries as one of the last fifteen. I then had to undergo an interview by the N.D.C. to see whether I would go on to be one of the four who would cook in the National final which was on March 25th. A week later I was informed that I was one of the four national finalists which gave me a week to prepare for the final. I prepared all my ingredients before the day. I had received £100 to cover the expenses!! On Saturday 25th all finalists (4 seniors and 4 juniors) arrived at the Liberties Vocational School where we were shown to our "units" and left to prepare. Cooking began at 10:30 and we had until 12:30 to cook and serve both dishes. My display of the dishes was very different from the traditional set up. It involved cacti, chillies, flags etc. When we had presented our dishes we left the room so the judges could begin to choose the winners. During this time we all got our photos taken with Ray Darcy and had a complimentary lunch. After this the judges, Brenda Costigan (Independent) and Brendan O' Neill (Chairman of Chefs of Ireland), chose the winners and we were presented with our trophies. I was runner-up in the Senior section. This was a very enjoyable day and I would like to thank Miss Bergin for all her help and support throughout the competition.

• ASSEMBLY •



The Three Minute Slot

By the time we break up this Summer the Prefect's Bell will have summoned us to attention 171 times. Nothing new in this you might say, yet there has been a marked difference in the way Assembly has been conducted this year.

Opinions vary on the new format. Too long? Too hot? Too boring? As I said opinions do vary. One cannot "connect" with all of the people all of the time, but on a number of occasions some memorable things were said.

We were endeavouring to focus on a religious, moral or ethical theme each day. To this end we heard stories, poems, musical items and there was Rev. Michael Beggs from Christian Aid with his machete. Our Principal, Mr Duffy acted as the anchor man, while Mr. Hegarty filled in the gaps in the rota.

From first Year to sixth year, most had a go. Different? Yes. Room for development? Certainly. Many thanks to all those who helped out.

C. J. H.



Georgina Dunne (5th).



• VISITORS •

Greetings And Salutations

Hi. This is Carrie-Anne Ling here, a member of the highly esteemed 5th Year. As I've only recently arrived from the sunny climes of Sydney it has been requested of me to write a report on my impression of Ireland so far. 'So far' means 'one and a half months', barely enough time to form conclusive opinions on an entire nation, but I shall endeavour to do my best. So here goes.

Well, I must say one of the first things that struck me was the remarkable friendliness I encountered. The Irish seem to be a bunch of warm, kind and helpful people in general and I've been lucky enough to gain many friends among my year since I've arrived. Unfortunately, the weather fails to be as agreeable as the people, but I've learned that it takes gradual getting used to. Grin and bear it -that's the motto.

On first arrival, I found Dublin rather small and quite 'quaint', with Georgian style architecture and lack of towering glass skyscrapers that feature prominently in Sydney. I have not as yet visited other parts of the country, but I am assured it is indeed beautiful. I hope I will have the pleasure of touring the countryside soon enough.

Overall, Ireland's brilliant so far, The High School's great, and I'd like to express my gratitude to everyone for helping me settle in so quickly.

Carrie-Anne Ling (5th)

• 1916 SCHOLARSHIP •



Mr. Duffy, Mr. Kelly, Simon Stroughair and Mr. Brook

We were delighted with the news that Simon Stroughair, who entered the school in 1988 and completed the Leaving Certificate in June 1994, has been awarded the James Connolly scholarship by the Minister for Education. The scholarship, in Simon's case, was awarded to the candidate who obtained the

highest grades in the Leaving Certificate in Mathematics and in two subjects from the following: Physics, Chemistry, Applied Mathematics. Simon obtained A1 grades in all four of these subjects as well as in Music.

He was taught Mathematics by Mr.A.Kelly, Physics by Mr.K.Mills, Chemistry by Mr.J.Hickey, Applied Mathematics by Mr.M.Hilliard and Music by Mr.M.Wisener.

Simon has been accepted to study Theoretical Physics at Trinity College, Dublin and the scholarship will provide for all his undergraduate fees and post-graduate fees if he elects to continue to study after graduating. He will also be provided with an annual maintenance and expenses grant.

He had a special interest in Mathematics, having obtained third place in the Irish Invitational Mathematics Contest in 1994 and having been a member of the training panel for the International Mathematical Olympiad in 1993 and 1994. In his spare time he is an accomplished musician and is the organist of St.Audoen's Church, High Street, Dublin.

• SIXTH YEAR DANCE •

This year's dance was a change from the ordinary as for the first time ever, I believe, Sixth Year elected, by only a small majority, to have the dance in September rather than April. At first there were cries of anguish heard amongst those who wanted the traditional April furore, but eventually when September came around everyone agreed that it was a much better time to hold it.

So come Monday 19th of September a beautifully clad crowd of tanned and relaxed debutantes gathered at High School and, after the initial exclamations and admirations, we were brought by coach to the Ambassador Hotel, Co.Kildare.

From there on the night was a huge success. Dinner was served without a hitch, and a delicious meal it was too, and then the whole crowd and a number of sixth form-loving teachers moved into the nightclub to dance the night away to the excellent sounds of the "Polka Dot" band, and of course Graham and Simone's highly professional rendition of 'Happy Days'!! A D. J. then kept us on our toes until 5.00am or so, when a light breakfast of croissants and coffee was served.

Finally we all piled back on the coaches and were borne off home, footsore and weary. Many thanks to both Mr.McMullen and Mr.Benson for all their help and wisdom, and of course to



Graham Jones and Simone McCaughren take to the stage during the sixth form dance

the Debs Committee for making it a really memorable night.

Ciara Griffin.



• CLUBS & SOCIETIES •

CHARITIES

The following are among those that have benefited from the fundraising activities of pupils and staff during this year: 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; MS; UNICEF; The Earl Haig Fund; St. Luke's Hospital.

I.B.

CHESS

The chess room is available at all breaks during the day and before and after school on a school day. There are enough chess boards and sets of pieces for about 10 games to be played simultaneously. I would like to thank Mr. Hilliard for the kind use of B27 for chess.

Robert Hilliard.

THE COMPUTER ROOM

I have still not quite cooled down after reading the editorial in last summer's *Erasmian*. Smoke still comes out my ears occasionally when I think of it. The article said that the Computer Room was rarely used, and hard to gain access to, and the computers were not much use anyway. Tripe.

High School has excellent computer facilities. We have a network of 27 PCs, with up-to-date software, and these are freely accessible before and after school, and during break-time. We have a matrix printer and a postscript laser printer. Recently we acquired a flat-bed scanner. This can copy any picture onto a computer disk, after which the picture can be placed in a document and enlarged or reduced as required.

The main class use is in the Transition Year. There are classes in Word Processing (in Windows), Autosketch, and Autocad. We also teach touch typing, and music keyboarding. The computers are sometimes used as a resource for ordinary class teaching, e.g., we have a package called "Body Works", which teaches human physiology.

Apart from formal classes, the computers are used every day by many pupils throughout the school. Pupils in junior classes frequently write up projects on the computers. Senior pupils often use them for writing their curriculum vitae. All kinds of notices and posters, programmes for drama evenings, fashion shows, and many other functions are done on the computers. In recent years, the computers have been used by pupils to type up articles for the *Erasmian*, and this year we hope not only to type up the articles, but also to do the typesetting and page layout using PageMaker, a desktop publishing package. To safeguard the computers, and to keep control of their use,



Georgina Dunne working in the computer room

pupils who wish to use the computers without supervision, must get my permission before entering the Computer Room for the first time. Thereafter, they can use the computers whenever they wish, as long as they obey the rules.

We have just acquired a CD-ROM drive and are using "Encarta". This is a popular addition to our facilities. "Encarta" is a multi-media encyclopaedia. Users can gain information not only by the written word, but also in sound and pictures. For example, the article on Berlin shows newsreel (moving) pictures of the Berlin Wall coming down. It has President Kennedy's famous "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech. The article on the heart shows a diagram which moves, and is accompanied by a spoken commentary. Articles on Mozart give excerpts from his music. Articles of interest can be printed out and brought home.

At the time of writing we are planning to start using a modem, and to gain access to the Internet. We will then be able to obtain an unimaginable variety of information from all over the world via phone lines. We hope that this will be ready in September.

M. Hilliard

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

According to the debate on Thursday, 29th March, this report should be neither trite, dry, nor written to some well-known formula. So I have no copies of the last fifteen "Erasmians" in front of me as I write this, you will be pleased to know. This was in the context of a debate on this very publication, and, according to the vote, it is in dire need of change. Of course, this is not necessarily my personal opinion.

This year has seen a somewhat astronomical rise in attendance levels and debating standards. There were around seventy spectators for the debate: "That Jean-Luc Picard is the Messiah", including a guest speech from our Head Boy, and almost as many the following week to hear "That pornography should be legalised". Of tions had some the turn-out, finding interesting half the battle.

Memorable moments include John Free standing up on crutches to defend the honour of sport in the school, and Elvis Presley, Prince Charles and Thomas Edison being thrown out of a rising balloon (metaphorically, of course), to favour Santa Claus.

The standard of debating in the High School has been steadily rising these last few years, and this year was no exception. This included some surprise involvement from members of the ever-cynical sixth form, and the standard of their speeches really impressed me. I have also watched a lot of fifth improve vastly in the course of the year, and the glimpse I got of fourth year, in particular in a debate; "That Transition Year is a waste of time", gave me great hope for the next two years, even if they do need a little encouragement. However, there was a large number of maiden speakers this year, mostly thanks to Berkeley Vincent, and they all made impressive efforts.

The founding of the Junior Debating Society by the resourceful Mr. D. Miller is another thing that I hope the Society can reap the benefits of, in years to come. Good luck to them.

There was good involvement in competitive debating this year as well. As usual, High School's particular style didn't get the team past round one of the Concern debates, but one tends to lose heart with Sandford's team visiting to try out their strategy. I was still impressed with our team's work. There was more success in the Leinster Schools Debates, with Berkeley Vincent doing well in round two, and Isolde Carmody narrowly missing the semi-finals.

As ever, High School sent two successful delegates to the European Youth Parliament. I notice also that four Debating Society auditors were involved in last year's Selection Conference, and ex-High School debaters are chairing and reporting all over Europe, and organising the forth-coming summer Mega-session to be held in UCD in July. Two of whom, incidentally, returned as guest speakers for our Christmas Debate: Angus Cowie and Niall Coghlan.

M.U.N. also had its regular visit from High School, and I personally wish to encourage those who enjoyed it to attend the EYP Selection Conference next September.

All in all, I have had a successful year as first female auditor. The OBU/PPU debating medal was won by Isolde Carmody. I hope the Society is as successful, if not more so, in the future.

Isolde Carmody (Auditor)

VALENTINE'S POST

A Valentine's Post was run in the school again this year. There was a huge demand for stamps and on Tuesday the 14th the postbox outside Sergeant's box was overflowing. It was very funny to watch everyone sneaking up with cards stuck up their jumpers trying to slip them in the box without anyone noticing.

The deliveries were made mid morning, much to everybody's excitement. A total of £90 was collected and this was donated to the Irish Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society (I.S.A.N.D.S).

We would like to thank everyone who bought stamps or donated money. We would also like to thank the first and second years for their help in organising and selling tickets, and especially Mr. Duffy, Mrs. King, and Miss Graham, for without Miss Graham's help the whole idea would have been impossible.

Amber Walsh(5) & Georgina Dunne(5)

THE CHRISTIAN UNION

All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

This year the Christian Union has formed two groups, the junior C.U. run by Mr. Hegarty in room A2 and the senior C.U. run by Miss Ritchie in room A8. On behalf of the Christian Union I would like to thank both Miss Ritchie and Mr. Hegarty for the use of their classrooms.

We would also like to thank our new regular speaker, David Smith. He has livened both C.U.'s up and gives very encouraging and interesting talks about God and how we should apply His word to our everyday lives.

For the first time ever in High School the Christian Union held an Inter C.U. meeting. C.U.'s from other schools, Rathdown School, Wesley College, and Saint Andrew's College supported us with their presence which was very encouraging. The meeting was held in the Reynold's Hall on a Friday

afternoon and there were about 50 students in all. We all had a great time singing songs, listening to the guest singer, Donald Key, and enjoying David Smith's great sense of humour in his speech on *Is There Any Hope?* We had tea, coffee, and tasty chocolate muffins afterwards, all thanks to Mrs. Bates from the school canteen. We would also like to thank Mr. Duffy for giving us permission to have the meeting on such short notice.

Finally, both Christian Unions welcome all to join us and we want to share the good message that God has given to us. What we have is a personal relationship with God and with God we are helped through each day. So come along and see for yourselves, after all what have you got to lose?

Christian Union Times:

Junior C.U. Friday 12.45 (Room A2)

Senior C.U. Monday 1.25 (Room A8)

Rowena Brown (6th)

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The Junior Debating Society meets weekly on Mondays in room C9. With the help and encouragement of Mr. D Miller, about twelve pupils have debated topics such as:

- Irish Should be Compulsory in all Schools;
- Boxing Should be Banned;
- Uniforms Should be Compulsory in all Schools;
- The Death Penalty Should be Implemented in Ireland;
- Sport Should be Compulsory in all Schools;
- Interplanetary Aliens Exist; and
- The Driving Test Should be Re-taken Biennially;

Notes on public speaking have also been taken. Pupils have spoken on topics such as:

- Health
- Fashion
- Sport
- Environment

Members of the Junior Debating Society

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The library is extremely useful for personal reading and projects, and has a wide range of books in every subject.

It is run by the ever generous and kind Mrs. King, who is always there to advise you on books, projects and other academic problems. Mrs King organises a number of displays (supposedly with the help of Ralph Benson and Robert (alias Blobby) Hilliard).

There is a club called "Friends of the Library" which has about 36 members and with the help of Mrs. King, it organises some of the fund-raising events. "Feed the Pig" is when a pig shaped box is filled with all our spare change (and bits of straw and paper) at Christmas. It is counted on the last day of term and our ever generous librarian, Mrs. King, doubles the amount with her own money. The money is then donated to the Cottage Home for Little Children, an orphanage in Dun Laoghaire. This year £80 was raised.

On Daffodil Day in March, silk daffodils (£1) and Badges (£2) were sold, making £195. This was donated to the Irish Cancer Society. Also Mrs. King had collected bunches of Daffodils from the grounds which the ICS was able to sell.

This year Eoin Supple took over Worst Book of the Week, and the Worst Book of the Year was "Hamelyn Illustrated Guide of Manchester United". Book of the Week was taken over by Eric Mullane, but Brian Kelly did have some weird suggestions. Word of the Week seems to have faded over time but I am sure it will start up again sometime.

All the Friends would like to thank Mrs. King for being so generous with her time and money.

Elizabeth Hilliard (3AP).

L.S.D. - LITERARY SOCIETY OF DUBLIN

Say it with paper! Don't get me wrong here, I like flowers. They look nice, they smell nice, and they work wonders for your sex life. But are they enough? Does it take just a shrub to tell people how you feel? Of course not. Otherwise we wouldn't have any artists: sculptors, poets, painters, musicians or writers.

It so often happens that you want to express a certain emotion in all its perfection, but you can't do that with your mouth (unless you happen to be a great kisser). For example- the ultimate example- if you see a beautiful member of the opposite gender, you want to say 'Embrace me, my sweet embraceable you', or some such lyric. But all too often you end up bowing out with the usual monotonous greetings, and feeling like an idiot afterwards.

Anyway, I think that's basically what the L.S.D. is all about- expression (although personally I've never expressed myself on paper, except maybe in letters. Even then I feel obliged to throw in the odd gag). It's a meeting of like minds.

This is not an advertisement. But if you do happen to be a like mind, then forget your worries, ignore the rottweiler, and pop on over. If you aren't, well... bummer. There are those among you who have little more than contempt towards writers. To them I say: someday, in forty or so years' time, when you're all nursing your bald spots and heart conditions, and I'm famous, wealthy, and married to a beautiful twenty year old actress, I hope you'll remember me.

The L.S.D. meet in B7 at senior lunch on Tuesdays and in Sharon Jackson's house on Fridays after school. The society magazine-'EatmeDrinkme'-is available wherever someone is selling it.

Anon.

• VISITORS •

My name is Catalina Fernández. My form is 1MC and I was asked to write an article about what I think of The High School. When I first came to it I was a bit frightened because I didn't know anyone, the school was quite big etc....I often got lost in the first month but now I've been here for 7 months and I have practically got used to everything; the school, the weather, the people, the language.....I think I've made lots of friends here that I'm definitely going to miss when I go back to Mexico but I'm looking forward to coming back some summer to visit them.

Catalina Fernández (1MC)

• LIBRARY •

The High School is very fortunate to have such a well stocked library. There are now over twelve thousand (somewhat cramped) books. Over seven thousand were bought in 1988 from the remnants of the burnt Cabinteely Public library. This has proved to be a most worthwhile collection and utmost thanks must go to David Benson and the finance committee for making the acquisition possible.

Pupils use the library in a variety of ways in addition to merely reading the books. These include study, research and the review of current events. This is made possible by the broad number of regular newspapers and periodicals that the library stocks. These include: The Economist, Time, Geographical and Technology Ireland. The importance of keeping in touch with political, scientific and academic developments through such media cannot be underestimated.

The students who regularly use the library are found to be extremely pleasant and courteous. It is always gratifying to aid



Sarah Gray with a display of new language books

them in their discovery of literature. One must thank the Board of Governors and the parents of past-pupils for their consistently generous donations. Without their help the purchase of new books would be very restricted, thus depriving the shelves of a necessary range and scope of interests.

The present collection is divided into two main sections: Reference and non-fiction (the latter subdivided into Junior and Senior categories). The librarian aims to encourage confident use of the resources available, while at the same time fostering younger readers' interest in pleasurable reading. The library is open to all pupils and staff and at the beginning of each school year classes are given instruction in library use. The librarian is always available to those with special requests. While reference books and periodicals may only be consulted within the library, the remainder of the collection is available for lending. Furthermore, the library is open after school for the sixth form, giving them an extra outlet for research or quiet study.

On a more informal level a 'Friends of the Library' exists for students who wish to play an active part in the library's organisation. The President is Elizabeth Hilliard and Vice-President is Aubrey Robinson. Other officers include Sarah Gray (2H), in charge of book displays, Eric Mullane (2D), responsible for 'Book of the Week' and Eoin Supple who oversees 'Worst Book of the Week.' The students also operate a 'fine box,' the

proceeds of which go towards our Christmas charity. This year we remembered the founding of our school with a theme enti-



Prize winners in the Christmas library art competition
Stephanie Patterson (2H), Kirsty McFarland (2M), the librarian, Aubrey Robinson (2D)

tled 'Christmas and The High School in 1870.' The Competition was judged by the Principal and Ms. Harris. First prize was awarded to Rachel Keely (2S) for historical accuracy. Other prizes were awarded to Kirsty McFarland (2H) and Stephanie Patterson (2H) for artistic merit. Finally, a prize was given to Aubrey Robinson (2D) for presenting the most humorous picture. There are thirty-five 'friends' altogether who have proved a diligent and hard working team of pupils. Thanks are due to their efforts in keeping the library an exciting asset to the school.

An annual library prize is given to the most accomplished reader. This year the recipient was Shona Nolan (1H).

Although this report is generally optimistic, I feel it necessary to end on a note of concern. Over the years the librarian has noted a decline in the general reading standards among pupils. Whether this is a reflection of the popularity of electronic media or simply a feature of a nationwide trend is difficult to say. Books still remain the most effective source of mental refinement and to paraphrase Dr. Johnson, far more can be learned from fifteen minutes reading than from an hour's lecturing. Let us not deprive ourselves of the great civilising force that is literature.

The Librarian.

• FASHION SHOW •

"Organised Chaos" Dans Le Reynold's hall!

Perhaps the hardest task of creating this year's fashion show was keeping up the very impressive standard that has been set by the previous years. However, a group of dedicated students put their thinking caps on and set to work back in November. After lots of ideas were suggested the highly original theme of a busy metro station in Paris was decided upon and, judging by the how the evenings went, this was a brilliant choice. It was christened with the suitable and well adapted name "Organised Chaos - Dans Le Vent."

As we all realised, this fantastic effect wasn't going to be created without lots of work and effort by everyone. Teamwork and dedication filled the Reynold's Hall for two weeks beforehand. Of course not all work, as plenty of fun was had by all.

Another group had the difficult job of traipsing around town

to numerous shops politely asking if they would like to donate clothes to us, explaining that the funds were going to a charity and the 125th Anniversary Sports Tour to South Africa. Owing to these pupils' consistency we managed to obtain the support of a wide variety of impressive shops who were really generous in lending us much of their expensive stock.

The final weeks leading up to the big event were certainly very hectic for all involved. Many rehearsals, in which patience certainly was a virtue, took place after school and at the weekend. Gradually the impressive set began to appear, the many tedious hours of painting hundreds of bricks which also required patience will be remembered by all.

However the dedication and hard work certainly proved to be worth it, according to those who attended the production. In any case the cast couldn't have had a more enjoyable time back stage or out front. Although it has to be admitted that nerves weren't absent! We were highly honoured to have the celebrity Pat Kenny to open our production on Thursday night. In fact he complimented us by staying to watch the whole show and appeared to be very impressed. We'd like to thank him for giving us his time. It was certainly sad to leave on Saturday night and know it was all behind us but I think everyone will always have great memories of everything to do with "Organised Chaos" - April 1995.

Thank you to Ms. Purdy, Ms. Ritchie, Mr Hayes - we really appreciated everything you did. Also well done to all involved in set design, construction, choreography, clothes, make-up, tickets and to the great audiences who made the whole show complete.

Beverly Jones (5th)



Jilly Hamilton

• EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT •

Holstebro Session 1994

The selection conference for the European Youth Parliament took place on the 24th and 25th of September. The Conference was held in Sancta Maria College, Ballyroan, and was attended by over 100 people from schools all over the country. Good fun was had by all, and of the four High School students to attend, two were chosen to go to the International EYP session in Holstebro, Denmark. These were Isolde Carmody and Colin Walsh. Sharon Jackson, an EYP veteran, was chosen to go to Holstebro as a journalist.

Before we departed, the 12 Irish delegates to Denmark met with the two teachers who were to accompany us and got to know each other. Sinead Walsh was chosen as the group ambassador. We managed to get together a few more times before the trip so by the time we left for Denmark we knew each other quite well. Travelling by air to Heathrow in London on the 28th of October, we had to wait six hours before we caught our

flight to Århus in Denmark. From Århus we drove for two hours until we reached Holstebro at about 1 o'clock in the morning. It was then that we met the Danish families with whom we would be staying. The families were really nice and my family lived out in the countryside about 20 minutes from the city centre.

The next morning we left Holstebro for Lemvig, a small fishing village to the north, where team building was to take place. Team building was the members of each committee working together to solve a series of problems, physical and mental. It was here that Isolde and myself met the other members of our committees. Each committee had one member from each of 14 countries. On my committee, Portugal, France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Luxembourg, Greece, The Netherlands, Britain, Belgium and of course Ireland, were represented. Due to the team building our committee really got to know each other and we became great friends. As far as I could see, Isolde was getting on extremely well with her delegation, blending in quite well among the tall blond Swedish and Finnish men. Sharon was doing much the same with her fellow journalists and having great crack.

On the Monday, the session was officially opened by various dignitaries in the Holstebro Gymnasium, but this leisurely break did not last long. At 10.30 the hard work began as the committees went off to discuss their topics. Apart from lunch breaks, this went on all day, for 4 days. During these meetings I learned a few things. One, don't argue with the Germans, as they always know more than everyone else. Two, don't eat potato chips during a meeting as it tends to annoy the chairperson. My committee had one or two technical wizards, and one of these set up a modem connection with a computer, accessed the Swedish Internet computer network, and broke into a high security level, all in the space of 20 minutes.

By day we worked, and by night we visited the local pub/disco, Skt. Joergen. Many a happy night was spent there. We had by this time made great friends with the British delegation, who were actually from Northern Ireland, and North-South relationships were improved greatly at these sessions. By Wednesday we had to finalise our resolutions. We were sure as could be that it was watertight, but then so was every other committee. The resolutions were typed up and translated into French, with help from the journalists, who had been putting out the EYP newsletter all week, and generally working too hard for their own good.

Thursday saw the beginning of the General Assembly: everybody got together in one very large room to discuss and vote on the resolutions. After the opening ceremony, the debating began. The typical format was: firstly, someone from the committee reads out the resolution. Then someone from the committee makes a 3 minute speech defending the resolution, and somebody else makes a 3 minute speech attacking the resolution. Of 12 resolutions presented, 3 were read out by Irish people, 6 were defended by Irish and 7 were attacked by an Irish person. Not a bad record!

Thursday night saw the 'Euroconcert', consisting of a series of musical acts performed by the delegates. It was great crack; the Irish performed 3 acts. Isolde did great things with the violin and went on to dance some of the strangest Irish dancing I have ever seen.

The General Assembly continued and on Friday the media

and information (i.e. my) committee presented their resolution and I was asked to defend it. As it transpired we were right about our resolution being great. The only problem was nobody could understand it. After much pleading the resolution was finally passed by quite a large majority.

By Saturday, things were coming to a close. The General Assembly saw its closing ceremony and everybody began to feel really depressed. There was a disco that night and afterwards we invaded Skt. Joergen's. At 3 in the morning we had to say our goodbyes, and many tears were shed. The next morning, a much subdued Irish delegation set off for Dublin.

I made so many good friends at EYP; it was absolutely brilliant. I would recommend to anybody to give EYP a try, as, even if you don't get picked, you still have a fun time. Many thanks to all those who helped myself, Isolde and Sharon and especially Mr. Wallace and Ms. Travers (Sancta Maria).

Colin Walsh (6th).



*Above: Team building with members of other EU states
Below: A European delegation that includes Sharon Jackson and Berkeley Vincent*



• PRESIDENT'S AWARD •

The following pupils received their Bronze President's Award in the National Concert Hall on 18th May, 1994:

Gail Bovenizer, Trudie Carroll, Kirsty Clarke, Susanna Coghlan, Georgina Dunne, Ruth Glacken, Catherine Gourley, Jilly Hamilton, Susan Harrison, Beverley Jones, Liam Lyons, David Long, Abbie McHugh, Yvonne Maher, Jo Wiltshire and Derek Wynne.

These awards were well deserved as in order to achieve these the candidates had to undertake a period of community involvement, physical recreation, the development of a personal skill and a venture project.

The venture project consisted of a hike up Lugnaquilla and Glendalough. These were completed in terrible conditions.

Congratulations to all those who received the award and, on behalf of all the candidates, I would like to thank Mr. Swan for his organisation and support throughout the project.

Georgina Dunne (5th)

• ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK •

High School once again continued its participation in the cross-border environmental schools' project. This year 4I represented High School. The project aims to increase environmental awareness and to promote cross-border understanding. This year our main link was with the Knockbreda High School students from Belfast. The other schools in our group are St. Columbanus High School, Bangor and Colaiste Choilm, Ballincolig, Co. Cork. The theme of our joint project was "Rivers in Urban Environments". We assessed the level of pollution in the Dodder and Lagan rivers at various different points. The idea was to show that pollution varies in urban and rural stretches of the river, reflecting the area through which it flows. We also studied the effects of air pollution on Historic Buildings in Dublin city centre.

Knockbreda Visits Dublin

The students arrived at High School on Tuesday 14th March, and were introduced to their hosts. There were thirteen students and two teachers, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Gordon. After a short reception which gave everyone a chance to get to know each other, the students went to their host families for the evening.

We met again next morning at school, and were divided into groups, either going into town, or heading off to the Dodder. At lunchtime we all gathered at the school again. By the end of the day, everyone was agreed that pollution is a major problem in the city centre, and is causing serious damage to buildings. Traffic too is an ever increasing problem. We tested for several different things in the Dodder, Ph value, temperature, turbidity etc. We came to the conclusion that the Dodder wasn't as polluted as we had believed; however, rubbish, especially plastic bags, in the surrounding areas is a big problem.

That evening we went bowling at Dundrum Bowl, and even some of the teachers had a go. Everyone had a great time even if we weren't that good.

Standing: J. Wiltshire, G. Bovenizer, D. Long, C. Gourley, D. Wynne, L. Lyons, S. Coghlan, K. Clarke, S. Harrison, R. Glacken

Seated: T. Carroll, A. McHugh, G. Dunne, B. Jones, Y. Maher



Susan Carroll with Knockbreda pupils on the Lagan

Return Visit to Belfast.

We returned to Belfast on the 28th March and we stayed with families from Knockbreda. We took the train to Belfast and Knockbreda had kindly organised a mini-bus to pick us up.

The fieldwork involved carrying out the same tests on the River Lagan. We visited the Lagan-Side Development Project and saw the Lagan-Lockout weir. We were also given a tour of Belfast and saw the plans for a new concert hall and for a Hilton International Hotel. On Wednesday night we went to Dundonald Ice-bowl and had a brilliant time skating.

We arrived back in Dublin on Thursday, exhausted after a great trip. The exchanges were really successful and certainly made us open our eyes to what is going on in the environment around us. We also gained an insight into life in Northern Ireland.

An exhibition of project work from all 28 schools in this network will be held in the Ulster American Folkpark, Omagh, in May 1995.

Fiona Shine and Gillain Free (4I)

• MODEL UNITED NATIONS •

The High School delegation to the 8th Annual St Andrew's International Model United Nations (SAIMUN) got off to a good start, when we were allocated one of the countries on our list of preferred member states, a first for any High School team! However, we soon learned that representing Panama was a hindrance as well as a help, for while Panama had no shortage of Anti-American ammunition, the refusal of the Panamanian Embassy to reply to any of our letters severely hobbled our attempts to learn about the culture, background and politics of Panama. The Americans also refused to answer our letter asking for information on American Human Rights abuses during the operation to topple General Noreiga (We've no idea why)!

Despite these problems, resolutions were written for SAIMUN (mainly during the last week before it began), and we prepared to enjoy ourselves to the utmost. It began on Tuesday afternoon, with lobbying among your committee groups, as we attempted to garner support for our resolutions. Sinead Fry got her resolution about Nestlé passed into committee, but the rest of us ended up either merging or co-submitting.

SAIMUN was officially opened on Wednesday morning by Her Excellency, Mary Robinson, Uachtarán na hÉireann, and after that, the (much briefer) opening speech by the various delegations began. Most of them were bland recitals of the country's location, population, and so on, but there were a few good ones: the Russian Cocktail Bar, Oman's "O Most General Of Assemblies!", and of course, our own, which was very capably read out by Owen Frazer. After he had finished, the Spanish delegation made a right to reply, and commented:

"As Panama are very fond of their long, bendy bananas, we would like to say how much we like our fine Spanish bullocks!"

The speeches went on for the rest of the morning, and the committees were in session for the afternoon. This was the real business of SAIMUN, and the air echoed with questions and demands, which often swamped out the speakers themselves:

"Point of Order!"

"Motion to extend debate time!"

"Point of Personal Privilege!"

"Motion to move to previous question!"

However, the chairs ruled over all of this squabbling with an iron rod, and ensured the progression of business with a firm "Motion Denied", or "You are out of order Panama. All points are out of order at this time". Resolutions were debated, amended, and then either passed or shot down.

The committees were in session again on Thursday morning, but the order of business was slightly more light-hearted, with the following resolution being passed by the Second Political Committee:

The General Assembly,

Noting that we don't need any preams;

Noting further that people who read preams are pretty sad;

Noting still further that people who even consider the word preams interesting are pretty sad;

Noting the final frontier, these are the voyages of the starship "Preams";

Thinking we've finished the preams so on with the show, wheel out those operatives;

Wheeling out the operatives

1. Notes that line numbers are not used because they stink.
2. Proclaims that cheese is very important in the settling of the continuing conflict in the former Yugoslavia
3. Proposes the establishment under article 22 of the Charter of the United Nations of a committee under the auspices of the UN Bureau for Cheese, to be called the United Nations Really Trendy And Exciting Committee Including Subcommittees And Stuff For The Promotion Of Cheese Awareness And Of Course Freedom And The Settlement Of The Yugoslavia Problem Through The Use Of Tactical Nuclear Cheeses Amen
(UNRTAECISASFTPOCAAOCFATSOTYPTTUOTNCA) to:

a. Why don't you just read the name, dozy!;

4. Recognises the UN Bureau For Cheese

5. Requests US\$5,000,000 be paid into a numbered Swiss Cheese Account on the passing of this resolution;

6. Requests US\$5,000,000 be paid into a numbered Swiss Cheese Account on the failing of this resolution;

67. Strongly urges stuff;

342. Trusts nobody

12. Alarmed by the ignorance of people throughout the world of important cheese issues;

567. Look, we want to set up a committee, and it's part of the big one only smaller and it's gonna be called the UNICJSCFCAOSTTKWAUS and we're not telling you what it stands for;

987. Proclaims the right of delegates to work out acronyms for themselves like it says in the charter or something;

34. Proposes the immediate ordering of 54 bales of red tape to be used by the committees set up herewith in vis-a-vis this resolution and stuff;

67677. Proposes referendums and sanctions, because everybody has them in their resolutions, and we don't want to feel left out;

90. Proposes UN mediated chicken burgers for all delegates;

56. Moves for a five minute break;

794578909865. Motion to move directly to voting procedures.

That afternoon, the General Assembly was in session again, and began to debate the various resolutions which had been passed by the committees. It was universally felt that the secretary-general had a different type of watch to the rest of us mere mortals, as resolutions with only 10 minutes for, and 10 minutes against often dragged on for over an hour.

However, while the real business of the GA was underway, there was an insidious spectre at work, in the guise of the Panamanian Anti-American. This petition met with mixed success on Thursday, for while the vast majority of countries were only too willing to sign up, sending petitions such as this through the secretariat was frowned upon, and on several occasions that dread summons "would the delegate from Panama please approach the chair" boomed through the PA system, to be followed with:

"This is out of order, Panama. It will have to stop."

"Panama, I thought you were told to stop."

Despite these setbacks, and the refusal of the chair to entertain a policy statement from Panama, success came on Friday,

in the rather unlikely guise of the Syrian delegation. The Syrians were perfectly willing to read the petition out, if they could just add in one small clause about Zionist aggression, and their Imperialist American allies. The aid they offered was gratefully snatched, and midway through the last debate, Syria took the floor. At first, everything seemed to be going alright, but then the chair began to get irritated:

"Syria, you have lost the floor."

"Syria, will you please leave the podium."

"Will the security guards please eject the Syrian delegate from the General Assembly!"

Once this disturbance had been dealt with, order (of a sort) descended upon the 650 delegates present in the General Assembly, as we returned to the topic at hand, which was the reform of the Security Council. After this final debate had taken place, the closing ceremonies began, and when completed, we returned home to prepare for the dance that night.

All in all, a great time was had by all who were involved in SAIMUN, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Wallace, without whose aid, this event could not have occurred for us. Finally, always remember that Panama is the original and genuine Banana Republic.

Derek Wynne (5)

• YOUNG SCIENTIST •

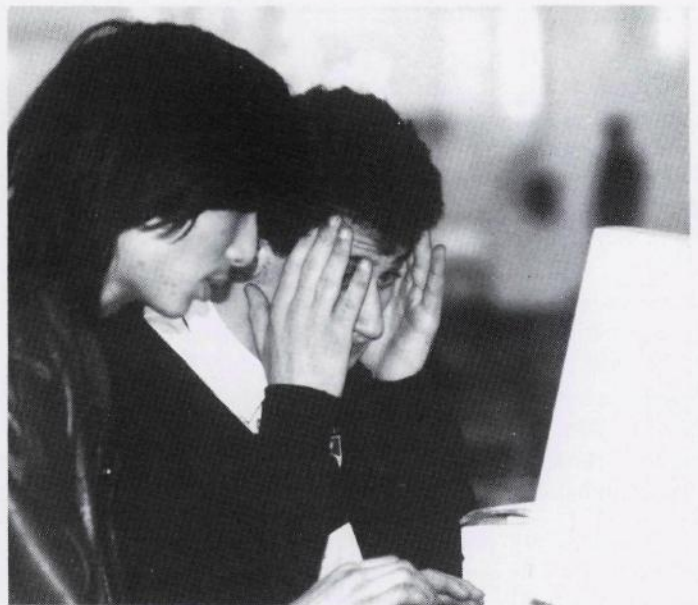
Colin Walsh and I had decided to enter a project in the Young Scientist Exhibition, in February 1993. We were both interested in Genetics and so visited Prof. Mc Connell, the head of the Genetics Department in Trinity College, who was very helpful and showed us some examples of previous studies carried out. However, we took a great interest in one report by Hackett and Folan on the blood groups in the Aran Islands, in which we did not find very satisfactory results or conclusions. So we decided to redo the study and take it further especially in the area of the origins of the blood groups.

Though our results were similar to the 1958 survey of the Aran Islands, we have produced some very sound and different conclusions to the Hackett and Folan survey. This in itself is enough to question the established theory on the origins of the Aran People's different blood group frequencies, but we also believe that we can disprove the theory totally, which we hope to do soon by carrying out further studies of other islands in the area.

The Young Scientist Exhibition is something which should not be just dismissed with a snubbing attitude. You have to be there to realise what it is about. From Wednesday to Sunday it was continuous activity, with hardly a moment's rest. With events every night ranging from movie-showings to line-dancing extravaganzas, we were exhausted by the beginning of school.

During the event we got a chance to meet all types of people, who became firm friends (or maybe even further!). Yet the best part is the atmosphere, where everyone is anxious to enjoy themselves.

The Young Scientist Competition provides an excellent opportunity to "dazzle" the general public with your amazing



Tin Loon Leung and Shwan Henari preparing the project

knowledge. Though we did sometimes worry about the judges, as they never seemed to comprehend that our project was the best!! The good part is watching the public walk by each stand with their mouths wide open in wonder.

The Young Scientist Exhibition is an event which Colin and I recommend not to be missed. The work may be hard but



The Science laboratory in Diocesan in 1959

Diane Lowe, Gillian Kemp, Ms. Lugton, Helga Prause, June Orr, Ruth Rowe

in the end it is all worth while. Not winning does not mean you have failed. Some projects who did not win a prize are now bringing in fame and fortune to the people who worked in them. Besides the work put in will prove something valuable, teaching you that you know you are capable of being a Scientist and taking the initiative.

We would like to take this chance to thank Tin Loon Leung, without whose computer expertise and valuable contribution in work and free time, this project would never have been ready on time, as we had problems with the computer.

Colin Walsh and I feel that our project "A Study of the Blood Groups of the Aran Islands" was a worthwhile project both scientifically and to us. We would also like to thank everyone else (the list of which would be too long to write out), in school and out, for their valuable and appreciated help.

Shwan Henari (6)

• MATHS OLYMPIAD •

Every year a series of lectures is held in U.C.D. for preliminary training towards the Maths Olympiad -a contest of mathematical geniuses. There were about 100 pupils attending the lectures from various different schools. Being a mere, humble 5th year, and not having covered some of the formulas needed for some of the questions on the first elimination paper, these talks were.....well.....how can I say it politely?.....an experience anyway! Listening to a lecturer in a world of his own pacing back and forth talking on the principles of "Number Theory" while simultaneously trying to take notes on the subject is most definitely an art form.

The first elimination round took place on the 16th February in Mr.Kelly's room. Four 6th year pupils got through, achieving a total of 90 or greater. They were Max Bacik, Colin Walsh, Berkeley Vincent and Sharon Jackson. They now go on to another set of lectures and a further test for the next round. The paper is a series of multiple-choice questions with 5 answers to choose from. The marking system is designed to deter people from guessing: 5 marks for a correct answer, 2 marks for an unanswered question and 0 marks for an incorrect answer.

The following are 2 sample questions that might come up on the first round paper for all you budding mathematicians. (All questions can be done without a calculator.....enjoy)

1) Five points on a circle are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in clockwise order. A bug jumps in a clockwise direction from one point to another around the circle; if it is on an even numbered point it moves two points, and if it is on an odd numbered point it moves one point. If the bug begins on point 5, after 1995 jumps it will be on point

(A) 3 (B) 1 (C) 4 (D) 5 (E) 2

2) For how many three-element sets of positive integers

$\{a, b, c\}$ is it true that $a \times b \times c = 2310$?

(A) 35 (B) 49 (C) 28 (D) 42 (E) 40

Answers:

1) The answer is (C) 4.

With the first jump, the bug moves to point 1, with the second to 2, with the third to 4 and with the fourth it returns to 1. Thereafter, every third jump it returns to 1. Thus, after $n > 0$ jumps, the bug will be on 1, 2 or 4, depending on whether n is of the form $3k+1$, $3k+2$ or $3k$ respectively. Since $1995 = 3(665)$, the bug will be on point 4 after 1995 jumps.

(But what happens if a frog comes along and eats the bug, will he jump in a clockwise direction or an anticlockwise direction or wander back to his lily-pad??)

2) The answer is (E) 40.

Since the three factors, a , b and c , must be distinct, we seek the number of positive integer solutions to

$$abc = 2310 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \text{ with } a < b < c.$$

The prime factors of a , b and c must be disjoint subsets of $S = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11\}$, no more than one subset can be empty,

and the union of the subsets must be S . The numbers of elements in the subsets can be: 0, 1, 4; 0, 2, 3; 1, 1, 3; or 1, 2, 2.

In the 0, 1, 4 case, there are 5 ways to choose three subsets with these sizes.

In the 0, 2, 3 case, there are $\binom{5}{2} = 10$ ways to choose the three subsets.

In the 1, 1, 3 case, there are $\binom{5}{3} = 10$ ways to choose the three subsets.

In the 1, 2, 2 case, there are 5 ways of choosing the one-element subset and $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \binom{4}{2} = 3$ ways of dividing the remaining four elements into two subsets of two elements each, yielding 15 ways of choosing the three subsets in this case. Thus, there are a total of $5+10+10+15 = 40$ ways of choosing our three subsets and, therefore, 40 ways of expressing 2310 in the required manner. Since the factorisation into primes is unique, these 40 triplets of sets give distinct solutions.

(Wasn't it obvious???)

Glynn Foster (5)

The Science Laboratory in Harcourt St. 1956



Participating in a Science Experiment were:
K. Ashton, C.S. Maybury, I.B. King

• PARENTS' ASSOCIATION •

The 51st Annual General Meeting of the HSPA was held in October and the committee elected for 1994/1995 was: Rex Coghlan (President), Leslie Hogan, Sean Lyons, Michael McClintock (Hon. Secretary), Joan McKee, Herbie Mitchell, Gerard Moody (Hon. Treasurer), John Morton, Pat O'Reilly, Ann Tanner and Fiona Timlin.

A meeting for parents only was held in November to hear an address entitled "Drugs and Your Children" from Det. Garda Christy McEnerney of the Garda Drug Squad. The meeting was well attended and Gda McEnerney's enthusiasm for his subject, and many contributors from the floor, produced a lively and informative discussion. The meeting was also briefly addressed by Gda John Kelly, the Junior Liaison Officer.

In February, a meeting, also for parents only, was held to discuss the subject of Parent-Teacher contact at High School. Comparisons were made with the ways other schools approach the subject. An attendance of almost two hundred parents evidenced the interest shown, and there was a wide ranging and thought-provoking discussion. The committee has written to Mr Duffy with a summary of the meeting, and to suggest some additions to the existing system for discussion with staff.

During the year, Ann Tanner and Fiona Timlin have been our representatives on the School Uniform sub-committee, which has been discussing the outer coat and track suits, in particular; Rex Coghlan attended the AGM of the NPSSA; Ann organised the parent/staff hockey match which ended in a satisfactory draw, and is appealing for parents to form a cricket team for a similar contest in June; and Rex and Michael McClintock have attended, by invitation, the meetings of the Board of Governors and the Management Committee.

Since the last report, financial support has been given to Attendees at the European Youth Parliament; Canoe Club; Language Scholarship; and to the school's member of the South Dublin Under 15 team at the All Ireland Inter-Regional Basketball.

The committee is most grateful for all the help and suggestions received from parents and teachers during the year. At the moment we are appealing for a parent to help pupils produce a regular newsletter using the school computer facilities. If you are the person or know the person who could give a little time to this project, please get in touch with anyone on the committee.

Michael McClintock (Hon. Sec)

• CAREERS LIBRARY •

The Careers Library beside Room C14 is open to all pupils at Break Times. Here they may consult and borrow folders giving information about careers, prospecti giving details of courses in different educational centres - in fact, as much printed information as we can get about the options open to all school leavers.

Mr. Miller will always be glad to hear from any parent or past pupil with information about courses, career prospects, or

activities of firms, which can be put in the Library.

Career Talks

The High School is most grateful to the following who gave up their time to talk to members of the Fifth Year in the past year.

Summer Term 1994

Architectural Design Courses: Mr. Ken Tiernan, Griffith College.

Sound Engineering: Mr. Robert McLeod, Pulse Recording Studio.

Insurance: Mr. Kenneth Gibson, Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance.

R.T.E.: Mr. Rodney Rice, R.T.E.

Nutritionist: Ms. Louise Byrne, National Dairy Council.

Social Worker: Mr. Colin Fallon, Probation Service.

Entrepreneurship: Mr. Niall Caulwell, Caulwell Club Ties.

Going for Interview: High School Teachers.

Autumn Term 1994

Going to University: Mr. Anthony Kelly, High School.

D.I.T., R.T.C., P.L.C.: Mr. Robin Miller, High School.

Law: Mr. John King, Ivor Fitzpatrick & Co.

Business Courses: Mr. Dermot Allen, Leinster Business Institute.

Fas Courses: Mr. Philip Sheedy, Fas Training Centre, Tallaght.

Engineering: Mr. Roger West, T.C.D.

Banking: Ms. Sally O'Connor, Bank of Ireland.

Humanistic Psychotherapy: Mrs. Karen Shorten, Aylesbury.

T.V. Production: Ms. Niamh Maher, Ballinteer.

Sales Executive: Mr. John Purdy, Stillorgan.

Nursing: Mrs. Ann Rath, National Maternity Hospital.

Film Industry: Mr. Neil Jordan, Film Maker, Dalkey.

Medicine: Dr. Simon Fraser, Adelaide Hospital, Dublin.

Languages at D.C.U.: Ms. Eileen Hurley, Dublin City University.

Business Courses: Ms. Nicola Brandon, Griffith College.

Architect: Mr. Gerald Cantan, Bolton Street College of Technology.

Spring Term 1995

Choosing your Career: Ms Christine Murphy, Irish Times Ltd.

Business Courses: Ms. Niamh Boyle, Accounting & Business College, Aungier St.

Child Care: Mrs Pat Langrell, School of Practical Childcare.

Electrical Engineering: Dr. Jonathan Fisher, Kevin St. College of Technology.

Paramedical Careers: Mr. Robin Miller, High School.

Church: Canon Neil McEndoo, Rectory, Rathmines Parish.

Hotel Industry: Ms. Shirley Powell, Jury's Hotel, Ballsbridge.

Chartered Accountancy: Ms. Alison Furney, O'Connor, Leddy & Holmes.

T.V. Sports Production: Mr. Stephen Alkin, Producer, R.T.E.

P.L.C. Business Courses: Ms. Miriam Lisslis, Rathmines Senior College.

Physiotherapy: Ms. Sarah Nichols, Sandycove.

Journalism: Mr. Peter Murtagh, Editor, The Sunday Tribune.

Defence Forces: Commdt. Harvey O'Keefe, Air Corps.

Creative Business: Mr. Cormac Larkin, M.D. Productions.

Occupational Therapy: Mrs Edwina Dunne, St. James's Hospital.

SPORTS REVIEW



Top Right: Action from the SCT rugby cup match

Top Left: Girls from the Hockey Team relaxing after a training session on the astro-turf hockey pitch

Centre: The Under 13 Rugby team (Winners of the John Scottus 7-a-side competition 1995)

Mr. Fennell, J. Ellis, F. O'Shea, J. Fraser, S. Cusack, M. McCulloch

P. Laycock, I. Masood, D. Campbell (Capt.), M. Hill, L. Hardiman

CONTENTS

Rugby	38
Girls' Hockey	44
Boys' Cricket	48
Tennis	49
Boys' Hockey	50
Girls' Cricket	52
Swimming	52
Canoeing	52
Caving	53
Mountaineering	53
Girls' Basketball	54
Badminton	55
Soccer	56
Athletics	58

• RUGBY •

1stXV

Although this year's season may not have been the best in terms of results, it was still a thoroughly enjoyable one for all involved. Yet again the main word to sum up this year's season was luck - or, should I say, the lack of it.

From last year's team there remained only five from the 1stXV but nevertheless there was still a lot of potential.

The lads started off on the right foot, with a convincing win against St. Andrew's College (9-7) which raised everyone's spirits and gave the younger and less experienced players a great deal of confidence. We then went down South to play the much talked about side of CBC Cork. We arrived in Cork stiff and tired after a long journey and the Cork side took full advantage of slow start and ran in a try in the opening seconds of the game. We quickly shook off the cobwebs and answered back with a great penalty kick from John Lalor. The team really got their act together then, and we spent the entire of that half camped on the Cork team's try line. Then about ten minutes before the half time whistle, a super rolling maul and a great pass from scrum half Tim Carty sent David Bell over the line. Disaster struck for us right on the half time whistle as John Free, our prop, got knocked out. As a result the game had to be stopped and John was taken to hospital. We resumed the game half an hour later, but the High School team just couldn't get back into the swing of things allowing CBC to score again. Final score - (10-8) but it showed that we had good ability.

We then went through a bad losing streak, losing to De La

Salle, Newbridge, Gonzaga and St. Paul's. It was here that we discovered our main weakness - an inability actually to start playing until at least ten minutes into the game. We then played two Scottish teams who despite being impressive with their bag-pipe playing, regimental marching onto the pitch and shouting after the game, when it came to playing rugby we were the ones who impressed, beating both teams by a margin of over 50 points. During the few weeks before the big Cup Match against Terenure we stepped up the intensity of training in an effort to get as fit as possible. We also had training sessions with Wesley College and Gonzaga. The team was really giving amazing performances against the big teams, for example, a great forwards try from a line out against King's Hospital, and a truly inspiring display of rugby against Blackrock - but as always, due to our bad starts and the occasional slip up, we didn't come out the victors.

Soon enough Cup Match day was upon us and, unnaturally, there was a very relaxed atmosphere going into the match. What happened in the following hour and a half wasn't pretty and is probably best forgotten. For those of you who weren't there Terenure College were simply bigger and better than us and ran in several great tries which were really beyond our ability to evade. We were again plagued by injury losing our captain Garret Lyons and shortly afterwards, David Bell. Although their replacements (Simon McMullan and Patrick Forde) were equally talented we were fighting a losing battle and walked off the pitch without even putting a point on the board and bitterly disappointed. Final score (39-0).

At the end of the season there are number of people who deserve a great deal of thanks. On behalf of the team I would thank Mr. Wright and Mr. Cole who were dedicated to the team throughout the season. Thanks also to Duncan Cole who gave up a lot of his time to come along to training and gave the forwards some invaluable tips.



SCT RUGBY

*Mr. Wright, G. Hopkins, M. Williams, T. McDonald, S. McMullan, A. McKee, A. Hilliard, J. Hanan, I. Marconi, T. Carty
Mr. Duffy, P. Forde, D. Haslett, R. McCulloch, G. Lyons, D. Bell, J. Free, S. Green, J. Lalor, Mr. Cole
P. Campbell, J. Brown*



2nd XV

*J. Fogarty, M. King, I. Ellis, F. Rice, A. Whealan, I. Walsh, P. Forde, I. Marconi, J. Hanan.
D. Wright, S. McMullen, J. Green, P. Campbell, J. Tanner, D. Haslett, R. McCulloch, J. Nicholson.
G. Flower, J. Scales.*

All that remains to be said is that this season was an enjoyable and memorable one for all of us and we are looking forward to touring South Africa this summer and doing better next year.

THE SCT PLAYERS

Mark Williams, our captain for the first half of the season, is undoubtedly the most talented on the team. He broke his ankle in a training match against Wesley College and was out for the Cup Match. His place as Captain was filled by Prop/Lock **Garret Lyons** who did a fantastic job of motivating the team even in the toughest of times. The props this year were **John Lalor** and **Julien Caillabet**, two gigantic men who were not to be messed with. The hooker was **Justin Brown**, an unbelievably clever player as well as a great thinker and philosopher with an enormous desire to win. The backrow consisted of **Mervyn Craven**, **Alan Hilliard** and **John Free** - three fast lads who were absolutely fearless when it came to tackling. Mervyn and Alan both came straight from playing at Junior level and amazed everybody with their courage and capability, whilst John amazed everybody with his strange habit of tackling with his head. The scrum half was **Timmy Carty**, a warm hearted, friendly fellow who loved training hard. Timmy probably played the best of the lot of us against Terenure and never gave up. Out half **David Bell** was our main play maker and a very intelligent player. Centres **Trevor McDonald** and **Scott Wynne** were both invaluable in defence and excellent in attack. **Gareth Hopkins** (a former back row player) moved out onto the wing this year and astounded everyone with great running and superb tackling. **Steven Green** (winger) and **John Bridges** (full back) were two players who only took up rugby this year and were absolutely brilliant. Steven was by far the best tackler on the team and never let one person past him. John had a great

right boot. The team were backed up by seven self titled "super - subs". These lads played several games on the team throughout the year and are all great players. The backs subs were **Paul Campbell**, **Patrick Forde**, **Damian Haslett** and **Ross McCulloch** and can be summed up in one word - untacklable. The forwards subs were three big fearless men - **Jonathon Hanan**, **Simon Mc Mullan**, and **Mick King**.

That leaves only one player left to mention, trusty second row **Alex McKee**.

Alex Mc Kee (Rugby Secretary)

2ndXV

As often happens with the 2nd XV team in High School, at the start of the year we were given the dregs of the senior rugby players. In the confusion of an ever-changing team, we lost our first match to De La Salle 15 to 7. However, after some sanity was restored and a little practice, the team started to come together. Down 12:0 at half time to CBS Monkstown, we came to life and our backs ran in three magnificent tries to win 21:12. With slightly less pressure than more competitive teams are placed under, the relaxed atmosphere brought out a string of wins in November.

First to go down were Blackrock College. After tries from the flankers, Damian Haslett and Jamie Tanner, we got a well deserved victory of 20:0, but the opposition never gave up, fighting until the final whistle blew. St. Paul's, Raheny, were next as the forwards displayed their superiority, allowing full back Patrick Forde and centres Ian Marconi and John Green to run in the scores and for us to return home with another victory under our belts 27:9.

Due to dreadful weather conditions we suffered close defeats at the hands of King's Hospital and C.U.S., 20:12 and 12:7 respectively. The second time facing C.B.C., Monkstown, saw tries from Michael King, working some magic from the back row, and Ross McCulloch, and one pushover try. Then it was the return visit to our old friends at Blackrock. You can imagine the disappointment when we found a completely different team! By the time we recovered from this shock we were 15 points down and some sure footed kicking from Patrick Forde and Paul Campbell and one magnificent try, again from Patrick Forde, (which put him on top of the scorers' table) wasn't enough and we lost 23:13.

1995 started well when we pulled off a victory against Wesley College with only 13 men. It was a close match but with scores from Paul Campbell, Damian Haslett and Shane Keogh we won again 19:14. Our next match would throw the teachings of ex-international Tony Ward into very bad light. On a calm Saturday morning in January we had a chance to show our skill against a weak St. Andrew's College team. With double scores from Jamie Tanner, Michael King and Patrick Forde and everyone else lending a hand, we pulled off our most convincing victory 64:0

Next was the 2nd's League. Just prior to our match with Clongowes Wood College, they mysteriously pulled out. Weather delayed Mt. Temple and Belvedere College claimed that they had "Mocks". Finally we got to play C.B.C.(again) and the "foot of Forde" helped us win by the narrow margin of 9:7. The deciding match against Belvedere loomed as we heard rumour of huge victories. On the day, in snowy weather, we held them to a respectable score of 17:3. They now proceeded to the semi-finals as favourites. Our glorious season will finish against Mt. Temple for our place of Runner-up in the League.

Thanks go to Mr. Cole and Mr. Wright and all the lads who dedicated themselves to one of the best Seconds XV's in a while. Thanks also to the Vice-captain, Paul Campbell, and acting Vice-captain, Patrick Forde. So, at the end of the season we had won seven matches out of twelve and amassed some 200 points. We enjoyed the matches we won but always had a bit of sport in us if we were losing. We all had fun and our relaxed approach seemed to thank anyone who dared to referee our matches, especially against Blackrock College, as there were some tough decisions now and then. Long live Seconds rugby!

Jamie Tanner (captain)

Transition Year

This season was full of surprises for the Transition Year Team, as we managed to shock a lot of people that doubted our ability as a team, especially having lost key players to senior and junior cup interests.

Towards Christmas we had some very impressive wins against schools such as King's Hospital, Blackrock, Carlow, De Le Salle (Churchtown) and Templeogue. We carried this good fortune with us into the new year, with some very satisfying wins against Terenure (32-5) and Blackrock, both away from home.

During this stage of the season our backs were rearranged due to injuries and lack of attendance, but we managed to progress even with these drawbacks. Our league campaign was planned to kick off against C.U.S., but unfortunately the game was called off due to an unplayable pitch, as were league matches

against Blackrock, Roscrea and Newpark.

Our rescheduled first match was against Blackrock. The team had its doubts about the game, but thanks to an early try from David Finlay, we knew we were in with a chance. Patrick Tanner and David Finlay managed another 2 tries, and kicks from Hugh O'Connor and Mark Nolan brought our total to an impressive 22-0 at the end of the game.

We were then faced with the away challenge of Cistercian College, Roscrea, knowing that a win could lead to a place in the semi-finals. The day did not start well, with a poor attendance of a minimum 15 players. We ended up the losing team, as Roscrea had a field day. (Could poor attendance have been to blame?) From then we knew that our season had come to a very disappointing end.

I would like to thank the squad for taking part in training and matches during the season. I would also like to thank those rugby players from 3rd, 5th and 6th who stood in at short notice for matches. Finally, I would like to thank Messrs. Walker, Ryan and McMullen for organising, supervising and training the team.

Derek Nicholson (Captain)

JCT

The commitment from the JCT squad this year was highly commendable. The level of improvement in both individual and team performances was very noticeable and encouraging as the season progressed. This was attained by a dedicated attendance to training sessions both before and after school, as well as weekends.

Throughout the season the same story was very evident in many of our fixtures, playing some very good rugby but unable to convert it to points. The majority of our results were very close with only one heavy defeat, inflicted by Terenure College.

In the first round of the cup they lost to Gonzaga 12-5 and although this was not a fair reflection on the way that the team played on that day, this along with the defeat by St.Mary's 12-6 in the quarter final of the plate, were the best two performances of the season in terms of quality of rugby.

Although not wishing to take anything away from the whole squad's achievement this year there are certain individuals who deserve a special mention. **Gary McGouran**, the captain, who constantly put his body on the line for the team, is a very talented all round player. **David Finlay** and **Ross McNally** whose total commitment both in training and matches was very evident all season and **Stephen Geraghty** nicknamed "Super Sub" who attended virtually every training session throughout the year and highlighted the dedication of every single player in the squad.

Finally I would like to thank Eric Miller for his help prior to the cup match and all the members of the JCT squad for their commitment and enthusiasm throughout the season.

Well done Lads!

R Walker

This year's Junior Cup Team did not get off to the best of starts with a number of defeats early on in the season. However



Transition Year

*D. Pemberton, G. McGouran, D. Finlay, P. Maher, J. Alison, D. Manley, C. Nicholson, S. Koya,
Mr. Walker, H. O'Connor, J. Griffin, M. Nolan, D. Nicholson, A. Smyth, R. Kiernan, T. Steedman, S. Halligan.*



J.C.T.

*S Geraghty, R. Douglas, I. McKee, N. Keenan, G. Fleming, J. Butterly, D. Finlay, J. O'Malley, R. McNally,
R. Thompson, D. Downey, J. Collins, R. Wynne, G. McGouran(capt), B. Wardrop, A. Figgins, M. McEndoo, N. Smith, Mr. R. Walker (Coach)
R. Slattery, J. Fennell*

with a lot of heavy training which included a fitness programme during the holidays, and morning sessions before school, the team began to come together. By Christmas we had begun to play good rugby and this was shown with some good results against Killkenny and C.B.C. Monkstown. After Christmas we gained the extra help of Eric Miller in the build up to the Cup Match against Gonzaga. The game was due to be played on the Tuesday, 1st February, but due to the Senior cup match being played on that date it had to be postponed until the following Thursday. However this did not put the players off too much and we went out on the Thursday to face Gonzaga. Despite dominating much of the match we could not put the points on the board which had been the case in many of our previous games; the game finished 12 - 5. Despite the defeat I personally was amazed at the step up in the standard from all 15 players on the day. Finishing up, I would like to thank all the members of the squad whose commitment and dedication to the game was unsurpassed throughout the year. I would like to thank Mr R. Walker and Mr E. Miller for all their time they gave to coach the J.C.T. this year.

G McGouran (Capt)

Under 14

This year's U14 A team had a roller-coaster season, containing many ups and downs due to many of our best players who went to play Junior Cup rugby. Yet this did not dampen our spirits as we enjoyed the season immensely with a tremendous amount of team spirit which was a present force throughout the year.

It was predicted that we would have a shaky start to the season and we did by losing terribly to Blackrock College in Blackrock on a cold mid-September day. We also lost to Perth, Carlow and Clongowes. Wins worth mentioning before Christmas were against Newbridge and C.B.C.

After Christmas we beat St. Columba's, Templeogue, C.B.C

and St. Mary's 12-10. Then we lost to Wesley and St. Andrews. After that we convincingly beat Bandon by 34 points to 0. Our last match of the season was against an English touring side called Sutton and Epsom who came back from 10-12 down to beat us 20-12.

THE PLAYERS

Greg O'Meara played full back for most of the season and during it he improved his catching and tackling skills immensely.

Alan Dunne moved from his normal hooker position to play on the wing. He loves to run with the ball and he did so well in all his matches.

Ross Wynne played at outside centre when he was not playing for the J.C.T's and with his pace created many openings in the opposing defence.

Paul Bridges played inside centre and was the finest tackler on the team, saving many tries this season.

Andrew Day on the wing was the quickest back on the team. With his outstanding pace, he left many opposing backlines standing.

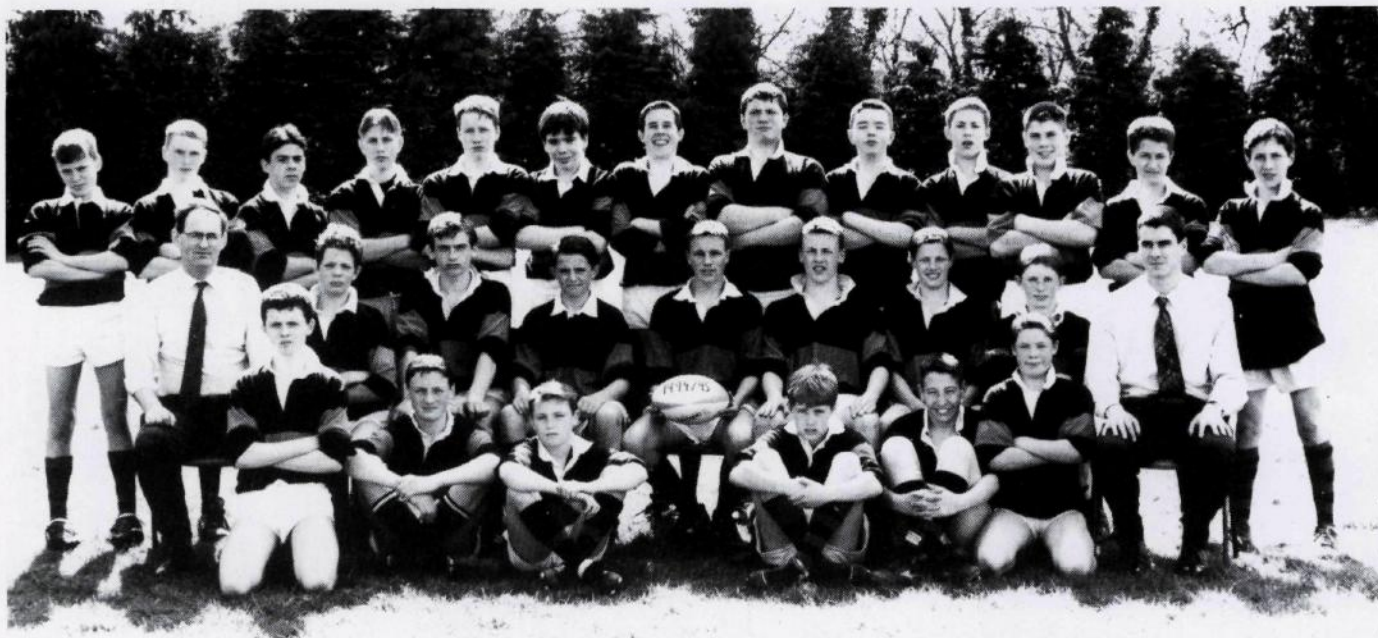
Mark McCullough played scrum half for his first season. He adapted well to the position and his passing got much quicker as the season went on.

Neil Stanley, Richard Thompson and **Frank Brown** also played well in these positions.

Alan Figgins who played no. eight was the quickest forward and he scored some good individual tries this season.

Ross McNally played as openside wing forward. He was pack leader and top try scorer this season.

John Anglim played as blindside wing forward. His aggressive style of play was well needed in the pack.



Under 14 XV

R. Reid, N. Holmes, D. Dunne, N. Stanley, A. Day, A. Robinson, A. Figgins, J. Butterly, D. Foster, P. Bridges, D. Lalor, D. Redmond, R. Collins Mr. Irwin, C. Brandsma, R. Wynne, G. O'Meara, D. Downey, R. McNally, M. McCullough, G. Black, Mr. Gill J. Anglim, B. Marconi, F. Browne, R. Thompson, M. Lynch, A. Dunne



Under 13 A

*S. Cusack, R. Hilliard, J. Ellis, F. O'Shea, J. Frazer, O. Long, J. Harris, C. Phelan.
Mr. Fennell, R. Simmons, I. Masood, D. Campbell, G. Black, M. McCollough, P. Laycock.
M. Hill, L. Hardiman.*

Brian Marconi and **Maurice Lynch** were the middle-row, Brian won us alot of clean balls as No.4 in the lineout and Maurice's strength was needed in the rucks and mauls.

Our front row consisted of **John Butterly** as tight head or **David Lalor**, **Daniel Dunne** as hooker and **Aubrey Robinson** as loose head. This was a very strong front row who loved showing aggressiveness in rucks and mauls.

Colin Brandsma, **Trevor Wilson** and **David Foster** also played well in these positions.

Finally I would like to thank Mr.Gill, our manager and Colin Todd, our coach, for a very enjoyable season.

Daniel Downey (captain)

Under 13

	P	W	L
13A	20	12	8
13B	15	7	8
13C	6	4	2

The above statistics show a slightly better then average re- turn for the season. Looking at the results, most of the defeats were by narrow margins and came early in the season when the teams, even though having some talented players, lacked the experience of their opponents such as Blackrock, Terenure and

Newbridge.

In October and November we had good wins over St.Mary's 22-10 and 12-5, St.Columba's 26-17 and De La Salle 29-10 and 19-0. After Christmas the wet weather was a spoil-sport and many games were cancelled. We did manage to record good wins over Willow Park 45-10, Castleknock 29-7 and 12-7, Newpark 12-0, St.Columba's 38-7 and a narrow defeat by C.U.S 3-5.

By the end of the season the teams were capable of holding their own with the best of the schools in Leinster. We look forward to their progress in the years to come. The season ended on a high note with us retaining the John Scottus 7-a-side (Nick Popplewell Trophy). In the St.Benildus 7-a-side competition we were beaten in our section by Willow Park, the eventual winners of the cup.

I would like to take the opportunity to pay tribute to my colleagues, Mr.Wright, Mr.Walker, Mr.Quinn, Mr.Todd, John Ellis, Ian Ellis and Nigel Fennell for all their help during the season, also not forgetting the faithful parents who came out in all weathers to provide transport and give us their support.

R.H.F.



• GIRLS' HOCKEY •

1stXI

This year's 1st XI was chosen from a base of five players who remained from last year's Cup Final team. In goal this year, as last year, we had Rachel Reid, the quick and agile Goalkeeper. Helping her out in defence was experienced Left Back, Emma Fitzpatrick who proved to be very reliable throughout the season. Also close to hand for Rachel was Centre Back, Jennifer Gillen. Leah Cauwell, with her skilful stickwork, remained on Left Wing, and the fifth remaining player was Suzanne Murphy who changed from Right Midfield to Centre Forward in order to be our main striker.

There were six new players, therefore, to be introduced to the panel. As Sweeper, Devi Govender was joined by Niamh Swords as Right Back, both players contributing to make a strong defence. Susanne Moody came up as Left Midfield, a player who has improved incredibly. Her Wing was Nadine Mull, whose quick decisive hit produced some beautiful goals. Lesley Hobson joined us in Upper Sixth; she had been a student in Trinity College the year before and played on the 1st XI there, so her experience and skill was a great asset for the team. The position of Right Midfield was shared between two fourth years, Niamh McCarthy and Mairead Dorney, both talented players with good prospects for the future.

The team had an unsettled first term during which we started our League Campaign against Loreto College, Dalkey, which

we lost (3-0) but gradually things began to improve and we showed good performances and victories in the majority of our friendly matches, including wins over Wesley College (1-0) and St.Gerard's School, (4-0).

Our second League match proved to be more successful with a (4-0) victory over Loreto Abbey. Then we played Our Lady's, Terenure, which was going to be a tough match because we were playing away on an all-weather pitch, but our continuous training on our own all-weather pitch paid off and we won (3-0) in a very enjoyable game. In order to have a chance to progress to the quarter-final stage we had to beat Wesley College, but unfortunately had a bad day and lost (3-0) and Wesley College went on to win the League.

The League Campaign had been extremely disappointing, but despite this the team continued to train every Tuesday and Thursday. Mrs. Mellon decided to make positional changes, Nadine Mull and Leah Cauwell swapped Wing positions. Leslie moved to Right Midfield and Jennifer Gillen to Centre Midfield. We were now left with a vacancy at Centre Back.

After Christmas the team really picked up, the team spirit was much higher, the positional changes had been an advantage. The defence still remained strong, the three Midfields now played better together which enabled the Forwards to clock up the goals. From there on everything was thrown into the Cup Campaign. Our first Cup match opponents were Manor House, against whom we had never played before so we did not know what to expect. We adapted well to the all-weather, especially in the second half which produced 2 goals from Suzanne Murphy and 1 from Leah Cauwell. Our Centre Back was sub, Sally Walsh, who marked her player very tightly and proved to be a 1st standard player, and became the newest player on our



1st XI 1994-95

*N.McCarthy , E.Fitzpatrick , N.Swords , K.Lyons , S.Walsh , S.Murphy and L.Caulwell,
M.Dorney , S.Moody , N.Mull , J. Gillen (capt) , R.Reid, D.Govender and Mrs.G.Mellon.*



Intermediate A XI

R. Glacken, J. Carroll, A. Laughlin, Y. Maher, L. Dunne, B. Jones, N. Aherne.

W. Strong, N. Smith, M. Dorney, G. Palmer, G. Bovenizer (Capt), A. Fleming, R. Harley, L. Carty, Ms. A. Blain.

team.

Our second Cup match was against Mt. Anville, which we knew was a hard draw. It was their home advantage and they chose to play at UCD. It proved to be the toughest, most strenuous match we had played. It was also extremely physical. Devi Govender showed tremendous strength and determination throughout the match and certainly made it very hard for Mt. Anville forwards to get past her. Devi had the help of Sally Walsh, who did not let her player away from her side. Both teams were so evenly matched on the day that even after extra time no goal was scored. Suzanne Murphy did have a beautiful flick up into goal but unfortunately it was disallowed.

We met again four days later, this time it was our home advantage. The match was played on the High School astro-pitch. Again we faced an extremely tough match but the team were on top form and every member played a brilliant match. Rachel Reid had an excellent game, stopping every ball that came near her. Her saving was perfect. Yet again Devi played to her very best, and her fellow defence players, Emma Fitzpatrick and Niamh Swords were determined not to let anything through. Susanne Moody, Lesley Hobson and Jennifer Gillen worked together to send the balls out to the waiting wings Leah Cauwell and Nadine Mull. Nadine had one of her best matches of the season, causing scares to Mt. Anville defence. Suzanne Murphy played well but seemed to have two players on her all the time which made it hard for her to use her nifty hockey skills. Again the match went into extra time, and again, after a total of 1 hour and 40 minutes of play not one goal was scored. It had to go to penalty flicks, where we lacked the edge and lost (3-0).

Congratulations to Emma Fitzpatrick, Suzanne Murphy, Leah Cauwell and Jennifer Gillen who received Leinster U-18 trials and to Leah especially, who gained a second trial.

Thanks to our subs, Kate Lyons, Niamh McCarthy, Mairead

Dorney, Susan Moore and Catherine Wright who often made themselves available at short notice. We would also like to thank all our supporters who came to the Cup matches.

Special thanks to Mrs. Mellon for her hard work and continual support throughout the season. We would also like to thank Mr. Miller for taking the time to give Rachel some extra coaching in goal keeping.

Jennifer Gillen (captain)

Intermediate A XI

The Intermediate A had a very successful and enjoyable season. We won twelve and drew five of our twenty-five matches. We progressed to the quarter finals after beating Dalkey, Kilcullen, Navan and drawing with Wilson's Hospital. In the quarter final we met Mt. Anville, unfortunately we lost that match 1:0. We would like to thank Arlene Blain for her support and encouragement throughout the season. I would also like to thank the team for the effort they put in.

Gail Bovenizer (captain)

Intermediate B XI

It was a very enjoyable season for us and we proved to be a strong 3rd XI side. We were in a difficult section of the League, but came out in second place, only losing one of the five matches, while winning one and drawing three. As the season progressed the team improved greatly and we ended the season well, with a (5-0) win over Beaufort College. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Arlene Blain for her encouragement and support throughout the season.

Anthea Grimason (captain)

Junior A

All in all the Junior A XI had an enjoyable season this year. We reached the 6th round of the League Cup Competition. Our first match was against Teresians whom we beat 3-0, Nicki Hodgson scoring a hat trick!!

We then faced St. Andrew's College who were a good side and we drew 1-1 with them. St. Columba's College was our next challenge with whom we drew. To end the qualifying stage we played Santa Sabina School, whom we overcame and with a result of 3-2. At the end of this stage we didn't know if we had qualified for the cup or not, but eventually we got the good news.

We had to play Loreto College, Bray, who were a strong side. The match was really tough. We got an early goal but they came back close to the end and then it went to extra time, which resulted in a 2-2 draw. We then had to replay on their all-weather pitch which we weren't really used to. They got the winning goal one minute from the final whistle and went on to win the Cup.

Three of us received Leinster trials this year. They were Susan Moore, Catherine Wright and Danielle Hill. I would just like to thank Miss Ritchie for coaching us, and the rest of the team for all their dedication.

Susan Moore (captain)

Junior B

The Junior B team performed very well throughout the season, winning the majority of our matches. Our first League match was against St. Kilian's, which we won (5-0), we also beat Muckcross (3-0) and we drew with Newbridge Collge (3-3). We then beat Rathdown (2-1). In all of these matches the Forward line played excellently. At this stage we thought we were through to the Quarter Finals when we found out we had to replay Newbridge College who were on the same points as we were. We were leading (2-0) until the last 7 minutes when they scored 2 goals to even the score. It then went into extra time and there were no more goals, penalty flicks were to decide the match. We won (3-0) the final score was (5-2).

Our quarter final match was against Alexandra College. We put up a good fight but just couldn't get that goal we needed. They scored halfway through the second half and we tried our best to get it back but we couldn't. Although the final result wasn't what we would have liked it to be, we are all very pleased with what we achieved over the season. We would all like to thank Ms. Ritchie for all the time she spent coaching us.

Deirdre Lunny (captain)

Minor A

The 1994/95 season was a very successful season for the Minor A team. Although initially it took time to sort out, our team developed skills and determination quickly. As the Minor Cup approached we were becoming a strong and determined team. All our efforts paid off as we reached the semi-finals of the Cup, which was to be played against Wesley College. After putting up a great fight which led to a replay, penalty flicks and sudden death we found that luck was against us, and we lost the match to sudden death. I would like to say thanks to our

substitutes for their support and to Mrs. Mellon for her time and effort. Special thanks to the whole team for their work and dedication throughout the season.

Hilary Boyd (captain)

Minor B

The Minor B XI had a successful season this year, winning most of our matches. In the first round of our cup we knocked out Our Lady's School, winning 2-1. We got through to the Quarter Finals but were beaten by Loreto School, Bray. We played them twice. In the first match it was 0-0, so we had to have a replay in which we were beaten 2-1. The teams were both very evenly matched, but the stronger team won on the day.

We would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for putting so much time into coaching us and without her we wouldn't have got as far as we did. I would like to thank the team for being so enthusiastic and putting so much effort into our games.

Pam McDonald (Captain)

Minor C

This year has been a bad year for the Minor C hockey team. We have faced loss after loss although we have had some wins here and there, nothing very important. We tragically lost our cup match 4-0, then went on to lose our plate match 1-0 against St. Kilian's, the German School. However, despite everything, we are training hard and look forward to next season! We would like to thank all our hockey teachers and especially Mrs. Mellon for everything. We would also like to thank Mr. Rath who came every Thursday to train us and to umpire most matches also!

Helen Tippins (Captain).

Minor D

The Minor D team had a very successful season winning most of our matches. We would like to thank all the hockey teachers especially Mrs. Mellon for their help and encouragement. I would like to thank the team for putting in so much effort into our games and the parents for their support.

Joy Mc Donnell (captain)



A gym display in the Diocesan playground in 1937



Junior A 1994-95

*C.Wright , J.Steedman, H.O'Neill, F.Shine, D.Lunny, Ms.C.Ritchie.
M.Boyle, N.Hodgson, S.Mellon, S.Walsh, J.Gillen, D.Hill.*



Minor A Semi Finalists 1994-95

*C.Lowry, K.Shine, K.Pickett, Z.Lipson, W.Dodd, J.Walsh, F.Kearns.
D.Walker, K.Halligan, L.Petrie, H.Boyd (capt), S.Gray, D.Nevin, Mrs.G.Mellon.*

• BOYS' CRICKET •

2ndXI

The 2nd XI started the 1994 Cricket Season with great enthusiasm. Our first match, against St. Andrew's College, was the shape of things to come. With exceptional bowling from Steven Sheldon, David Bell (4 for 28) and John Free (4 for 32) we managed to defeat St. Andrew's quite easily. We then came up against Wesley College and we drew with them. We showed great spirit in catching up with them when we lost our opening batsmen, Leigh Byrne and Stephen Sheldon quite early. John Free (74 runs) and Johnny Murphy (48 runs) were the main scorers in this match, with good performances from Scott Wynne and David Bell. We won our next four matches quite easily against Sandford Park School, Gonzaga College, Stratford College and St. Columba's College. Our team were excellent in the field and Ross McCulloch made many fine catches behind the wicket. I would like to thank Mr. McMullen for all his time and effort during the Season and I hope he is going to do just as well as coach this Season.

John Free (captain)

JCT

Two friendly matches against St. Andrew's College and C.U.S got off the season to a good start. Scott Wynne made 35 in the former and 48 in the latter, and both matches were comfortably won.

The League opened with a narrow 2-wicket win over Gonzaga College. The visitors were restricted to 67, P. Johnston 3-14 and J. Cramp 3-22. High School got home thanks to a good batting display by G. Black (19).

After this game we stepped up a gear, with a good victory over St. Columba's College. G. O'Meara 32 not out S. Wynne 28 not out, P. Johnston 3-18, S. Wynne 3-18.

Our biggest win of the season was against Sandford Park School. A partnership of 102 between P. Johnston (94) and G. O'Meara (50) retired, ensured a 9 wicket win. This was followed by an 8 wicket win over Mt. Temple. P. Johnston 34 not out and S. Wynne 27 not out reached the 65 runs required.

We played St. Mary's College at Danum for a place in the League Final. This was a most exciting game. R. Wynne (30) and G. O'Meara (32) were the top scorers in what would have been a very low total, had it not been for a spirited tail end stand between M. Nolan and I. McKee who took the score to 89. At 79 for 4 St. Mary's seemed to set to win but High School (G. Black 2-3 and P. Johnston 2-19) took the last 5 wickets for 6 runs. They had been well supported by G. O'Meara 2-9. The bowlers were backed up by some great fielding.

High School met Belvedere College in the final, and there was some determined batting from S. Wynne (38), R. Wynne (18), P. Johnston (18) in a total of 110. Belvedere College, however, needed only 15 overs to gain a comprehensive victory.

It was a very good team performance to reach the final and

the fielding from D. Manley, D. Kinsella, R. Grafton, G. P. O'Meara, P. Tanner, J. Fennell and H. O'Connor made a significant contribution, along with J. Cramp's support bowling.

Our good results are due to Brian O'Rourke who put in a lot of hard work as our coach, and also to Mr. Fennell. We also received great support at matches, not least from Suzanne Moody who looked after our score book.

Peter Johnston (capt)

Under 14

The 1994 U-14 cricket season started with a visit from St. Mary's College. On a warm, dry day we batted first and made 104 runs (Ross Wynne 34, Graham O'Meara 40). In reply Mary's were bowled out for 51, (G. Black 6-14, Greg O'Meara 3-2).

The next visitors to High School were to be Dundalk Grammar School. On a bright summer's day we batted first once more and made 168 runs, (Graham O'Meara 93, Ian McKee 11). It was then our turn to bowl, which we did very well. We skittled them out for just 30 runs, (Greg O'Meara 4-8). We won by 130 runs.

Next was the match that was always going to be the year's toughest. We took a good few wickets early on but failed to take the advantage of the situation. Belvedere managed to get to 111, (G. Black 5-17). We batted then and got off to a reasonable start but we collapsed and ended up well short of our target.

Even though it was a bad season there was many good individual performances from Johnny Fennell, Ian McKee and Bruce Wardrop.

I would like to thank Mr. Fennell and Brian O'Rourke for all their work during the season.

Graham O'Meara (41)

Under 13

The season started with a win over Aravon School [A] in good weather. We bowled and batted well [E. Carey 4-6, R. Wynne 45*, G. O'Meara 35*]. CUS were a tougher challenge which we couldn't overcome. Our batting collapsed and our bowlers couldn't succeed. Against St. Columba's College we were bowled out for 47 [G. Black 23]. We needed a bowl out which we secured, and we went on to win [G. O'Meara 3-8]. Then we played Castle Park School whom we beat easily. [R. Wynne 52, G. Black 45*, G. O'Meara 4-2]. Our Cup Campaign was ended by Headford School in the first round. The batting collapsed and Headford made the runs. Against Wesley College a controversial run out decision involving R. McNally and G. Thompson affected the match, which Wesley went on to win. [G. O'Meara 3-11]. As our cup was over we entered the plate. St. Columba's, whom we beat earlier on in the season, beat us on their own ground by a substantial score. The season ended on a low note but the team played well and overall had a good season. Our thanks to Mr. Quinn who helped us out all season.

Greg O'Meara (captain)



JCT Cricket 1994

Standing: Mr. Fennell, Greg O'Meara, D. Manley, M. Nolan, N. Keenan, B. Wardrop, S. Moody (scorer)

Seated: J. Fennell, G. Black, Graham O'Meara, P. Johnston (capt.), R. Wynne, I. McKee, J. Cramp.



Under 14 Cricket 1994

Standing: Mr. Fennell, Greg O'Meara, R. McNally, J. Collins, B. Wardrop, R. Murphy, J. Robertson, D. Clarke

Seated: R. Thompson, J. Fennell, G. Black, Graham O'Meara (capt.), R. Wynne, I. McKee, S. Moody (scorer)



Under 13 Cricket 1994

Standing: A. Dunne, I. McKee, A. Robinson, R. Thompson, M. Lynch, R. Hilliard, M. McCullough, Mr. Quinn

Seated: F. Gilmore, F. Browne, G. Black, Greg O'Meara (capt.), R. Wynne, D. Downey, R. Slattery.

• TENNIS •

Boys' Tennis

The Senior tennis team had two good wins in their section of the Cup against Clongowes Wood College and Wesley College but unfortunately Terenure College proved too strong in the decisive match, and we were eliminated. Sean Cooper distinguished himself and made a big contribution, given that he had commitments with tournaments and coaching outside school. He played in all the games and it was often difficult and inconvenient for him to do so.

David Bell and Adrian McDowell went through the season undefeated and proved that they were a useful doubles pairing, and there were some encouraging performances from other players on the team. The Juniors were strong in the singles with Kevin Egan and Warren Swalbe showing good ability. We reached the quarter-finals of the cup competition. The school tournament attracted a large entry and we had several enjoyable friendly fixtures for the players on the fringe of the teams.

L. McC

Girls' Tennis

There were many girls teams entered in last season's Schools Cup, including a senior team, two junior teams and various minor teams. The Junior 'A' team was very unlucky in drawing St. Teresian's in the first round, but the Junior 'B' team managed to proceed to the second round before narrowly losing to Mt. Anville. We also played many friendly fixtures against various schools and hosted a Saturday tournament for many of the local schools which proved to be very popular. As well as all this the Senior and Junior school cups attracted enthusiastic competition. The Junior cup was won by Vanessa Carswell and the Senior Cup by Stefanie Sheppard. Overall it was a summer term packed with tennis, enjoyed by all those who took part.

Stefanie Sheppard (5th)



Junior and Senior Girls' Tennis Teams

Standing: S. Sheppard, A. Maher, N. Mull, Y. Maher, C. McCulloch, S. Murphy, B. Jones, S. Moody

Seated: E. Rosenberg, M. Dorney, G. Palmer, J. Gillen, R. Harley, D. McClintock, Mrs G. Mellon.

• BOYS' HOCKEY •

SCT

The Season began with the task of trying to assemble a squad nearly from scratch, as only four members remained from the previous year. A young team surprised and impressed many with both their skill and attitude. Many talented players from fifth year joined the ranks as well as more players from fourth year.

Our first match in the League was away to St. Mark's School. Here we enjoyed a comfortable (3-1) (David Moffett, N. White 2) win which gave us confidence for our next few games. In this match there were Trojan efforts from the whole team but the performances from Nick White and Brian Kelly really stood out. Before this match we were presented with the new High School Hockey Jerseys, which gave us an extra lift.

We were then visited by a very talented and in fact the eventual winners of the League, Newtown School, Waterford. In this game it must be said that the opposition enjoyed most of the play but we showed our resolve and came out (2-0) (P. Johnston 2) winners. Special words here must go to our goal-keeper, Ian Gray, and defender, Glynn Foster, who both kept us in the game and made us the only team in the League to beat Newtown all season.

King's Hospital then visited us. They were very lucky to steal a late goal in a game where both teams deserved a point. Brian Hare and Graham O'Meara, who played right and left

wings, were constant thorns in the opposition's sides and it was unfortunate all their efforts went unrewarded.

We then went to Waterford for our return game against Newtown. A messy game resulted in a (3-1) (G.O'Meara) defeat. This game was a hard fought one which yielded a dubious penalty flick decision and another dubious goal in the first half. The match, though, was by no means a waste of time as all players really got the opportunity to sit down and talk to each other on the journey. Gary Lyons and Peter Johnston (even with his explosive temperament) enjoyed great games.

Our Final League Games were against Wesley and our return game to King's Hospital. In the game against Wesley, which ended scoreless, we all come off asking the question, "Why didn't we win?" This question still remains unanswered, especially by players like Derek Moffett and Justin Cramp who both bombarded the Wesley defence.

We then went to King's Hospital and again enjoyed the lion's share of possession only to come out with another scoreless draw. Matt McGann particularly stood out in this game. We finished our League Campaign in a respectable third position.

All eyes were on us in this year's Senior Cup. Last year we created a couple of surprises so many were waiting to see if we could repeat this feat. The answer was yes. We drew Mount Temple School from the "A" League in the first round. In a great match for us we came out easy (6-4) (N. White 2, P. Johnston 2, S. Cooper, F. Mc Grogan) winners. In this game the whole team played excellently as a unit.

We then entered the Quarter Final stage of the cup. We drew Newpark School who had just won the Leinster "A" League. For this match we were hit hard by injuries and on the



SCT Hockey Team

Mr. D. Miller, Brian Hare, Matthew McGann, Glynn Foster, Ian Gray, Gary Lyons, Derek Moffet, Jonathan Pickett, Peter Johnston, Colin Lowe, Fintan McGrogan (captain), Graham O'Meara, Justin Cramp.



JCT Hockey Team

*Mr. D. Miller, K. Rynhart, N. Holmes, T. Love, S. Cooper, J. Pickett, Greg O'Meara, S. Gould.
A. Jewell, S. Kinch, P. Johnston, J. Booth, Graham O'Meara, R. Collins, D. Donoghue.*

day it was only possible to field six players from our first eleven. Despite being beaten, the team showed a lot of spirit especially from players like Aaron Jewell, Sean Cooper and Gavin Cobbe.

We were then visited by a touring side from England, Churcher's College. In this good spirited game, with all of our full team present, we displayed an impressive performance. Johnny Pickett stood out throughout the match, as he did all season.

Finally I would like to thank all the squad, especially players like Justin Cramp and Colin Lowe, who were on the fringe of the team all season, for their commitment throughout the season. I would also like to thank Mr. D. Miller not just for all his efforts throughout the season but for making it possible for me and everyone to have the opportunity to play hockey in High School.

Fintan McGrogan(Captain)

JCT

This year's team was very strong, with six players returning from last year's side including two experienced Club/School senior players (P.Johnston and G.O'Meara).

The rest of the team was filled with younger talented players like G.P.O'Meara, J.Booth and S.Kinch.

A good 3-0 win against St.Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School before the league began left the team feeling confident, the goals were scored by G.O'Meara, J.Cramp and P.Johnston. However, we were apprehensive of our first encounter with arch-rivals Wesley College, on their gravel pitch. The whole team played very well and dug in to win 1-0, our only goal was scored by G.O'Meara after S.Cooper put in one of his good crosses from the right.

Our next match was against a strong Kilkenny College side

whom we beat 2-0 at home, P.Johnston scoring the two goals. We played a very good team game in this match, managing to keep possession to control the match by putting them under pressure.

We then played St.Mark's Community School in a tough match which we won 3-0 at home, G.O'Meara got the first two goals and P.Johnston the third.

Our last match before this report was away to St. Killian's on gravel. We were short quite a few players due to illness or injuries but thanks to S.Wynne, who stepped in at short notice, we managed to field a team of 11. We won the match 2-1, S.Cooper getting the first and P.Johnston the second. In this match we sustained pressure and when we attacked we always caused problems

At this stage with just two matches left to play we were top of the league and sure to qualify for a semi-final.

In the cup we were knocked out by Dundalk Grammar School who won narrowly 2-1 after we had taken the lead. Everyone played very well in this game and no one was at fault.

Three of our players received Leinster Trials, J.Cramp, G.P.O'Meara and P.Johnston, who managed to reach the second stage of his trial.

A special mention must be made of S.Gould, I.Love and G.P.O'Meara, under the influence of J.Pickett at the heart of the defence, and also to J.Booth who was brilliant in goal. A.Jewell and R.Hamilton were two very good passers of the ball, simple and effective. Thanks also to all the subs and to everyone who attended training throughout the year, such as K.Rynhart and R.Collins.

Finally, thanks to Mr.Miller for all the time and work he put into coaching.

Peter Johnston (Captain)

• GIRLS' CRICKET •

1stXI

We were entered in the league last year but unfortunately we were drawn against the eventual winners of the league and we were knocked out. Throughout the season we had many friendly matches and the team showed skill in both batting and bowling. Unfortunately we did not win many matches but the enthusiastic fielders made the season fun and enjoyable.



1stXI Cricket Team 1994

Standing: L. Caulwell, N. Mull, E. Fitzpatrick, L. Harris, Y. Maher, K. Clarke, S. Moody, B. Jones, S. Griffin

Seated: D. Govender, S. Coghlan, A. Fleming, J. Gillen, E. Kenealy (capt.), J. Carroll, D. Lunny, R. Glacken, Ms. Ritchie.

We would like to thank Ms. Ritchie for training us and a special thanks goes to the Kitchen Staff for providing teas after the matches.

Emma Kenealy (captain)

Under 15

The U-15 had a very enjoyable season, with some very close matches. Even though we failed to progress in the League we all performed very well considering the weather had kept us from practising when we really needed it. We would all like to thank Ms. Ritchie for coaching us throughout the season and we are looking forward to next year.

Deirdre Lunny (captain)



Under 15 Cricket Team 1994

Standing: H. O'Neill, S. Mellon, J. Gillen, L. Harrison, S. Welsh, C. McCulloch, C. Wright, N. Gray

Seated: E. Rosenberg, K. Draper, R. Manley, D. Lunny, D. Hill, D. McClintock, Ms. Ritchie.

• SWIMMING •

Swimming continues to take place in Terenure College Pool every Tuesday evening from 6.00pm to 7.30pm during the Christmas and Easter Terms. Due to the bright evenings and short term, it does not take place in the Summer.

A keen group of junior students attended the first session from 6.00pm to 6.45pm on a regular basis and hopefully some will continue next year and take the Irish Water Safety Association Awards.

In the later session from 6.45pm to 7.30 pm a group of senior students trained for the Irish Water Safety Award Survival 2. Congratulations to Susanna Coghlan, Susan O'Brien, Simon Mc Mullan, Yvonne Maher, Cillian Monaghan, Justin Walsh, Jonathan Nicholson, Wendy Strong, Amber Walsh and Liam Lyons who all passed the test. Following this test several of these students continue to train for Life Saving Exams, which they will take in September.

Throughout the year, several President's Award candidates trained regularly as part of their "physical challenge". It is hoped to incorporate a greater number of these students into the swimming programme next year.

J. S.



• CANOEING •

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

During the summer term, 1994, a dedicated group of canoeists trained for the Schools' Liffey Race in May, and David Long, Jamie Tanner, Damian Haslett, Cillian Monaghan, Brian Hare, Justin Walsh, Patrick Tanner, Ralph Benson, Ruth Harley, Abbie McHugh, Catherine Wright, Amber Walsh and Kate

Harris all successfully completed this race. As this goes to print, the school is once again back on the Liffey every Saturday morning preparing for 1995 Schools' Liffey Race which attracts participants from all parts of the country.



Introduced last year, as part of Transition Year, was a course run for those who wanted to train for the Basic Canoeing Certificate. Congratulations to David Long, Jamie Tanner, Ian Grey, Liam Lyons, Brian Hare, Amber Walsh, Chloe O'Donovan, Abbie McHugh, Ruth Harley, and Sinead Fry who received their certificates. Again, another group is training this year and they will take the test at the end

of this summer term.

In the Autumn term, canoeing continued to be a most popular option for the new form I pupils on Saturday morning. By the time it stopped for the winter, many of these pupils had become quite competent in the basic skills.

As in other years, several of the very good canoeists belong it outside clubs also and are canoeing regularly at weekends and participating in many competitive events throughout the year.

J. S.

• Caving •

Caving was once again very active within the school during the past twelve months. Last May, a group of third year students went to the Burren of Co. Clare. There they descended two caves: Culluan Two, famous for the 'Bloody Guts' stalactite formation, and Polldubh. Time spent down the second cave was somewhat short due to the twenty degree plus temperature outside and so a trip to the beach seemed preferable.

In September a sixth year group went north to the hills of Co. Fermanagh. Here they descended the Famous Marble Arch Caves, including the section which opened to the tourists and Cradle Hole. It was back to the Burren in November this time with the Fourth years. Pollnua and Pollnagree were the caves descended on that expedition. This trip included the famous victory in the U16 Co. Clare 'Spoons' competition in the hostel.

On a cold March weekend a team of cavers from third year trekked north to Co. Fermanagh and bathed in the cold waters of once again Marble Arch and Upper Cradle Hole, (Cuilagh Mountains were snow covered).

A special thanks must go to all those who helped on these weekends and that they went off safely: Eddie Wright, Martin Oakes, Arron Deveney, Orla Purdy and Fergal Supple, all past pupils who are member of the C.D.G. Caving Club. Also to Gillian Mellon and Katherine Hanrahan who contributed much to their success.

D. Wright

*Centre page: A mountainy man - Mr. Hickmott on Turlough Hill
Right: Derek Wynne and Mark Reid on the summit of Seaham.*

• MOUNTAINEERING •

1. Hillwalking

The academic year started with a very well supported First Year walk, taking in Powerscourt Waterfall and Maulin in reasonable weather conditions. The next walk was open to pupils from all years but only two from the First Year group were keen enough to look for second helpings. This was a successful assault on Lugnaquilla, again in reasonably good conditions.

It was back to horrendous wind, rain and mist for walk number three which was meant to include Mulaclevaun, but we had to settle for Moanbane only due to the seriously unpleasant day that was in it. Our last walk before Christmas was

around the Shankill Firing Range - Seaham, Seefingan, Seefin and Corrig are the four peaks - which was accomplished in misty, damp, windy weather without mishap.

In February on a beautiful day some members of the party found themselves having to go rather slowly due to poor equipment choice - always test your footwear for comfort BEFORE you wear it on a long walk. This was on the Glenasmole, Kippure, Corrig route which was otherwise much enjoyed.

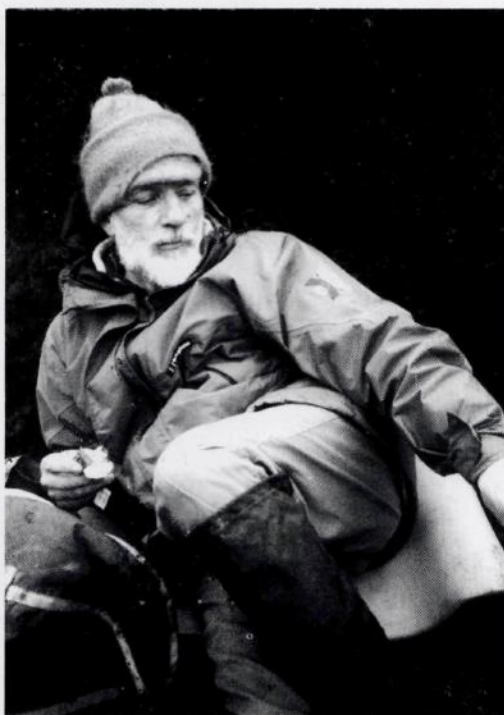
Also in February we did a 90% downhill walk from Wicklow Gap to Glendalough, making this extraordinary feat possible by skilful use of Mr. Hickmott's car at both ends. This was a fine day and pupils enjoyed the boulder exploration at the end of the walk beside Glendalough's Upper Lake.

At the time of writing no weekend seems likely to be organised again this year due to lack of pupil interest - indeed were it not for the activity being a part of the President's Award Scheme numbers would not have been sufficient for many of the walking events we did have.

2. Rock Climbing

Another successful series of sessions in Dalkey Quarry. No sessions were cancelled due to rain. We'd like to thank past pupils Alex Frazer, Colin Kirkham, Micheal Lunny and Dermot Brosnan for giving so generously of their time and effort.

I.B.



• GIRLS' BASKETBALL •

High School Girls' Basketball had its most successful year to date.

Three teams entered the S.S.A. Basketball league with two of those teams qualifying for a place in their respective semi-finals and one of those teams going on to compete in the final of their league.

SENIOR TEAM

This team had a very successful season. They have been playing the game for at least three years now and the experience they have gained was obvious in their performance this year.

They began their season by beating Holy Faith, Glasnevin, by 24 points and went on to comfortably win their matches against Scoil Catriona and Santa Sabina.

Mount Sackville were the semi-final opponents and despite a very strong performance by High School, Mount Sackville won and went on to play in the final where they lost by only one point to St Louis.

As the majority of this team will have at least two more seasons to play at Senior level we can look forward to their continued improvement.

Two Third years who played on this senior team this year deserve special mention - Julie O' Sullivan and Kate Draper. Both of these girls made a valuable contribution to the team.

CADETTE TEAM

This team had a very disappointing season. Five of the players are still in second year and would have been better suited to the standard at Junior level. However these Second years trained very hard and have all improved their game. Given the age of this team it is possible that they will still be eligible to play at Cadette level again next year.

MINOR TEAM

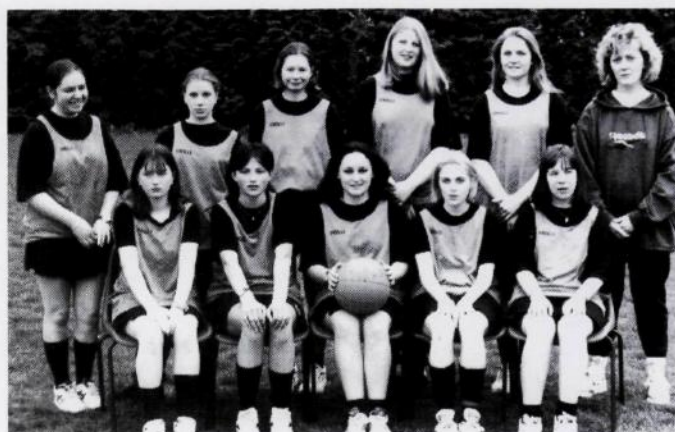
This team was outstanding. From early September they trained extremely hard and quickly bonded as a strong and enthusiastic team.

They won their first match of the season against Colaiste Brid by 39 points and beat Sancta Maria by 14 points. On their first outing against their strongest opponents, St Raphaelas, they won comfortably. In the semi-final High School was drawn against St Raphaelas again and it was a very close, competitive match. High School won by one point.

On March 21, 1995, the Minor team made history by being the first High School Girls' Basketball team to play in the final of a league. Their opponents were Our Lady's College Drogheda, a very strong side. To their credit High School was gracious in defeat and it was an invaluable experience for this minor team to play in front of a crowd exceeding 1,000 spectators in The National Basketball Arena.

If this season was anything to go by, this team should be watched out for. I look forward to their continued improvement in the future.

One final positive piece of news is that during the year a number of girls participated in a basic refereeing course which is the first step in their going on to become qualified Grade Three Basketball referees.



Senior Team

*E. Kenealy, J.O'Sullivan, K. Draper, J. Beattie, K. Clarke, Ms. Bergin
D. Lunny, S. Walsh, C. Gray (capt.), S. Moody, J. Duggan*



Cadette Team

*Back Row: K. Harris, G. Tiernan, P. Lock, L. Pearce, L. O' Callaghan,
Ms. Bergin*

*Front Row: A. Warner, A. Smyth, M. Dalton-O'Neill, Z. McGeeney(c), C.
Dowd, C. Murphy, C. Cox*



Minor Team

*Back Row: R. Williams, J. Wardrop, S. Anglim, S. Beattie, S. Horan, C.
Fernandez, D. Walker, Ms. Bergin*

*Front Row: R. Draper, Z. Fairman-King, B. McParland, S. Kenealy (c),
K. Cramp, A. Lynam, A. Coffey*

The following girls will be continuing their training after Easter when the next stage of training takes place: Cleona Gray, Joy Beattie, Deirdre Lunny, Emma Kenealy, Julie O'Sullivan.

On my own behalf and on behalf of Girls' Basketball I would like to thank Mr Benson for his support throughout the year and for driving us to all of our away matches.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Cleona Gray (Senior Captain) and Suzanne Kenealy (Minor Captain) whose hard work on behalf of their teams added to this season's success and enjoyment.

T.B.

• BADMINTON •

Boys' Badminton

U16 Team

This season we were fortunate to have three of the U14 team who won the Leinster League two years ago; in addition to Derek Fisher, Jonathon Fennell and Paul Johnstone, the team welcomed the talents of Stephen Murphy. The season began with relatively easy pool games against St. Lawrence's, Belvedere College, Wesley College, Sandford Park, Ballinteer Community School and De La Salle, Churchtown, all of which we won comfortably, only dropping three games. A bye into the quarter-finals was our reward where we came up against St. MacDara's. We received a bit of a scare just before the game because the sub. we had managed to get at the last minute hadn't been registered for U16 matches, so therefore we went into the match immediately forfeiting two games, making us have to win the other four to go through, which, with some sparkling displays of skill, we managed to do. Dundalk Grammar School were our opponents in the semi-final whom we beat 5-1, although most of the games were well contested. The final pitted us against Newbridge College in what was an extremely hard fought battle, every game a tense one. In the end, we came out on top, 5-1.

Matches played: 9, Matches won: 9.

Games played: 54, Games won: 49, Games lost: 5.

Many thanks go to our patient coach, Amanda Dunlop, for her support and dedication to the team; without whom, we wouldn't have managed to go as far as we did.

U16 Team: *Derek Fisher, Jonathon Fennell, Paul Johnstone, Stephen Murphy.*

U14 Team

Two teams were entered this season. Our "A" team was placed in a combined Division 1/2, while the "B" team was placed in Division 3. Under the coaching of Dick O'Rafferty, these teams were hoping to emulate the success of the U14 team of a few years ago. Unfortunately, both teams were placed in very tough pools.

The "A" team was pooled with Moyle Park, Coolmine, St. MacDara's and Terenure College. Defeats by Moyle Park and Coolmine left us with a tough task if we were to qualify. After a draw with St. MacDara's things were looking up, but alas we were well beaten by Terenure.

The "B" team was pooled with Holy Faith Rathcoole, Greenhills College, Moyle Park and Hartstown C.S. After a narrow defeat by Holy Faith, we responded with a strong win over Greenhills, but we were well beaten by Moyle Park and Hartstown.

U14 "A" Team: *Frank Browne, Ben McNally, Gary Mahon, Trevor Fisher.*

Matches played: 4, matches lost 3, matches drawn: 1.

Games played: 24, games won: 7, games lost: 17.

14 "B" Team: *Andrew Reid, David Collins, Fred Gilmore, Andrew Day.*

Matches played: 4, matches won: 1, matches lost: 3.

Games played: 24, games won: 7, games lost: 17.

Derek Fisher (secretary)

Girls' Badminton

U16 Team

The U16 girls badminton season was quite a successful one as the team reached the quarter-finals of the Leinster Schools League. The team consisted of GEORGINA DUNNE (CAPT), SINEAD FRY, KAREN EARLEY AND EMMA KENNEALY, KIRSTY CLARKE. The team played a number of matches in the league since Oct '94. The matches played were against St. Lawrence's which they won 4-2, Rockford Manor which they lost 4-2, King's Hospital which they also won 4-2 and convincing wins over Sancta Maria and Notre Dame. These wins allowed the team to qualify for the quarter-finals against Holy Faith, Clontarf, in February of '95. Unfortunately they were beaten by this very good side. The team played very well this season and they would like to thank their coach, Amanda Dunlop, for her excellent coaching throughout the season.

Georgina Dunne (Capt. 5th)

U14 Team

The U14 girls have done well this year. The team consisting of SUZIE EARLEY, ZOE LIPSON (captain), CLAIRE SWIFT & LAURA DEMPSEY(sub), narrowly missed getting into the quarter finals of the league. We played 5 matches, winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 1.

I would like to thank Mr. Sheridan and Amanda Dunlop for their help and support during the year.

Zoe Lipson (capt.)



Under 16 Badminton Team

*Mr. Duffy, E. Kenealy, S. Fry, K. Clarke,
G. Dunne (capt.), K. Earley*

The Badminton School Cups 1995.

The school badminton cup competitions were held in the final month of the season 94-95.

The winners were:

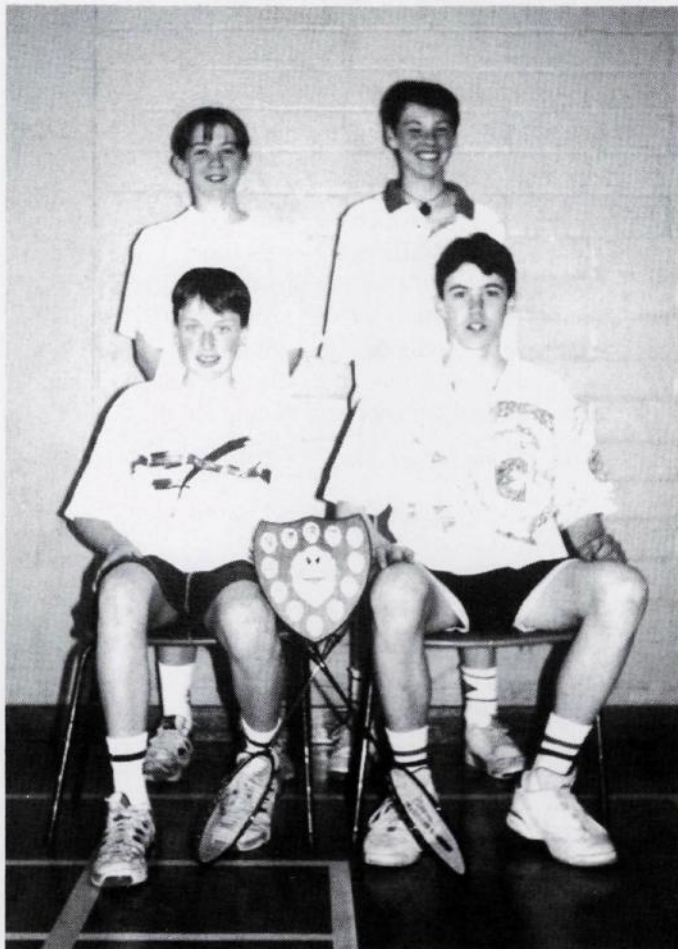
U19 BOYS SINGLES: Leigh Byrne (5th)

U19 GIRLS SINGLES: Georgina Dunne (5th)

U14 BOYS SINGLES: Frank Brown (2nd)

U14 GIRLS SINGLES: Suzie Earley (2nd)

MIXED DOUBLES: Georgina Dunne & Frank Brown.



Boys' Badminton Team

Standing: Paul Johnstone, Stephen Murphy

Seated: Jonathon Fennell, Derek Fisher



Stephen Murphy

• SOCCER •



The High School soccer team had another successful year. Operating off a panel of nineteen players, a range of friendly matches were organised to allow students of varying ability the opportunity to participate. This season they have won the Loughlinstown Invitation five-a-side tournament and have reached the final of this tournament with Rockbrook College. Unfortunately they were beaten 3-2 in this final, their only defeat of the year. The players involved have reached a quite remarkably high standard in the two years they have been together: prior to the formation of this team, none of them was involved in organised football. While they are talented and dedicated, the most obvious features of this group are a loyalty to each other, a willingness to take responsibility for organising themselves, and an impeccable sportsmanship on the field. I thank all players for an outstanding team effort and wish them every success with whatever clubs they join next year. On behalf of the players I thank Mr. Benson for his support and the time he sacrificed to drive us to away fixtures.

P.Prendergast



Above: Mr. Prendergast, during an anxious moment at the soccer final

Below: Mr. Benson and Mr. O'Connor enjoying the soccer action in Bushy Park





Soccer Team

*J. Bridges, N. Cogan, A. Barrett, L. Lyons, E. Gallagher, A. Gourley, N. Tilley, S. Cooper, Mr. P. Prendergast.
I. Costello, Gary Freeney, T. Hughes, S. Greene, T. Cooney, L. Byrne, A. Burke, N. Walsh.*



The High School Staff perform the Mexican wave during half-time of the soccer final



Action from the soccer final against Rockbrook in Bushy Park.

• ATHLETICS •

The school sports day took place in mid-May, and fortunately the weather was good for racing. The standard of competition was quite high and medals were well deserved, with some great results being recorded, especially for high jump. The War Memorial Cup for senior points was shared this year by J.F.Lalor and C.Walsh, with T.Rahman and R.J.Wynne sharing the Cunningham Cup for junior points. K.M.Draper took home the Taylor Cup for girls senior points.

The cross country season began briskly in September. However, training sessions for the senior team had been kept up during the summer holidays, so most were fit. Training sessions were held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with the dedicated masochistic athletes training before school.

The 1st form High School Cross Country Championships took place on September 27th, with a large turnout and a high standard of racing. Of the boys L.Hardiman took 1st place, B.McNally 2nd and J.Ellis 3rd, with 1G taking the team prize.

The first race of the cross-country season was held in St. Columba's College in early October. The course was particularly punishing, the school being situated on the side of Three Rock Mountain. Some great performances were recorded. In the seniors, all seven finished in the top 40: C. Walsh (9th), E. Gallagher (14th), S. Henari (17th), M. Reid (24th), I. Costello (27th), J.Wright (31st) and J. Butler (37th). In the Intermediate, K. Rynhart finished 21st, J. Walsh 35th, A. Patterson 41st and C. Monaghan 45th. The real surprise of this race however, was the excellent performances of the Minor team of L. Hardiman, B McNally, J. Ellis, K. Fahy, S. Mellon and L. Campbell-Crawford. All came under the 50 mark in a race of 100, and L. Hardiman finished an unprecedented 3rd.

Subsequent races followed and very similar results were obtained, with the Minor team doing extremely well. The Girls teams, although less in number, did very well during the year too. The outstanding female athlete however, was R. Draper, finishing high up in every race, and finishing 2nd in the Leinster Zones Cross Country Championship, then going on to represent the school in the Leinster Cross Country races.

The St. Columba's six mile mountain race, surely the most difficult race for schools in Dublin, was held on a very cold day in early December. High School was out in force. The race was unusually fast, with the standing record being broken this year. The highest High School finisher was C. Walsh (7th), but some of the 'Old Boys' finished even higher than that.

To finish off I would like to congratulate all the terrific athletes who ran so well during the year. Judging from the strength of the Minor team, I believe High School has some great years of racing ahead. On behalf of everyone I would like to thank Mr. Gill, Mr. Irwin, and especially Mr. Toomey, for all the encouragement, training and stiff limbs they have given us throughout the year.

Cup Winners 1994.

Boys

Taylor Cup	Senior 100m	J. F. Lalor
Moore Cup	Senior 200m	J. F. Lalor
Cornick Cup	Senior 400m	C. Walsh
Southam Cup	Senior 800m	C. Walsh
Walker Cup	Senior 1500m	M. P. J. Reid
Sloan Cup	Senior Long Jump	L. McKenna-James
Travers Cup	Senior High Jump	J. F. Lalor
Whyte Cup	Senior Field events	J. F. Lalor
War Memorial Cup	Senior Points	J. F. Lalor/ C. Walsh
Magill Cup	Junior 100m	J. R. A. Allison
Cunningham Cup	Junior Points	T. Rahman/ R. J. Wynne.



Cup Winners 1994.

Girls

Belgrave Cup	Senior 200m	R.E. Harley
Packenham Hamilton Cup	Junior High Jump	K. M. Draper
Taylor Cup	Senior Points	K. M. Draper.

Colin Walsh (Athletics Captain).



The Athletics Team

News of Past Pupils



Pupils study in the Clock Room in Harcourt St.



Past pupils in the 1962 school drama: "The Pirates of Penzance"

J.B. McMillan, D.W. Chapman, N.H. Sholdice, D.C.R. Sholdice, J.L. Armstrong

E.A. Wright, B.A. Hewson, P.H. Gray



Former Principals and Vice-Principals at Mr. Brook's retirement function

L-R: Ms. J. Williams (former Senior Lady Teacher), Mrs. V. Willoughby, Mr. J. Willoughby (former Vice-Principal), Ms. Dorothy Blakeney (former Senior Lady Teacher), Mr. A. Brook (former Headmaster), Mrs. J. Brook, Mrs. Ivy Crowe (former Head of the Junior School)



A Home Economics Class in 1959

L-R: Beryl Wynne, Carol Grimson, Margaret Kenny, Adrienne Freeman, May, Mona Dahl, Mrs Sheila O'Donoghue, Dorothy Kendall, Joyce Foote, Gertrude Bolton, Sylvia Warren, Anne Wade, Margaret Roe, Audrey Simpson, Marion Kinley, Daphne McDonough, Ingrid Armstrong



The High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union

Presidents' Letter

Dear Members,

On the 30th June 1994, The High School Old Boys' Union and The High School and Diocesan Old Girls' Association merged to form The High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union. In accordance with Rules adopted on the 30th June 1994, we are the first holders of the new offices of Joint Presidents and we feel that it is appropriate for us to present a combined Joint Presidents' Letter, not merely because we are now members of the same Union, but also to underline the success and completeness of the merger.

In May of last year, we visited the School to talk to the 6th form regarding membership of the Union and at the Prize Distribution in October, we had the privilege of presenting the Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl and the Old Boys' Cup to Ciara Griffin and Bruce Dodd respectively, two very worthy and popular winners. Also in May of last year, the O.B.U. as it then was, held a Farewell Dinner in Beaufield Mews to mark Allan Brook's retirement as Principal of the School and to make presentations to Allan and Mrs. Brook.

With two exceptions, all the activities of the P.P.U. are now joint affairs, the two exceptions being the Old Boys' Dinner and the Ladies' Dinner, which will continue as before. The Old Boys' Dinner which was held on the 28th January was, once again, completely booked out with 285 diners in attendance. As usual, the advance hard work and planning by Harry Booker, Robin Miller, Wayne Sheridan and the Musical Maestro, Maurice McDonough, was impeccable. Brian Duffy made what it is hoped will turn out to be the first of many fine speeches to the Annual Dinner in his role of School Principal. David Rowell delivered a show-stopping speech in proposing the toast to "Our Guests and Kindred Associations" and this was responded to by our Principal Guest, The Chief Justice, The Hon. Mr. Justice Liam Hamilton, in an outstandingly entertaining and witty manner, which, like David's speech "brought the house down".

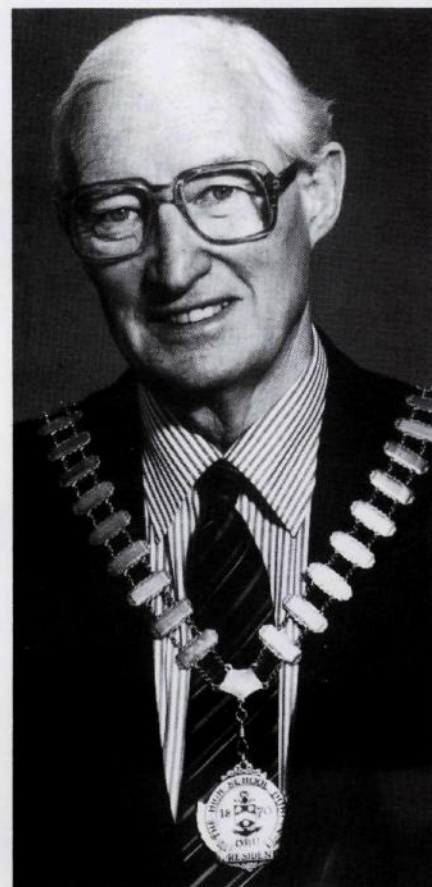
As we write the Ladies' Dinner, due to be held in Beaufield Mews on the 27th April has not yet taken place. Guest



Janet Edgely

Speaker will be the Rev. Gillian Wharton and a most enjoyable evening is anticipated.

The 1994/95 season has been a busy one for Union activities which are dealt with in some detail in the adjoining Hon. Secretary's report. We owe a big debt of gratitude to the members of the committee for their hard work and good humour, particularly Gillian Smith (Hon. Secretary), Ernie Frith (Hon. Treasurer), Wayne Sheridan (Hon. Membership Secretary). Our thanks are also due to the new Principal, Brian Duffy, for his interest in the Union and to David



Harry Roberts

Benson, Gene Draper and Brendan O'Donovan for their willing co-operation at all times.

We are both conscious of what a privilege and honour it has been to have served as Joint Presidents in this first year of the merger. We can report that the marriage has been a very happy one and there is not the slightest indication that the prospective legislation regarding divorce in this country will be of any interest whatsoever to the members of the Past Pupils' Union.

Finally, we would like to wish the Joint Presidents-Elect for 1995/96, Ethni Seymour and John Bailey a very happy and successful year in office.

Yours sincerely,

*Janet Edgely
Harry Roberts
(Joint Presidents)*

Secretary's Report 1994/5

The first event to take place under the banner of the new Union was the golf outing held in September in Rathfarnham Golf Club and very ably organised, as usual, by Brian Priestman. The few ladies who braved this previously all-male gathering were warmly welcomed and greatly enjoyed the day – we hope that next year their numbers will at least double!

In October we held an opening night supper in the School. This was very well attended and much enjoyed by all. It was great to see a number of the more recent school-leavers present.

In November, Maeve Douglas gave a talk in the Staff Room on Speaking Out. Maeve, of MD Communications, runs courses in public speaking, personal development and so on and the evening was most informative and good fun as well.

During December some members went carol singing in the Orwell Nursing Home, much to the delight of the residents. A tradition started by the ladies a few years ago, the male voices added a new dimension and were much appreciated. Afterwards there was mulled wine and mince pies in the school. Also in December, after Christmas, there was a reunion for younger members in Doyle's of College Green.

The Men's Dinner in January seems to have been a rip-roaring success (see Presidents' letter) and we congratulate Harry on his organization of it.

The table quiz, held in the Reynolds Hall in January, was very well supported. There were 23 tables and over £300 was given to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution as a result.

In February, Rob Jones came along to the School for the Antiques Roadshow. Though not quite as well supported as it might have been, those who did attend benefited from the expertise of the aforementioned Mr. Jones, not to mention being greatly entertained by his Dublin wit and fund of stories of deals and dealers – he's like a sort of Lovejoy of the Liberties!

Still to come, as I write, are the Ladies' Dinner – to be held this year in the Beaufield Mews – and the Annual General Meeting in the School on May 17th.

The new Union has, I think, had a successful first season. The Committee is aware that, in trying to cater for such a wide range of ages and interests, it is impossible to please all of the people all of the time but we have tried to vary the programme as much as possible.

Suggestions for future activities, of any kind, are always very gratefully received.

In closing, I would like to thank our Presidents, Janet and Harry, for so ably representing us during the year. My grateful thanks also to a cheerful and hardworking committee and to David Benson, Gene Draper and others in the School for their co-operation in staging the various events.

Gillian Smith
Secretary

P.P.U. LONDON DINNER

15th March, 1996

Details from:

W. G. Booker,
4 Church Gate,
Greystones, Co. Wicklow

Annual Golf Outing

Wednesday, 13th Sept. '95
at Rathfarnham Golf Club



Time Sheet in Operation

Contact:

Brian Priestman
4923757 (0)

Obituary

F. W. (Billy) DUNGAN

*Registrar to Governors of the Schools
founded by Earsmus Smith Esq., 1967-1984.*

Billy Dungan became Registrar in High School after a successful career in Insurance, and was Registrar during the period of the move to Danum and during the amalgamation of the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls with The High School. Both of these added very considerably to his work as Registrar. He was a meticulous administrator. He was also very active in Dublin Musical circles, as an organist and as Conductor of the Clontarf Musical Society, with whom he won many awards, including the trophy for the best Musical Director for Light Opera at the Waterford Festival. He encouraged musical activities in High School, too, and it was through his good offices that the Boudoir Grand Piano in the Reynolds Hall was acquired from Mrs. Reynolds.

Deaths

- CRICHTON** (née Thompson), Emerald (1922-1927), 31st January, 1994, in Dublin.
- DUNGAN**, Rev. Canon Victor Samuel (1927-1935), 3rd September, 1994 in Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.
- DUNGAN**, F. William (1922-1930), 30th September, 1994, in Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
- EPPEL**, I.A. (Victor) (1934-1943) 28th February, 1995, in Israel.
- HESSION**, Mark (1989-1990), 9th July, 1994, following an accident in London.
- KEEGAN**, Cecil (Bob) (1924-1936), 3rd November, 1994, in Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.
- McMAHON**, David Thomas (1958-1960), 5th December, 1994, in London.
- McNEILLY**, Struan (1981-1987) 14th May, 1994, following an accident while diving.
- MALTBY**, Robert Alfred (1938-1946), 25th May, 1994, in Conwy, North Wales.
- MITCHELL**, David Michael (1920-1927), April 19, 1995, in Dublin.
- POLDEN**, A. W. (Tony) (1931-1934), April 29, 1995 in Cornwall.
- SCOTT**, Herbert A. (1926-1931), 6th July, 1994, in Newcastle, Co. Wicklow.
- VALENTINE**, (née McKittrick), Maud, 14th November, 1994, in Dublin. Mrs. Valentine taught in Diocesan Secondary School for girls until her retirement in 1974, the year of the amalgamation of Diocesan with High School.
- WORRALL**, John Leslie (1933-1936), April 27, 1995 in Dublin.

NEWS OF PAST PUPILS

TARA BELL (1983-1989) has qualified as a nurse in the Adelaide Hospital, and is now working in London.

PETER BOLES (1973-1983) qualified as a doctor in T.C.D. He went to Kenya with A.P.S.O. and is now doing a course for General Practitioners in Scotland.

MALCOLM BOYD (1984-1990) is working in the T.S.B.

RICHARD BOYD (1983-1989) having studied Marketing, is development manager in the Tropical Medical Bureau.

MATTHEW CAINS (1978-1984) is paper conservator in the National Library, working, with his assistant, in a specially equipped laboratory to restore thousands of maps dating from the 16th century, many of them rare estate maps and maps of parts of Irish towns.

CAROLINE CARSWELL (1982-1988) is a Desk Top Editor with Oxford University Press, computerising Scientific and Medical Journals so that they can be assessed worldwide.

VIRGINIA CHIPPERFIELD (1978-1984) has been awarded a Ph.D. in the Geography Department of T.C.D. Her research subject was "The Use of Maps and Cartographic Images in Newspapers".

SUSAN COOTE (1984-1990) has qualified as a physiotherapist in T.C.D.

MERIEL CORMACK (1977-1983) has been admitted as a solicitor.

DAVID EDWARDS (1976-1983) is Junior Lecturer in History in University College, Cork.

DAVID FELTON (1981-1987) has been in charge of banqueting in the Copthorn Tara Hotel in London and has taken a year's leave of absence to visit Australia.

PETER FELTON (1983-1989) is working in the Cumberland Hotel in London as a trainee chef.

ALAN FORD (1963-1974) was one of three joint editors (another was Kenneth Milne, a member of the Erasmus Smith Board) of "As By Law Established: The Church of Ireland since the Reformation", a collection of essays on the history of the Church of Ireland.

PATRICK GAGEBY (1969-1970) was called to the Inner Bar in March, 1995.

ALAN GILLIS (1948-1952) M.E.P., has been awarded the Légion d'Honneur, France's top honour for non-French nationals. The award was given for his "very positive and exceptional contributions to European agriculture and French/Irish relations generally".

MARK GLOVER (1978-1989) graduated from the College of Surgeons in 1994, worked for a spell at a mission hospital in Kiwoko, Uganda and is now serving an internship at The Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast.

DENIS HALLIDAY (1952-1958) has been appointed the chief personnel manager of the United Nations.

KAREN HILL (1984-1990) has qualified as a nurse in the Adelaide Hospital.

LUKE HOLLAND (1986-1992) who is studying journalism at the Senior College, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, is editing the community newspaper "News About 10", in association with the Ballyfermot area Action Co-operative Society. On one occasion, during the World Cup in 1994 he wrote a humorous article for "The Irishman's Diary", in the *Irish Times*.

STEPHEN KELLY (1987-1993) is currently studying classics at Trinity College, Dublin. He was recently awarded the John Mullins Classical Exhibition for his work on Vegetius, a fourth century Roman military historian.

HOWARD KILROY (1946-1953) has retired from his position as group president and chief operations director of the Jefferson Smurfit Group. He will remain on the board of the company and will act as a consultant to the group.

GAIL LEITCH (1976-1982) has been appointed Business Development Manager of Classic Hits 98 FM. A graduate of U.C.D., she was formerly Direct Sales Manager of the station.

PETER MACK (1972-1978) who emigrated to the U.S.A. in 1990 as "an alien of exceptional merit and ability in the performing arts", visited Dublin in October 1994, and played in the National Concert Hall on two occasions. He is currently completing his Doctoral Studies in Music Performance at the University of Washington, Seattle.

GRACE O'DONOVAN (1970-1976) is co-author with John Feehan of "The Magic of Coole", published by the Stationery office for the Office of Public Works. (Grace first visited that area of Co. Galway on a school Burren field trip).

SIR DAVID ORR (1942- 1952) is Chancellor of Queen's University, Belfast, which this year is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its foundation.

TREVOR SARGENT (1970-1977) Green Party T.D. is a member of the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation.

RUTH SHERN (1972-1978) is manager of Hughes & Hughes bookshop in the Stephen's Green Centre.

MICHELLE SOUTER (1970-1974) was one of three artists who were involved in running the Children's Christmas Art Holiday in the National Gallery of Ireland in December, 1994.

NICKY SWEENEY (1987-1993) who is studying at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, gave a lunchtime violin recital in the R.D.S. in November 1994. She toured in Hungary as leader of the National Youth Orchestra, and was invited to tour with the E.C. Youth Orchestra in the summer of 1994. In April 1995 she played the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in the National Concert Hall, followed by a tour of Italy.

SUZANNE TRULOCK (1976-1982) has been appointed Accounts Manager with Cauley Nea.

MALCOLM TYRRELL (1986-1992) was elected to a Foundation Scholarship in Mathematics in Trinity College, Dublin in 1994.

PAUL WALSH (1958-1963) was called to the Inner Bar in March, 1995.

SERIOUS ILLNESS COVER

*Is a very important addition to the
range of Personal Insurances*

Why not talk to us about this
or any other Life or General
Insurance matters

**ROBERT J. JOLLEY
& CO. LTD.**

INSURANCE BROKERS

8 MARINE ROAD, DUN LAOGHAIRE, CO. DUBLIN

TELEPHONE: 01-2300533. FAX: 01-2807219

BROKERS TO THE SCHOOL

ASSOCIATED BUSINESS CENTRES

PHONE: 4907428/4900265. FAX: 4900484
(Formerly Templeogue Business Centre)

Secretarial • Legal • Accounting • Quotation • Invoicing
Word Processing • Thesis • CV
• Transcription of Confidential Tapes
Facsimile Service • Photocopying • Book-keeping • Payroll
Consultancy • Business Address and Telephone Answering Service
• Castle Company Formations

**13-15 RATHFARNHAM ROAD, TERENURE (over Neville Russel)
DUBLIN 6W**

MOORKENS

School Uniform Specialists
Unit 3 Cranford Centre,

Montrose, Dublin 4. Telephone: 2830172/3

Full range of: Barbour Waxed Jackets & Clothing
For all your uniform needs

OPEN Monday – Saturday: 9.30 – 5.30 p.m.

For Your Convenience – Car Parking facilities Outside Shop

Bus Routes include

46A - 46B - 52 - 10 - 17 - 63 - 84

WOODWORKERS & HOBBIES

SUPPLY CENTRE LTD.

Chipboards, Plywood, Block Board, M.D.F.
Hardwoods, Softwoods, Moulding Paints
Tools and all D.I.Y. Fittings.

MELAMINE PANELS VARIOUS COLOURS
WORKTOPS PLUMBING SUPPLIES

OPENING HOURS:

8.30 – 6.30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Lunch: 1.00 – 2.00 p.m.
Phone (01) 4901968. Fax. (01) 4902639
1-10 Mount Tallant Avenue, Dublin 6W.

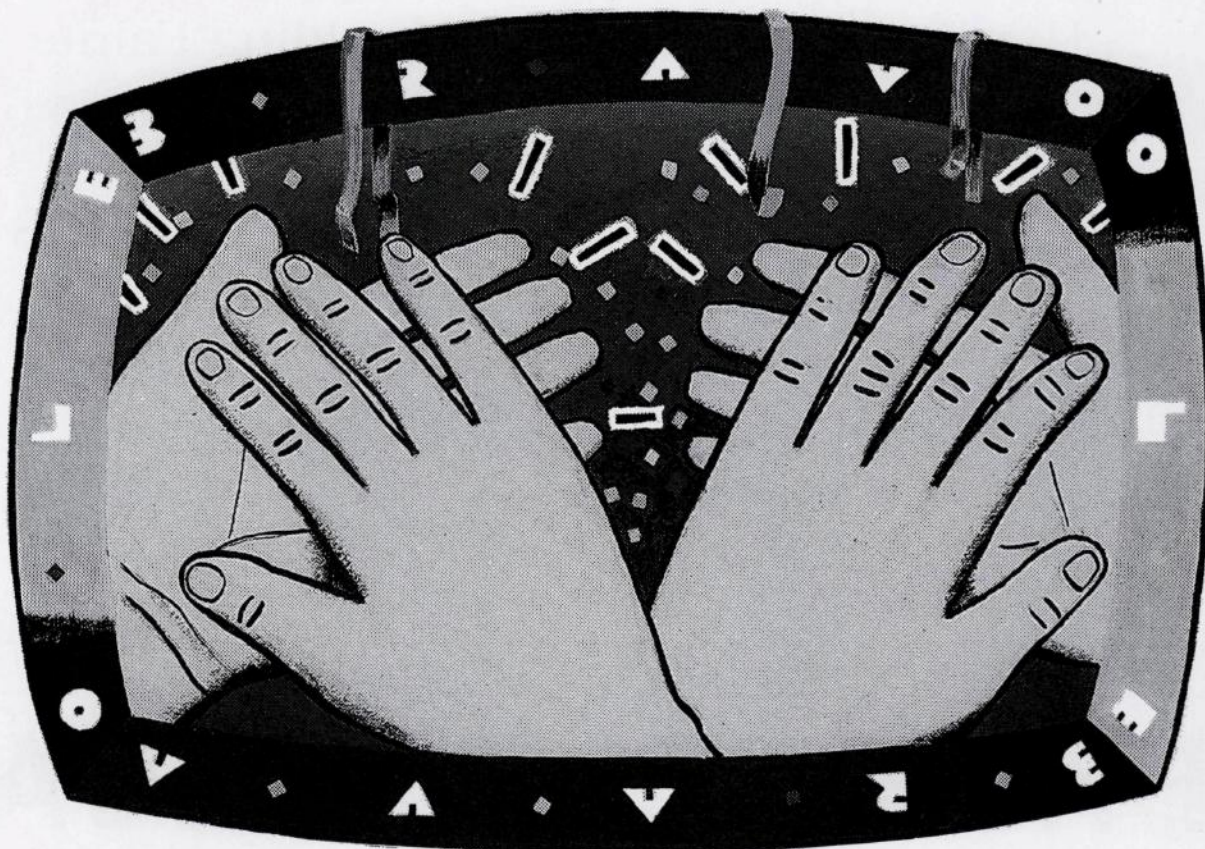
BREEN ELECTRICAL

COMPANY LTD.

Chartered Electrical Engineers
and Contractors

12 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin 7.
Telephone: 6711854/6713232. Fax: 8731087

A BIG HAND FROM AIB RATHGAR



We would like to wish you a happy 125th anniversary and congratulate you for the commitment and teamwork which have taken you this far.

At AIB we too are committed to making schools like yours a success and we are proud to be involved in fostering its growth and development.

As Ireland's leading financial institution we recognise the importance of helping students and adults to fulfil their goals and we have designed our comprehensive range of products and services to do just that. Because everyone needs a helping hand from time to time.

Why not call into, or telephone AIB Rathgar at ph. 4975741 for further information.

Joe Healy
Branch Manager



Pamela Hodgins
Student Officer

You bring out the best in us



KENILWORTH MOTORS

Harolds Cross Road, Dublin 6W

**“They’re on
the Ball!”**



- Sales
- Service
- Parts
- Used Cars
- Leasing

Contact:
Brian Priestman

Tel: 4923757

OPEL

