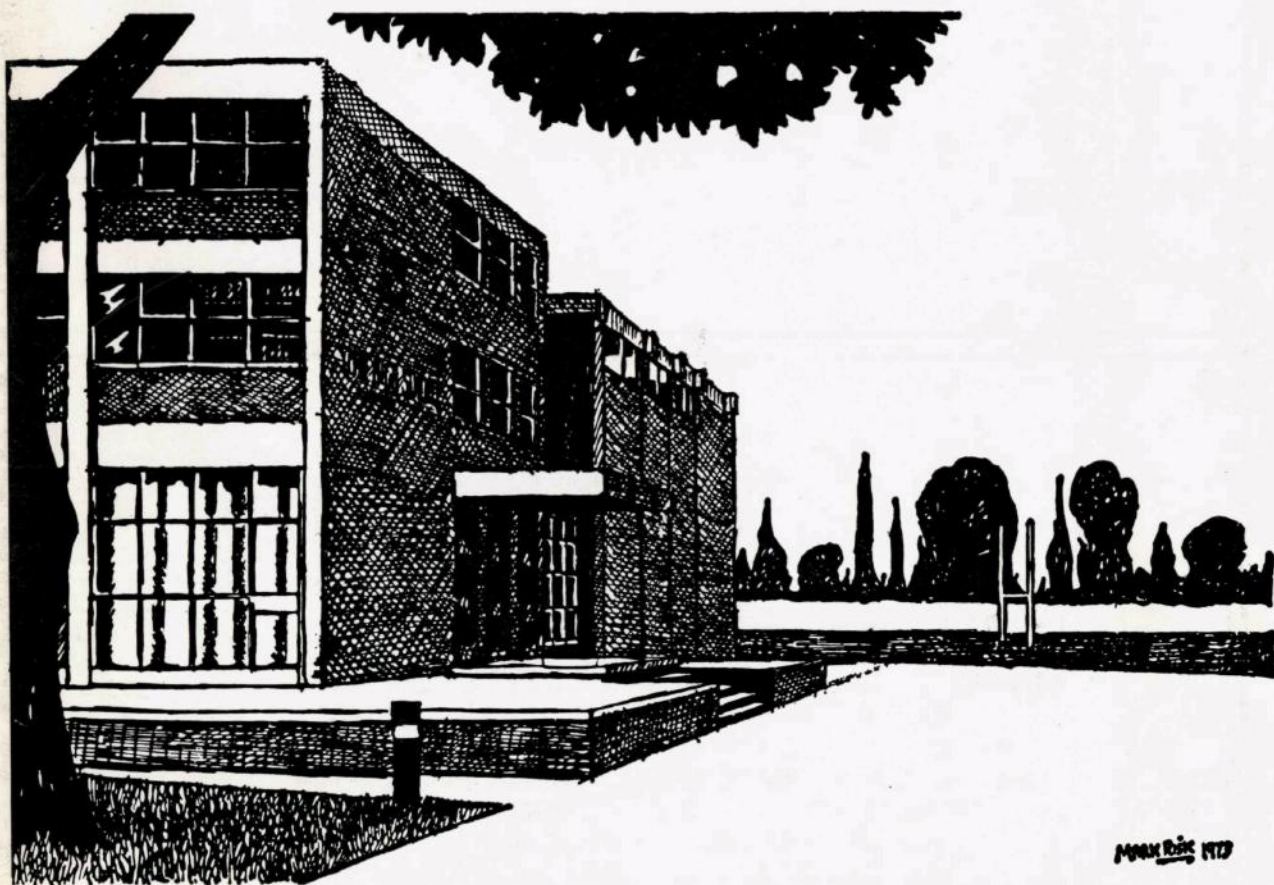
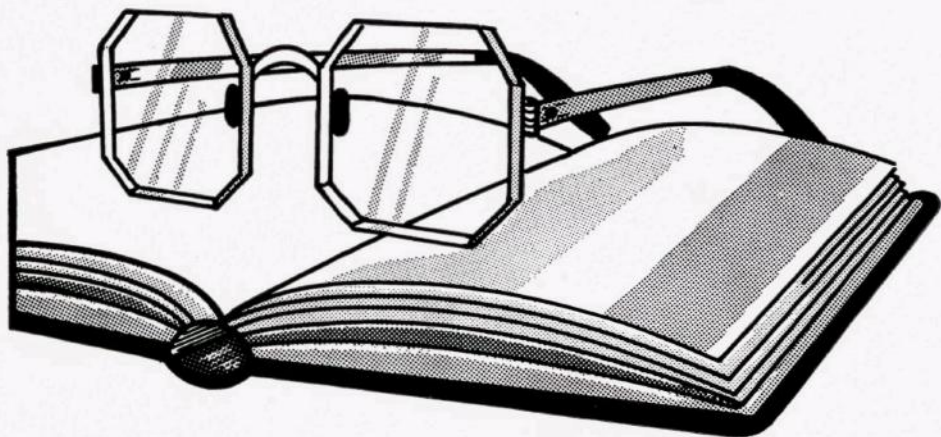


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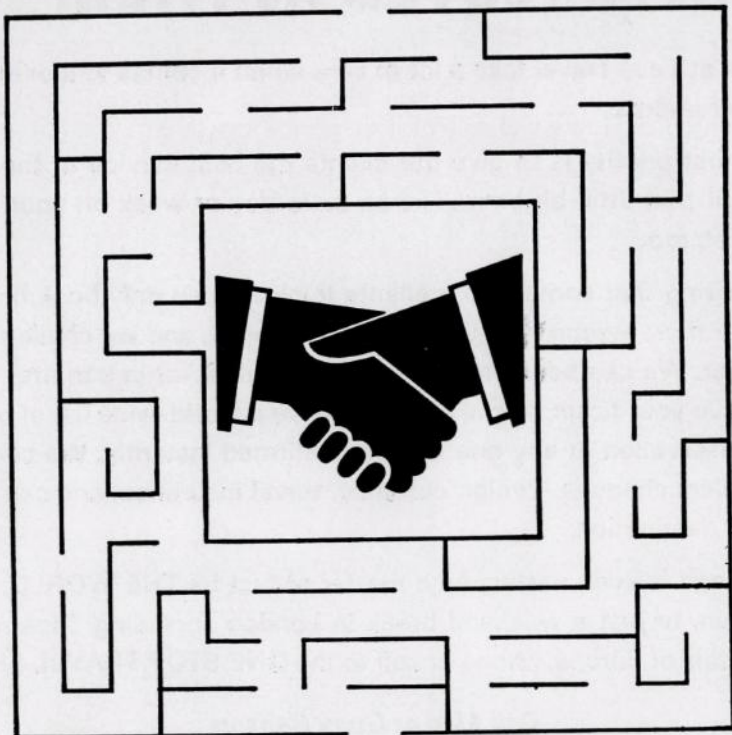
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## EDITORIAL

The school as an institution has the onerous task of educating a motley collection of pupils in readiness for their assault on the outside world. Yet only a small fraction of this education can be found in the text-books and notebooks which are carried so dejectedly. The truly important education, the preparation for life, takes place outside the covers of any book. At its simplest, it consists of inter-pupil and pupil-teacher contact, and while the school does its utmost to introduce everybody into the non-academic aspects of school life, there will always be those who refuse to have anything to do with it: the notorious non-extra-curricular activists.

But those who do not fall into this class must concede that they have derived benefit from their tenure, other than the dribs and drabs of knowledge picked up in order to pass state examinations. There are vest epochs of time in between the occasions when one is intimidated by these useful facts, and these can be filled either constructively or indifferently. Often the more constructive options are to be found associated with the school establishment. An awesome archive of staff talent, patience and time is at the pupil's disposal in the pursuit of many diverse activities to occupy and stimulate his fertile little mind. The manner in which this free time is spent is destined to have a profound influence on the developing character of the student.

Once outside the educational system, the opportunities to diversify one's interests to such a degree are never to be found again. When will the chance arise to partake of such a

variety of sporting activities, the creation of a magazine or film, the staging of a play or concert? Such facilities must be taken advantage of while they are within the reach of everyone.

The school authorities have long realised the importance of the extra-curricular facet of scholastic life, and have provided accordingly. Not to be ignored are the members of staff who have, of their own initiative, instituted the societies which bring together pupils of a common interest. But it does seem that few pupils are aware of this importance. It cannot be that they are ignorant of the existence of clubs and committees, as each receives full publicity. Yet the response is sadly weak, as shown by the recent comparative dormancy of the Incubus feature film industry, after the initial flourish of a few years ago. Each society was fought for at its institution, promoted with enthusiasm, later regarded with apathy and would be missed in its absence. But they are not allowed to die, and await only pupil participation.

Undoubtedly there will now be those who are shaken to the core, and gripped by a determination to sign up for as many activities as possible. For these, and also for those simply interested in the course of school activities, this magazine provides a fairly comprehensive coverage of current extra-curricular goings on in the High School. There seems to be a gradually increasing awareness among pupils of the advantages offered by participation, and it cannot but be encouraged, as its result is a more pleasant and more worthwhile time spent in school.

**Aarnoud Huissoon (6th Form)**



## School Record

In June 1980 we were sorry to say goodbye to the following staff: Mrs. Jermyn, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Carr, Mr. Reeves, Miss Joyce Williams and Miss Lynham.

In September 1980, we welcomed the following staff: Miss Dagg, Miss Parl , Mr. Quigley, Mr. McCabe (who has since left), Mr. Kurtenhorst, Mr. Walsh, Miss McDermott, and later in the School year we welcomed Miss Moore. We also welcomed Mr. Hughes, our new groundsman.

We are pleased to hear that after a long spell out of School in the hands of the medical profession, Mr. Lowry is moving back to much better health and we hope that a sunny summer will continue his recovery.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Swan on the birth of their daughter Julie Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard on the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Mellon on the birth of their daughter Suzanne, and Mr. and Mrs. Massey on the birth of their daughter Caroline. We congratulate Mr. Sheridan on his marriage to Th r se O'Leary.

It was a great pleasure to welcome Mr. Ryan back to the staff, and also to welcome a number of Masonic boys to the School.

We congratulate Mr. Cole on winning the first prize in the front garden section of the National Garden Association competition. Mrs. Pike was awarded the M.A. degree at T.C.D., and Mr. Wisener was appointed organist and choirmaster at Christ Church Leeson Park. Archbishop McAdoo appointed Miss Barcroft and Mr. Miller as two of the Church of Ireland representatives on the newly formed Council of Christians and Jews in Dublin.

During the year we welcomed a number of visitors to the School: these included Dr. Christine Matthews, Sr. Anna, Bishop Achigili, Rev. Sidney Callaghan and the Chief Rabbi, David Rosen. We were pleased to hear that Rev. Roy Warke, Rector of Zion Parish, had been appointed Archdeacon of Dublin, and that a past pupil, Ian Sherwood had been elected as Auditor of the T.C.D. Theological Society. We were very happy to have Mrs. Anne Carson with us at the Senior Prize Distribution.

It was with great sadness that we learned last

June of the death of one of our pupils, Niall Gregory, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Among fifth year pupils, there were some sporting successes: George Strachan got a trial for Leeds United and scored three goals. Jonathan Garth got a cricket trial for Warwickshire. Glenn Kilroy and Derek Vincent got under 16 seven-a-side Leinster rugby trials, and Dorothy Smith got a Leinster Senior Hockey trial.

Richard Boyle (2A1) and Peter Sainsbury (2B1) came third in the Arklow Feis duets under 15 and fourth in the Feis Maitiu (under 16) duets. Peter Sainsbury also came fourth in Feis Maitiu (under 16) Modern Class. Kenneth Gibson (1A2) was awarded the Silver Fainne for Irish Speaking. Lesley Edge (3A2) won the Lang Trophy for Solo Piano in Templeogue Feis. In the Girls Brigade, Lesley came 1st in the Republic and 2nd in all Ireland in the skipping competition. Julie Lowry (3B2) gained first place in the Under 16 brass solo in the Feis Maitiu and was very highly commended in the Girls Under 16 Solo. She also sang on the Radio programme 'Young Musicians'.

We were pleased to hear from Miss Joyce Williams, who was on the Staff last year; she is now working for the African Inland Mission in Anjouan in the Republic of Comores. She teaches English to French speaking pupils at Leaving level. School starts at 7.00 a.m. Joyce tells us that the people are very friendly and the scenery is rather like that of Switzerland.

Finally, we extend our warmest good wishes to Mr. Gardner; it was announced on 31st March 1981 that he had been appointed Vice-Principal, to succeed Mr. Keegan who would be retiring in June 1981. Mr. Keegan's retirement will come after many years of wonderful service in High School; tributes to Mr. Keegan will appear in the next issue of the Erasmian.

## MRS. MAY JERMYN

Mrs. May Jermyn's decision to retire at the end of Summer Term, 1980, was sadly received by everyone, as during her thirteen years of teaching in the Junior School, she had become a most popular member of Staff.

She was an excellent teacher, fair-minded



and tireless in her efforts to help her pupils, especially those who were slow to learn.

Her wisdom and Christian outlook were very evident in all she did, and she created a very genial atmosphere in the classroom. The children were unafraid of her, and yet had the utmost respect for her.

These are some of the childlike comments made by some of the children she taught — I never liked History until Mrs. Jermyn taught me and now I love it.

She was very kind to all of us and gave us sweets when we got our spelling right.

She was very kind and hardly ever got angry with us.

I was very sad to see her leave.

She was always very fair.

Once I won a spelling test and she gave me 5p to spend in the tuck shop.

Whenever we had problems we went to Mrs. Jermyn.

She would never be really cross, just tweak us on the nose, laugh and tell us not to do it again.

Even when she was cross she always seemed to have a twinkle in her eye.

Mrs. Jermyn was an ideal colleague — utterly sincere and reliable. She did trojan work in the background, but never sought the limelight for herself.

We wish her every happiness in her retirement and hope that we shall see her frequently at the functions in School.

D.P.B.

## Senior School Prize Distribution

The Annual Senior School Prize Distribution was held on Wednesday, November 12th, 1980, at 7.30 p.m., in the Gymnasium. Mr. Brook welcomed everyone present, especially the guest speaker, Senator Catherine McGuinness.

The main theme of Mr. Brook's speech was the move from the Seventies to the Eighties. He began by explaining the main ways in which the School had been affected during the last decade, the most important being the move from Harcourt Street to Danum and the amalgamation with Diocesan School for Girls to form the present school. He commented on the growth of the school, reminding his audience of the school's new wing, and the

gymnasium, and also remarked that the school now has a total of 812 pupils, which is very close to the target figure for the Eighties. Mr. Brook made it quite clear that the school would not accept any more pupils than a year group maximum of 125.

Mr. Brook then touched on the question of whether there would be enough Secondary School places for all the Protestant children who would want them. He observed that the apparent over-demand for places could be due to the fact that many parents reserve places for their children in two or three Schools thus giving a false picture.

The school had gained a lot during the Seventies, said Mr. Brook, new blinds and blackboards for classrooms, audio-visual equipment in use. Canoes, rock-climbing gear and other equipment for extra curricular activities are kept in the school. The grounds are surrounded with different trees and shrubs donated by pupils, staff, past pupils, parents and friends of the school.

The school can keep pace with the Eighties also, Mr. Brook explained. Thanks to the Old Boys' Union, we now own an Apple Micro-Processor, and so many pupils are taking an interest in computer programming that the school is considering purchasing another. Also during the year, the Mason firm, to mark their Bicentenary, presented the school with some fine Physics equipment. A new minibus helps with transport and enables more extra-curricular activities. There are also plans to reconstruct the pavilion to bring the facilities up to the standards of the Gymnasium changing-rooms in recognition of the fact that the school has had visiting teams from Britain, and from as far away as New Zealand.

Mr. Brook referred then to some specific extra-curricular activities of the past year, beginning with drama. Mrs. Crowe's second production, *The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew*, was praised highly. As a result of the revival of drama in the school, curtains were bought for the Assembly Hall. The next production, done entirely by pupils, was of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of being Earnest*, and was performed by members of the present Sixth form, as this play is on their Leaving Certificate course. This play was a success, and Mr. Brook gave special congratulations to Jonathan Sharpe, who produced, dressed and acted in the play.



Mr. Brook summarised the sporting activities, congratulating the Under 13 Mixed Badminton team on their fine victory. Two cricket teams were also commended on victories and the S.C.T. Rugby team was congratulated on fine play against Belvedere College, even though, sadly, they lost. Staff who gave up spare time to coach, organise, referee and umpire were thanked and commended.

Mr. Brook then turned to exams, the most important being the 1980 Leaving Certificate High School's results compared favourably with the national average, although too many people take higher level papers against teachers' advice and the evidence of the "Mock" exam. Fine performances were achieved in the N.U.I. Matriculation exam, and eleven pupils gained places in Medical Schools. The Intermediate Certificate results were good, but Mr. Brook warned that too often pupils take the attitude of not trying in a subject they dislike.

Mr. Brook then gave special mention to a few people who had achieved distinction: Jane Clinch and John O'Dowd who had gained awards in the T.C.D. entrance exam. Norman Duffy of Sixth Form who had been awarded a rare Associated Boards Scholarship in his piano exam, and Marney O'Sullivan who had won a holiday in Paris by gaining third place in the Alliance Française essay competition.

Mr. Brook closed by drawing parents' attention to the fact that although the school itself would do its best to prosper during the Eighties, factors outside its control needed to be improved. He reminded those present of a call he had made the previous year for an increase in Government grants for Secondary Schools, and remarked that this increase had not been given. He said that if the educational system was not to break down it must be given more money. High School will do its part, he said, and we must hope for the necessary support for all Secondary Schools to survive.

## The Juniors

The Junior School is always an area where one can be sure of lively activity, and a happy atmosphere. This is how we like to keep it.

At the end of Summer Term, '80, Mrs. May Jermyn retired, after having taught for thirteen

years in the Junior School. We were very sorry indeed to lose her, — a tribute to her will be found elsewhere in the Erasmian.

Prize Day in November was a specially enjoyable one, as John Robbie was chosen to be the Speaker. John is admired by everyone, and we are glad to think that he is an ex-Junior School boy.

Towards the end of Christmas Term, the old 'flu bug almost halved the numbers in the classrooms at times. However, fortunately most children were well enough to be able to take part in the Carol Service, which is always a happy occasion.

A collection of food and clothing for Christmas hampers for deprived families was made, and the response was really splendid. I would like to thank the parents for their very generous co-operation.

Throughout the year the A.I.J.S. have had many events — Quiz, Choral Festival, Drama Festival, Hockey, Tennis, Swimming, Soccer and Rugby. We took part in most of these competitions and find them most helpful in getting to know other Schools.

This year, being the Year of the Disabled, we decided to make a united effort in the Junior School, during Lent to raise money for the Children's Hospital in Crumlin. Beforehand, Mr. Cyril Lincoln, Development Officer in the Hospital showed us a most interesting film and told us a lot about the Hospital. All sorts of Competitions, Sales and means of making money were started, and to everyone's delight £226.00 was collected, even though the target we set ourselves was £200. Well done Juniors!

It is a delight to hear the sounds of trumpets, guitars, cornets, clarinets, pianos, saxophones, flutes, tenor horns and trombones coming from young musicians in the Junior School. We are grateful to their teachers, and to Miss Nic Aogain, for her enthusiasm in this area and for loaning the instruments to those who have not got them.

Rugby is as popular as ever, and many successful matches were played against other Schools during the season.

The Final in rugby for the Hanly Cup — Andrew Miller's team versus Stuart Wilson's team was played just before the Easter holidays. Such an exciting match! Andrew Miller's team were the winners, but as the opposing team played so well, and lost by so little — one point — Mr.



Willoughby very kindly presented the losers with medals too. We are very grateful to Mr. Willoughby, Mr. Hickmott, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Kirby and those who assist in coaching, for their help and enthusiasm.

The girls have done extremely well in their hockey matches, too, and our thanks go to Mrs. Mellon, who is always helpful and co-operative.

A Superstars competition for the girls was organized by Mrs. Mellon in March. This aroused great interest. The events were judged over a period of weeks. Nicola Kilroy (J3) emerged with the coveted trophy!

I would like to congratulate the Junior School pupils on their very fine spirit of friendliness and co-operation and to thank the Staff for their share in it also.

*Dorothy Blakeney*  
Head of the Junior School.

## The High School, Dublin, Parents' Association

Chairman: Mr. R. C. Lowe; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. D. Bockett; Hon. Secretary: Mrs. C. E. Fraser; Committee: Mrs. A. Gibson, Mrs. P. Sloan; Mrs. V. Jelley, Mrs. J. Smith; Mr. W. J. D. Free, Mr. D. B. Haime, Mr. A. McWilliam.

This school year seems to be flying by, and, as we approach the Easter holidays, we find ourselves already arranging our summer events.

The 1980/81 Committee have been very pleased with the attendance at our parents' meetings during the year, which started on 10th November, 1980 with a most informative talk by Mr. Hilliard, explaining the function of the school 'computer' now in use by the pupils, and demonstrating it.

After Christmas, for our January meeting we invited Mr. Seamus O'Buachalla of the Department of Teacher Education at Trinity College to speak to us on 'Likely Developments in Education in Ireland in the 80's', and the large attendance found this lecture of compelling interest.

Mr. W. S. Cunningham recently retired as Chairman of the Board of Governors of High School, and it was with great pleasure, at our

meeting on 23rd March last, that we made a presentation to him as a small token of appreciation for all he has done, which has benefited our children. We wish him and his wife a very happy retirement.

On the same evening, Father Paul Andrews, S.J., Principal of the Child Guidance Clinic, spoke to us on 'the emotional development of children', and answered questions from the floor after his talk. During a cup of tea after the meeting a sale of 'lost property' took place.

Our main annual event was held on Saturday, 28th February – our Beer/Wine and Cheese Party. Once again we were delighted by the support, and hope that everybody enjoyed themselves. We look forward now to our tennis match (parents v pupils) and cricket match (parents v staff), and then to our final event of the last day of the school year – our swap shop.

*C. E. Fraser, Hon. Secretary.*

## The Diocesan and High School Old Girls Association President's Letter

Dear Members,

It is amazing how quickly time passes. It does not seem like a year since I last put pen to paper with a letter to your excellent magazine. We have had a most successful year in the association with many varied meetings. It is most encouraging to see so many of the new school leavers coming along and joining in. This, of course, is most essential for the continued success of the Association, and we do hope we will see those of you who are leaving school this year, next September.

As President, I have been invited to several functions during the year. Unfortunately, the Dinner Dance had to be cancelled last year, but, we look forward to this year in November. The Parent Teacher Association were very kind to invite me to their Wine and Cheese evening. This is always a splendid success and most enjoyable.

A visit to Danum is always most interesting — there is always something new happening. One of my most enlightening and pleasant duties



was to attend the prize distribution and present the Jean Scott Rose Bowl to Ruth Gyves. The staff and pupils are to be congratulated on their very high standard of success.

The annual dinner will be held this year on April 10th, when we look forward to meeting our guest of honour Mrs. Rita Childers.

As this is my last year as President, I would like to thank Mr. Brook for his help and kindness to me and to the association. We all appreciate the co-operation we receive in organising our monthly meetings.

I also, take this opportunity of thanking my committee for a very enjoyable term of office. I wish the incoming President and her committee every success in the future.

*Patricia Guard.*

## Diocesan and High School Old Girls Association

### SECRETARY'S REPORT 1980 - 1981

President - Mrs. Patricia Guard.

Chairwoman - Mrs. Enid Oldham.

Hon. Treasurer - Mrs. Irene White.

Hon. Secretary - Mrs. Ruth Farrell.

Committee: Mrs. Olive Tuach, Mrs. Barbara Strong, Mrs. Sandra Watkins, and Miss Judith Wilkinson.

I am delighted to have this opportunity to write and let all those interested in our Association know what we have been doing during this past year. Our season opened in October with an informal talk by Miss Elizabeth Oldham on Japan and California and she also showed some delightful slides on these interesting places, after which we had our supper of home-made cakes and tea. We had hoped to open with a mulled wine evening but had to postpone it due to the petrol shortage.

The next meeting in November was on Civil Defence, which was most informative and all learnt the art of giving artificial respiration.

In December we had lots of fun at a Dutch Auction - our Auctioneer was our own member Hazel McConnell who provided many laughs and we ended up the evening by making enough money to obtain for Mrs. O'Donoghue a clock to use in the Home Economic Room.

The January meeting was especially good as we combined the mulled wine and savoury evening with a Beauty Demonstration by our President, who taught us the art of making up one's face.

February was an evening to remember as we once more had a Fashion Show by "Collections". This was held before a packed audience and Mrs. Muriel Morgan opened the show for us. The clothes were outstanding and again the models were our members. Money made at this enjoyable evening was given to two charities — ALONE and to the Cystic Fibrosis Assoc.

This month we have just had another informative talk on "Wines" kindly given by Mr. Michael Duffy of CERT. Included in the programme was a film and we were also allowed taste the different wines he spoke on.

This season has been really outstandingly successful, attendances have been well up on last year and the suppers were all delicious!

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our Annual Dinner which will again be held in the lovely surroundings of the Zoological Gardens on the 10th April, when we are honoured to have as our guest speaker — Mrs. Rita Childers.

Our last meeting of the season is the Annual General Meeting when once more we elect officers and committee members for the coming two years. After the formal part of this meeting we will finish our evening with a Salad Supper.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite more "Old Girls" to come and join our Association.

*Ruth Farrell*  
Hon. Sec.

## Old Diocesan Hockey Club

The 1980/1981 season began with coaching and training sessions outdoors, each Tuesday evening, while the light lasted, and then continued indoors, in the High School Gym, the use of which was very much appreciated.

Our three teams enjoyed another successful year in their respective Leagues. Due to our successes in the last couple of years, our 2nd XI was promoted to Middle League at the beginning of the season.



Our social committee organised a variety of events this year, including a treasure hunt, two discos and a travelling dinner.

We hope players leaving the school this year will join us and help to make next season as successful as this one has been.

Finally, we would like to thank the Board and Staff of High School for the use of all the facilities and for their help throughout the year, which was very much appreciated.

*Edwina Mundy  
Hon. Secretary.*

## The High School Old Boys Union President's Letter

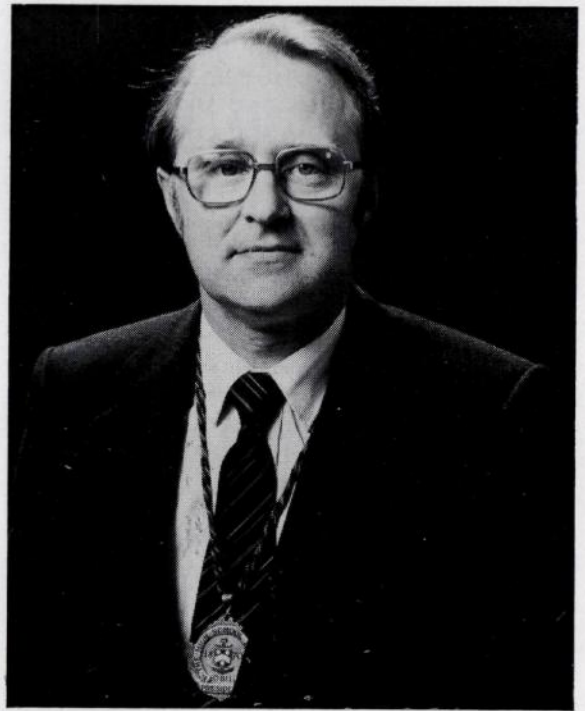
Dear Member,

It is both an honour and a pleasure for me to write this letter as President of The Old Boys Union.

It was a matter of some concern to have to make the decision to postpone the Annual Dance at the end of October due to lack of support as only a mere 40 members had booked. The Committee has re-arranged this function and the plans are to run a 'Disco' preceded by a wine and cheese reception next September in Old Wesley Rugby Club Pavilion. Members will receive full details in due course and I hope that as many as possible will attend.

Unlike the Dance, the Annual Dinner continues to grow in popularity with the members and this year a record number was accommodated. However, this demand on the limited capacity causes many problems both organisational and financial and after very careful consideration it has been decided that in future the number of guests that may be invited by any member should be restricted to two. Having been involved in the organisation of the Dinner for a number of years, I am particularly conscious of the very important part played by the guests in the continued success of the Dinner and I sincerely trust that you will understand and appreciate how important it is to be able to accept bookings from as many members as possible even if this does mean a limitation on guests.

A considerable amount of time at recent Committee Meetings has been devoted to the



*W. I. Hunter, President O.B.U.*

idea of forming a Badminton Club within the Union. This proposal was made by a group of younger members and had the support of approximately 50 past pupils of the school. The plans required permission to use the school premises after normal school hours but unfortunately for very understandable reasons, this could not be obtained. I would like to thank all those members who have put so much hard work and effort into this matter and in particular Gordon Bell, Peter de Lacey and Keith Willis. Perhaps in the not too distant future it may be possible to implement the very good ideas that have been put forward.

I would like to draw your attention to a major fund-raising event to be held on 12th September next in the school. Under the expert guidance of Maurice McDonough and John Ridgeway, a "Good as New Auction" is being organised which I hope will receive full support of members.

On a number of occasions during the year, the point has been made to me that the Union offers very little of interest to younger members and there is therefore no incentive to join on leaving school. If you are leaving the school this year I urge you not only to join the



Union but to attend the Annual General Meeting in October and make your views heard. I would also like to echo the remarks the President made last year and ask you if you are not already doing so, to subscribe to the Erasmian. There has been a steady decline in numbers over recent years and it is essential that the active union membership is maintained. The Registrar of the O.B.U. will be pleased to hear from new subscribers.

No organisation can operate efficiently without a great deal of work on the part of the officers and my sincere thanks go to George Keegan and the other members of the Committee for the effort they put in to the affairs of the Union.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

W. I. Hunter, President.

## The High School Old Boys' Union

### HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT 1980 - '81

#### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General meeting was held in the School on Friday, 17th. October, 1980. The President, Mr. Norman Montgomery, was in the chair, and 18 members attended, apologies being received from 15 others. The A.G.M. deserves more support than this, and it is to be hoped that, next October when the meeting will be held on a Thursday instead of a Friday there will be a really representative gathering. The following Officers and Committee were elected for 1980-81.

President, W. I. Hunter; President Elect. R. S. Browning; Vice-President, A. P. R. Brook; Hon. Secretary, G. W. Keegan; Hon. Treasurer, G. Balmer; Hon. Registrar: F. J. McLeach.

Committee: G. Bell, N. E. Beresford, T. R. M. Cobbe, C. B. Craven, D. B. Haine, Dr. N. C. Smith, S. D. C. Smith, Dr. B. R. Wilkinson, W. F. Wilson.

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#### Annual Dance

The Annual Dance, due to be held in October, was cancelled for lack of support. Instead, a Disco is to be held in September next, preceded by a wine and cheese party for the older members.

#### Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner was held in the School on Saturday, 26th January, 1981. There was a record attendance of 318. The toast of the School was proposed by the President, with response by the Headmaster. The toast of our guests and kindred Associations was proposed by Howard Kilroy with response by Mr. G. C. McGough, K.M. Musical entertainment was provided by Brendan McShane, Fred Graham and Liam Devally, accompanied by Malcolm Wisener.

#### Annual Cricket Match v the School.

Played on Monday, 19th May at Danum, the match resulted in a win by the School by 6 runs - Congratulations to the School team.

#### Annual Rugby Match v The School.

Played on Monday, 10th November 1981 at Danum this resulted in a win for the O.B.U. by 13 points to 3. Stan Mason kindly refereed the match.

At the time of writing these notes the Annual Golf outing to be held at Rathfarnham Golf Club on Friday, May 1st., and the Ladies Night to be held at the Dominion United Services Club on Friday, 15th. May, have not yet taken place. During the year the O.B.U. suffered a great loss through the death of Ralph Walker, who had held the Office of President twice in 1955 and 1969-70 and death of Jack Bell, who was President in 1952 - 53.

#### A.G.M.

The next A.G.M. will be held on Thursday, 15th. October, 1981.

G.W.K.

## News of Past Pupils

Andrew C. Blair (1970-1978) again obtained his colours for rugby at T.C.D. He played in the Irish Universities v English Universities match which the Irish won 12-0.

Rev. W. Sydney Callaghan (1936-1944) was installed as President of the Methodist Church in Ireland on Wednesday, June 11, 1980.

Paul D. Clinch (1978-1979) has been awarded his colours for rugby at T.C.D.



P. J. Curtis (1930-1937) F.C.A., J.Dip., M.A., was awarded the C.B.E. by Her Majesty the Queen in the New Year Honours List.

David A. Fleury (1961-1962) is a committee member of the MBA Association. The Association represents some 480 holders of the Master of Business Administration degree in Ireland.

Stephen P. Hilliard (1953-1956) has published a helpful article "Stammer and be damned" in the Irish Times of 24.9.1980.

Colin E. M. Kevelighan (1972-1974) obtained his Higher National Diploma in Marine Engineering in June 1979 and is now an Engineer Officer with Denholm Ship Management Ltd.

John E. A. B. Lawson (1971-1978) has become a member of the Abbey Theatre Company.

James H. R. (Harry) Lindsay (1937-1944) holds the Irish Motorcycle speed record. In October 1979 he set a record of 179.2 m.p.h. over a mile and 180.39 m.p.h. over a kilometre on Utah Salt Flats.

David W. Lowhan (1961-1967) is an associate member of the Chartered Insurance Institute and was appointed a Director of T. Oscar Rollins & Company Limited, Insurance Brokers in Belfast, on 1st January 1981.

Dr. F. S. L. Lyons (1941) the Provost of Trinity College was awarded the Wolfson Literary Award for 1980 and also the 1980 Ewart-Biggs Memorial Prize for his book "Culture and Anarchy in Ireland 1890-1939".

Peter J. Mack (1971-1978) has been awarded the music degrees of L.T.C.L. (Teaching), F.T.C.L. (Performing) and L.G.S.M. In the Guildhall examination he gained one of the two silver medals which are open to performers from the British Isles.

Derek J. Maynard (1952-1958) has been appointed Secretary of the Concrete Manufacturers Association of Ireland which was recently formed within the Building Federation of the Confederation of Irish Industry.

David P. B. Norris (1956-1963) is the Chairman of the James Joyce Centenary Committee whose main task will be organising the eighth International James Joyce Symposium which will be held in Dublin from June 14th-19th, 1982.

Conor J. O'Kelly (1977-1978) has been awarded his colours for rugby at T.C.D.

Philip A. Orr (1961-1969) played at Loose Head Prop in the Rugby Internationals against

France on 7th February at Lansdowne Road, against Wales on 21st February at the National Stadium, Cardiff, against England on 7th March at Lansdowne Road and against Scotland on 21st March at Murrayfield. He also played in the match against Rumania last October and in the Ireland-Scotland v England-Wales match. He was called by the Lions' Team to South Africa in 1980.

John C. Robbie (1963-1973) played for all four home Rugby Internationals. He was called to South Africa and played in the final test for the Lions. He was Captain of Greystones again last season. He led Leinster against South of Scotland, was captain of the Leinster Inter-provincial team which retained the Inter-provincial Championship, played for the Gosshawks against the Quaggas, and was a member of Fergus Slattery's Irish International XV which played the President's XV in Drogheda and was on the losing side of the Ireland-Scotland v England-Wales match which took place at Cardiff Arms Park to mark the Welsh Centenary.

Norman J. Rodway (1938-1946) won the Best Radio Acting Award in England. He has played Captain Boyle in "Juno and The Paycock" for the Royal Shakespeare Company with Judy Dench. His performance in Stratford in "Shadow of a Gunman" has been described as "riveting".

Richard P. B. Ross (1962-1972) is Editor of a new humorous magazine SMILE.

John C. R. Seager (1943-1952) of An Foras Taluntais was awarded a Senior Visiting Fellowship in 1980 by the Royal Irish Academy Scheme to visit the United States.

Gordon Stewart (1919-1925) was awarded an O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours 1980.

Philip R. Walker (1925-1933) is President of the Hume Street Hospital.

James (Jamie) Wilkinson (1968-1969) with his friend David Wilkins won the Silver Medal for Yachting at the Olympics at Talin in 1980. They were recipients of the BMW Sports Celebrity Monthly Award Winners.

George S. Willoughby (1969-1975) has presented us with a Wanderers F.C. Tour of U.S.A. May 22 - June 8, 1980 Souvenir Programme from which we see that other H.S.D. men who travelled with George are Peter Boyle, Ian Burns, Steve Odum and Bob Wynne. They won all the six matches played.



## Births

KENNY, to George and Grace (nee Evans), a daughter.  
 NOLAN, to Pamela (née Darling) and Alan, a daughter.  
 MORRISON, to Avril (née Styles) and Bryan, a son.  
 O'BRIEN, to Allyson (née Styles) and Dermot, a son.  
 SLOANS, to Jennifer (née Kearon) and Robert Leslie, a daughter.  
 KIRKER, to Marie (née Michie) and Clifford, a daughter.  
 HEASLIP, to Susan (née Barry) and Peter, a daughter.  
 WINSTON, to Lydia (née Large) and Alan, a daughter.  
 BROWN, to Elizabeth (née Elliott) and Kevin, twin sons.  
 JACOBS, to Rhona (née Glass) and Michael, a daughter.  
 STEPHENS, to Juliet (née Ensor) and Michael, a daughter.  
 McLEAN, to Linda (née Nicholl) and Charles, a son.  
 O'REILLY, to Sylvia (née Barker) and Shane, a son.  
 MARTIN, to Joyce (née Ebbs) and Ian, a daughter.  
 KERR, to Peggy (née Moyse), a daughter.  
 CRAWLEY, to Karen (née Morton) a daughter.  
 GREENLEE, to Ron and Harriet (née Farrar), a son.  
 GEORGE, to Shirley, (née Eades) and Robin, a son.  
 HOURIE, to Jasmin (née Gaw) and William, a son.  
 SHAW, to Louise (née Welch) and Graham, a daughter.  
 EFFRATT, to Lenia (née Caplin) and Motti, a son.

## Marriages

A. Wayne Duffy (1967-1975) to Helen Fincher on 7th December, 1979, in Kildare Street, Dublin 2.  
 Mark J. Duffy (1965-1972) to Valerie P. Stewart on 2nd August, 1980, in Rathfarnham Parish Church.  
 Michael H. Gault (1964-1971) to Siobhan B.

McGrath on 9th August, 1980, in Rathfarnham Parish Church.

Colin E. M. Kevelighan (1972-1974) to Geraldine E. Lewis on 26th September in Newtown, Powys, Wales.

Barbara Campbell and Rolande Anderson.

Janet Flower and Colin Day.

Erica Leitch and Philip Elliott.

Daphne Cunningham and David Harshaw.

Sylvia Johnson and Charles Barry.

Winifred Champ and Roland Cox.

Susan Lyons and Stuart Switzer.

Vanessa Curtis and Charles McCarthy.

Jane Gyves and Barry Taylor.

Olwen Todd and Timothy Keating.

Vivienne Coates and Alastair Grimason.

Susan Coulson and Eric Bradshaw.

Ann Winchester and James Farrell.

## Engagements

Neil Willis and Jillian Wilson.  
 Russell Sheridan and Joyce Harte.  
 Mark Thornburgh and Ann Griffin.  
 Richard Ensor and Hazel Tyrer.  
 Michael Purcell and Isobel Walsh.  
 Edward Moore and Valerie Taylor.  
 Nigel Duke and Suzanne Campbell.  
 Thomas Kennedy and Alison Armstrong.  
 Paul Fry and Gillian Jackson.  
 David McCormick and Doreen McCann.  
 Thomas Bond and Catherine Michie.  
 Howard Deane and Gillian Rutledge.  
 Paul Grima and Susan Ruffli.  
 Noel Huston and Gillian Campbell.

## Deaths

Malcolm H. G. Ellis (Max) (1926-1927), Avondale, Glenageary, Co. Dublin on February 5, 1981.

Robert (Robin) W. G. Hall (Hacker) (1948-1956), February 24, 1981, at Ballydonarcha House, Kilcoole.

Ralph J. Walker (1924-1931), November 11, 1980 at his home, Fernhill, Sandyford.

GEORGE S. SLOAN (1916-'23) - 13th September, 1980. George Sloan was a Commissioner in the Boy Scouts Association and on his retirement was made an Honorary Commissioner.



## Malcolm H. G. Ellis, S.C.

Max Ellis was originally educated in Galway Grammar School and spent one year as a pupil in High School. After a University Career in Trinity which he entered with a Junior Exhibition in 1927 he graduated as LL.B. in 1932 and his life was spent at the Irish Bar, in which he became a Senior Council in 1955.

He was elected a Governor of the Erasmus Smith Trust in 1950 and became Treasurer and Chairman of the Board in 1955, he retired from these Offices in 1977. He remained a member of the Board until his death on 29th January 1981.

In his capacity as Chairman and member of the Board, Max never sought the limelight, quiet and unassuming in all respects he guided the affairs of the Erasmus Smith Trust, and the High School in particular, with skill and wisdom through a number of vital years. His colleagues on the Board pay tribute to the benefits of his professional advice which was so necessary in arriving at important decisions.

In Max's Chairmanship the decisions were taken to purchase the grounds at Danum, to sell the School buildings in Harcourt Street and to build a new School in Rathgar and subsequently to amalgamate with the Diocesan School for Girls and to build a further educational block to house the extra pupils.

All these decisions were most important in the life of High School in particular and the Erasmus Smith Trust in general. No small amount of courage was needed to sell the old buildings in Harcourt Street, to carry on teaching there under difficulties, and to build a new School within two years at Danum. Max's leadership was invaluable in this situation and again he was particularly involved in the negotiations leading up to the amalgamation with Diocesan. Perhaps more than anything the decision to buy the Danum property in 1957 was one with the greatest bearing on the future of High School. It is strange to note that at the time there were a number of critics of the purchase. Max's vision supported by the views of his colleagues is certainly triumphantly vindicated today.

So High School in particular owes this quiet man much. He did not like appearing on prizegiving platforms or such public occasions

but things would be very different in the School had he not guided its affairs the way he did. All who have the interests of High School at heart should pay him tribute and regret his passing. The sympathy of his colleagues and many friends has already been extended to his wife and family.

W.S.C.

## Jack Bell

Anybody who was in High School from about 1910 to the early 1920's would never think of the School without thinking of the name of Bell. There seemed to be always Bells in High School.

Although I only entered High School in 1917, I was immediately aware of the tradition connected with the family name. Mervyn was in my class and I grew up with him in my School life. Horace was the hero of the Junior members of the School and the names of Joe and Jack had been handed down as being major figures of earlier years. And of course in later years we knew these two in particular as playing Rugby with distinction first of all for Clontarf and then for Lansdowne.

Jack entered High School in 1909 with an entrance Scholarship. He had a sound educational career and of course contributed much on the sporting side. He left the School in 1915 and joined the North Irish Horse and served through the first World War. He became a Veterinary Surgeon and had a distinguished career in his profession mostly outside this country.

My links with Jack were largely connected with the Old Boys Union of which he was President in 1952/53 and I met him frequently on other occasions particularly at meetings of the Strollers Musical Club and on golfing outings. A most friendly, cheerful, outward person, it was always a pleasure to meet him and to enjoy the good fellowship which he conveyed.

In recent years his health prevented him taking part in functions of the Old Boys Union and I know this was a matter of regret to him and it was indeed sad that his latter years were darkened by a tedious illness which he bore with great courage.

His funeral, at the Presbyterian Church in



Malahide on the 25th April was attended by a host of friends, indicative of the regard in which Jack was held and of the sympathy felt for his son and daughter – alas his wife had died in 1967.

Old Boys of High School will surely grieve for his passing but in doing so will remember him as a member of a family which left its mark on the School. As we think of the influences which moulded the characters of the members of the Bell family, we think first of their home and we then think of their School. So we feel a modest pride in that High School contributed something to a family of fine people of whom Jack was a most worthy member. High School has lost a special friend.

W.S.C.

## Mr. Ralph Joseph Walker, MA, LL.B.

Ralph Walker was always a leader of men. He delighted in being of service to others all his life and his acts of charity and of help to others are his real memorial.

Born in Foxrock, Dublin, 67 years ago, into a family steeped in the business life of Dublin, Ralph went to school at the High School, Dublin. There, he showed his promise, winning in 1931, on the first occasion it was presented, the Old Boys' Cup for the most outstanding pupil in the school. He played rugby there on what is remembered as a very useful team, but it was in athletics and running in which he was best known in sport. He won the Leinster Schools' half-mile championship, and when he moved on to Trinity College, Dublin, where he was a noted quarter-miler and half-mile runner, he became an Irish University champion, a Trinity "Pink" and president of the Dublin University Harriers. During his university days, Ralph's outlook became extremely interested in the Oxford Group Movement of the day, and promoted many meetings and discussions.

He graduated in 1936 with a degree in law and qualified as a solicitor the following year joining the firm of Hayes and Sons where he practised all his life, becoming a junior partner.

Ralph seemed to have the secret of managing time, and so ordering a day that he combined

with his practice an incredible amount of voluntary, charitable and social work, and an absorbing interest in horticulture and, whatever the occasion was in meeting and dealing with him, one became fascinated with the liveliness of his mind, his quick movements and the brightness of his eyes as he spoke and pleaded a particular cause. With all this, he combined a happy and full family life, and his wife and family were always foremost in his thoughts.

In the practice of his profession, Ralph was expeditious, decisive, and his word was his bond. His predecessors in his firm had a long history of service to the solicitors' profession, and he followed this, serving as a member of the council of the Incorporated Law Society for many years becoming president of the society in 1960/61, an office which he served with distinction, and he continued his interest and help to the society until illness forced him to stop.

But, in spite of his busy practice and his various business interests such as his directorship and chairmanship of *The Irish Times*, Ralph was interested in, and served on, the committees of an astonishing number of charitable and social bodies, including the Night Shelter for Men, the Old Men's Home, Dublin, and was president of the Dublin Battalion of The Boys' Brigade. His help and inspiration to all these bodies was very great, and is remembered gratefully.

He retained his association with the High School, and was a leading member of its Old Boys' Union, becoming its president in 1955/56, and was elected president a second time for 1969/70 on the occasion of the school's centenary.

His horticultural interests found an outlet in his membership of the Royal Horticulture Society of Ireland and in his splendid gardens at Fernhill, Sandford, which he loved so much, and his family estate at Rosdohan, Co. Kerry, full of lovely and rare trees and shrubs.

Suddenly, without warning, Ralph was forced by illness from such an active life to one of almost complete inactivity, cared by his wife, Sally, and his family. He has now died, granting to him what must be a release of his spirit from a bondage. His family and his many friends now mourn him.

P.P.

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## Ecumenist gives views on gulf across Border

The Rev. Sydney Callaghan, president of the Methodist Church, is convinced that the gap in understanding between Northern Ireland and the Republic is far wider than that between Protestants and Roman Catholics in the North.

"A great many Southerners have no clue about how the Northern people think", he said in an interview in Belfast. "They simply don't want to know. Some of them would like to get a pair of scissors and neatly cut the map of Ireland at the border. Too many Northerners never go south and too many southerners never go north".

Mr. Callaghan is a skilled and experienced worker for reconciliation and understanding. He appears to have the patience and breath of vision needed for this task in the tensely divided Northern community. Describing himself as a pragmatic and practical ecumenist, he is more at ease when engaged in Protestant-Roman Catholic projects to relieve human misery than he would be in arid academic discussion of theological differences.

Above all, he likes to work for people and among people. A few facts suffice to tell a lot about him. He is the director of the Belfast branch of the Samaritans. For almost 20 years he has been closely associated with this organisation which provides a 24-hour service, on a non-denominational basis, for the suicidal and despairing. He is a member of two agencies which are promoting goodwill in the North, Witness for Peace and Peace Point, as well as of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation.

### **BOUNDLESS ADMIRER**

Perhaps it is not surprising that he has an almost boundless admiration for Mother Teresa of Calcutta. He became one of her friends and supporters while she and some of her nuns, the Missionaries of Charity, worked in Belfast. He initiated a project which has raised almost £50,000 for a Leprosy Rehabilitation Unit which the nuns have established in Ethiopia. Earlier he played a leading part in raising £4,500 for a Volkswagen mini-bus used to bring food to a Missionaries of Charity home for destitute and old people in Ethiopia.

Mr. Callaghan says that there is grave misunderstanding about Northern Ireland in the USA. He believes that propagandists on behalf of the Provisional IRA were unscrupulously successful in presenting a distorted picture of the province to the Americans and that other views of the North have been inadequately presented.

In his own lecture tours of America, Britain and South Africa he has tried to be an interpreter of the Northern problems rather than a propagandist.

As to the pending revised regulations of the Roman Catholic church in Ireland for mixed marriages, he thinks that any change will be a step forward. But he fears that there will be little change. He readily recognises that the requirement which the Roman Catholic Church says falls on the Roman Catholic partner to do all in his or her power to see that the children are reared as Roman Catholics is totally logical and consistent when one considers that Church's view of itself, as set out by the Council of Trent.

"I can enter into the thinking of the Roman Catholic dogma", he added. "I see it as perfectly logical and rational, but I simply do not accept the initial premise – that the Roman Catholic church has the full means of salvation. Nor do I accept the implication that other Christians are second-class citizens. The validity of my orders are also queried, but so long as Christ accepts me I am not worried".

He was chairman of a joint Protestant-Roman Catholic committee which investigated excessive drinking among young people. It has not been his privilege to be one of the Methodist Church's representatives the Ballymascanlon ecumenical conferences, though he was invited to address the smaller ecumenical gathering held annually at Glenstall Abbey in Co. Limerick.

### **BORN IN DUBLIN**

Mr. Callaghan has never been a narrowly denominational Christian. He was born in Dublin in 1926, his father being a prominent businessman. The Callaghan children – his brother, two sisters and himself – were taught not only to appreciate the values and traditions of the Protestant minority in the Republic, but also those of the Roman Catholic majority. As a student and young minister, he continued to



relate to Roman Catholics and to understand their spirituality.

That was long before ecumenism became euphorically fashionable in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. One senses that he values the relationship that develops naturally and spontaneously between Christians of different denominations while they are striving towards specific spiritual and social objectives much more than formal inter-Church gatherings, where affected politeness can sometimes be evident.

He was educated at the High School, Dublin; Trinity College, Dublin; Edgehill Theological College, Belfast; and Queen's University. In 1947 he entered the ministry and his service in the Methodist Church has been remarkably varied. First he was a lay evangelist in Derry and then he ministered in Moy, Co. Tyrone, and Dalkey, Co. Dublin. Five years that he spent with the Dublin Central Mission helped develop his keen appreciation of the social implications of the gospel. From 1955 to 1962 he was the Church's Superintendent of Evangelism. For the next six years he was Minister of Agnes Street Methodist Church in Belfast.

### IN CENTRAL BELFAST

In 1968 he married Miss Breda Lesley and they have a daughter of eight and a son of almost two. In the same year he was appointed Minister of Donegall Square Methodist Church, the mother church of Belfast Methodism, whose congregation has always been noted for its social concern. Many years ago some members of the congregation began singing Christmas carols in Roman Catholic areas of the city. In 1972 they were warmly received at Ballymurphy, where they were accompanied by Mr. Callaghan. That venture enabled them to meet two of Mother Teresa's nuns and led to joint ecumenical projects.

Experience as an industrial chaplain gave him an insight into questions affecting working people. In 1963 he was selected as the sole chaplain to a large Belfast milling company, Rank, Hovis, McDoughall, with an interdenominational staff of about 200 and he still holds that office.

He is general secretary of the Methodist Church's Council on Social Welfare. He has been directly involved in welfare work for

alcoholics, drug-addicts and ex-prisoners. As well as serving on Church committees on education, he is a member of the board of Edgehill Theological College and is a governor of the largest co-educational school in Northern Ireland Methodist College, Belfast.

In recognition of his work for reconciliation, he received a People of the Year award in 1979. The winners were selected by editors of national newspapers from many names submitted to them from all over the country. At the moment he is minister of Lisburn Road and Osborne Park Circuit.

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## Valete

### Form Upper 6th

JANE M. CLINCH – T.C.D. Natural Sciences.

FREDA E. HARBON – College of Commerce, Rathmines.

STEPHEN T. W. KEE – R.C.S.I. Pre-Medical Year.

JONATHAN T. M. KENNEDY – T.C.D. School of Engineering.

PATRICK M. V. LOGAN – R.C.S.I. Pre-Medical Year.

DAVID G. M. MALONE – T.C.D. Joint Honours in Classical Civilization and Sociology.

JOHN F. O'DOWD – T.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.

SAMUEL D. C. SMITH – Pre-University Centre.

JOSEPH YAZBECK – R.C.S.I. Pre-Medical Year.

JONATHAN H. YOUNG – T.C.D. School of Engineering.

STELLA N. AGHADIUNO – T.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.

JOHN N. ALLEN – Ringsend Technical School.

ROGER G. ARMSTRONG – Ringsend Technical School.

DAVID R. BOOKER – First National Building Society.

DAVID C. BORTON – T.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.

ALAN R. BROWNING – A.N.C.O. Training Course.

ANDREW F. BURGESS – Apprentice Electrician, Precision Electronics.

GRAHAM S. BURLEIGH – General Accident Insurance Co. Ltd.

PHILIP N. BURRELL – Norwich Union Insurance.

NIGEL P. CALMONSON – Computer Operator Claudine-S Co. Ltd.

IAN P. CARSON – 6U. H.S.D.



- BLAITHIN M. T. CLANCY – College of Commerce, Rathmines. Trainee Chartered Accountant.
- AMANDA M. CLOUGHLEY – Reynolds Cooper McCarton.
- AUDREY O. COATES – Littledales Secretarial Course.
- ROBERT F. COLE – Pre-University Centre.
- GEOFFREY R. COTTELL – T.C.D. School of Engineering.
- SHARYON B. CROLY – Secretary, Marcus A. Lynch, Solicitors.
- GAIL J. DANKER – Sales Assistant, H. Danker.
- KEITH A. DAVIES – General Accident Insurance Co. Ltd.
- LAVINIA DAVIS – O'Donnell Secretarial College.
- NIGEL G. DAWKINS – Prudential Insurance Co. Ltd.
- DIANE S. E. DAY – Littledale's Secretarial Course.
- GRAHAM P. DAY – Institute of Education.
- STEPHEN P. DeCOURCY – Official Sky Couriers Ltd.
- ARMAND A. J. DIERCKENS – T.C.D. Faculty of Economic and Social Studies.
- ROGER K. DOWDS – T.C.D. Joint Honours in French and History.
- RUTH A. DOYLE – Nurse's Aid, Cheshire Homes.
- SHARON E. DUDGEON – Alexandra Secretarial College.
- CAROLYN G. EARLS – T.C.D. Joint Honours in English and History of Art.
- ROISIN N. EARLS – Mount Temple Comprehensive School.
- CHRISTOPHER R. EGAN – Shannon College of Catering.
- DEREK G. FENNELL – Entertainment Officer.
- DAVID P. FITZPATRICK – 6u H.S.D.
- PAUL M. FLAHERTY – 6th Form H.S.D.
- RAYMOND R. G. FOLEY – Executive Officer, Civil Service.
- JOAN M. FOX – Prudential Insurance Co. Ltd.
- CASANDRA J. J. FOXTON – National College of Art and Design.
- MALCOLM FRASER – 6th Form H.S.D.
- JANET W. FREE – Institute of Education
- ALISON I. GARDNER – T.C.D. Joint Honours in Ancient History and Archaeology and History of Art.
- DAVID N. GARRETT – Computer Operator.
- SURESH GEORGE – U.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.
- DAVID J. GIBSON – Apprenticeship, Keatings Ltd.
- JILLIAN C. GIBSON – 6th Form H.S.D.
- JANE GRAY – T.C.D. Joint Honours in English and Sociology.
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- GORDON P. HAMPTON – College of Commerce, Rathmines.
- NEIL A. HARRISON – U.C.D. First Arts.
- MICHAEL C. HATCH – Ringsend Technical School.
- HO-TAN WHAI AUN – Private Study.
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- GARY H. HUNT – Architectural Technician.
- CLIVE A. INGRAM – 6u H.S.D.
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- JACQUELINE KHOO SAW KOOI – T.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.
- GRAINNE M. KILBEY – Thompson's Secretarial College.
- STEPHEN L. KLITZ – Architectural Technician.
- JOSEPH D. J. LALOR – T.C.D. Natural Sciences.
- ROBERT LOVE – General Accident Insurance Co. Ltd.
- ANGELA J. LYNCH – Secretary C.I.E.
- INGRID H. MCCARTHY – Studying in U.S.A.
- MAURICE McPARLAND – Architectural Technician
- PHILIP J. MAYBURY – Van Helper.
- BARBARA A. MILOFSKY – Alexandra Secretarial College.
- ALEXANDER W. MOORE – Apprentice.
- HUGH D. MORRISON – Bolton Street College of Technology.
- ORLAGH C. MULCAHY – Sligo Regional Technical College.
- ALAN P. MULLEN – Prudential Insurance Co. Ltd.
- DAVID C. NOLAN – Deck Officer, Denholm Shipping Co. Ltd.
- NIGEL A. O'BRIEN – Reindeer Shipping Co. Ltd.
- GRACE A. O'HALLORAN – T.C.D. Faculty of Economic and Social Studies.
- BARRY C. O'KEEFE – Studying in Germany.



ERIC ONG KENG GUAN – U.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.  
 KAREN E. POFF – Alexandra Secretarial College.  
 KEITH D. POOLE – 6th Form H.S.D.  
 MICHAEL C. H. PRATT – 6u H.S.D.  
 JANET A. ROGAN – Alexandra Secretarial College.  
 RICHARD L. RUTTLE – Representative Church Body.  
 MARIE L. SCALLY – Kevin Street College of Technology.  
 ALEXANDER J. SCHULTZ – Newpark Comprehensive School.  
 AMIR G. SHADEMAN – T.C.D. School of Engineering.  
 NAGHMEH SHADEMAN – U.C.D. First Architecture.  
 ANDREW D. SHAW – Computer Operator, I.C.L.  
 GARY R. SHERWOOD – Motor Mechanic, Crawfords.  
 SIOW CHIH LEE – U.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.  
 GILLIAN J. STRONG – Secretarial Course, Ballsbridge Vocational School.  
 PAUL E. SUNDERLAND – 6th Form H.S.D.  
 NIAL P. SWEENEY – U.C.D. School of Engineering.  
 DOROTHY A. TACKABERRY – 6th Form H.S.D.  
 TEH SIEW CHONG – Bolton Street College of Technology.  
 RICHARD S. TEMPERLEY – Pre-University Centre.  
 JANETTE F. TYRRELL – T.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.  
 PETER G. VINCENT – General Accident Insurance Co. Ltd.  
 ALAN D. T. WALLER – Sales Representative, Rathgar Motor Factory.  
 FRANCESCA WALSH – Convalescing.  
 SUZANNE WALSH – Pre-University Centre.  
 LESLIE WARREN – Sales Representative, Tenant and Ruttle.  
 MAURICE B. WATSON – Trainee Manager, Jury's Hotel.  
 MARTIN D. WESTON – U.C.D. First Commerce.  
 PATRICIA WILLIAMS – Littledale's Secretarial Course.  
 SHIRLEY WILLIAMS – Sun Alliance Insurance Group.  
 ANDREW P. WILLIS – Trainee Accountant.  
 JOHN L. WORRALL – T.C.D. School of Engineering.  
 FADY YAZBECK – 6th Form H.S.D.

## Examination Results

### Trinity College, Dublin

Gold Medals – C. K. King (Mathematics), C. K. King (Natural Sciences). Only five gold medals were awarded this year:

NATURAL SCIENCES: Moderatorships  
 PHYSICS – Class 1, C. K. King (discip. school).  
 GEOLOGY – Class II, First Division — A. S. Rowlands.

CHEMISTRY – Class II, second division R. S. G. Dunne.

HISTORY – Class II, first division — Virginia G. Davis, Sandra A. Fraser; Second Division — M. D. Gardner.

HEBREW & BIBLICAL STUDIES – Class III I. W. Sherwood.

LEGAL SCIENCE – Class II, second division — Graeme Murray.

MODERN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE – Class II, Second Division A. E. Potter (Fr. Ger.)

THEORETICAL PHYSICS – Class I (First place) P. A. Sterne.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES – Class II, Second Division N. A. O'Kelly.

BIBLICAL STUDIES – Class III, I. W. Sherwood.

### Other Degrees

B.A. — D. J. Barton, M. B. Buchalter, Ngok Kim Choong, Seong Kai Chuah, D. A. Cornick.  
 N.F.S. Couse Natvarlal Chabbildas Hargovan, Man Kit Lee, D. R. Lowe (discip. schol.), G. A. Roebuck, G. J. Rowland, Godelieve N. M. M. Stassen, R. P. West, G. M. F. van der Lee.

M.B., B.Ch. B.A.O. — D. J. Barton, M. B. Buchalter, N. F. S. Couse, Natvarlal C. Hargovan, G. A. Roebuck.

B. Dent Sc. — Godelieve N.M. M. Stassen.

B.A.I. — Class I, C. R. Bowles, D. R. Lowe (discip. schol.), R. P. West. Class II, Seong Kai Chuah, G.M.F. van der Lee. Class III, G. J. Roland. Man Kit Lee (unclassified).

M.V.B. — G. W. Mills.

B.B.S. — B. A. Pierce.

B.Ed. — E. (Lilian) A. Hanlon.

M.A. — Seong Thar Chuah, T. S. Hastings, Hok John Wong.

M.Sc. — R. Ryan, R. J. Wayman.

Ph.D. — J. M. Cohen.

### Junior Sophisters

LEGAL SCIENCE, Mod. Part II — Class two; Division One; C. R., Sainsbury.



NATURAL SCIENCES – Class two, Division One, J. P. Sloane, D. Margaret Worrall. Class Two, Division Two, I. E. Delaney. Supplemental — C. G. W. Smythe.

### SENIOR FRESHMEN

LEGAL SCIENCE, Mod. Part I — Class Two, Division One, C. J. Doyle, Division Two, S. N. Stein.

MATHEMATICS (Special Honor) Class Two, Division Two, S. G. Colclough.

NATURAL SCIENCES – Class two, Division One, Joy R. Adams, P. R. Browne, P. A. Gibson, Janet E. Gill.

Class Three, N. J. Budgeon, P. M. Katz.

PSYCHOLOGY – Margaret P. Hodgins.

HISTORY OF ART – Class Two, Division Two, C. N. Moore.

### Junior Freshmen

HISTORY – Class Three W. E. O'Brien.

LEGAL SCIENCE – Class Two, Division One M. J. Balbirnie. Class Three Sandra M. Armstrong.

COMPUTER SCIENCE – Class Two, Division One D. H. Jameson, Division Two Chee Seng Ch'ng.

NATURAL SCIENCES – Class Two, Division Two E. Hudson. Class Three A. J. Hogan.

PSYCHOLOGY – Mathilde R. de Jong.

ENGINEERING and Systems Sciences

SENIOR FRESHMEN: A. C. Blair, P. W. Burry, H. P. Chaloner, J. A. L. Mahon, G. P. Wheeler.

JUNIOR FRESHMEN: S. W. A. Fraser, M. R. D. Jangda, P. D. B. Kenny, G. E. H. Maltby.

### MEDICAL SCHOOL

MEDICAL FOURTH YEAR: P. C. Bowe, A. M. Gill (Second Hons. in Social Medicine), M. E. Lee, Teh. Siew Lay, A. G. Moore.

MEDICAL THIRD YEAR: D. P. Moore (Second Hons. in Pathology and Microbiology).

MEDICAL SECOND YEAR: Fionnuala Leddy.

MEDICAL FIRST YEAR: Petrina J. K. Armstrong, Chuah Seong Peng, G. K. Livingston, Pravitha Naido Stephanie R. Sharpe, Avril E. Sloane, D. E. Temperley, Yeoh Guan Cheam. Pravitha has transferred to Natal University.

PRE-MEDICAL YEAR: E. L. Abrahamson, A. I. Bloom, Paul D. Clinch, Jennifer S. FitzSimon.

## THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN IRELAND

1980: Summer: Foundation Examination II – Alan K. Cormack, Nigel W. Fox. Professional Examination 1 – Robert Rigby-Jones.

Professional Examination II – R. G. Wood (A.C.)

1980: Winter: Professional Examination I – Graham K. Andrews, Jonathan G. Taylor. Professional Examination II – J. Graham Blair (r.o.p.) (r.o.p. means referred in one paper).

Jonathan G. Taylor passed his Foundation Examination II in the Winter 1978 session.

## Mason – Bi-Centenary

In May 1980, Thomas H. Mason & Sons Ltd., Laboratory Suppliers, celebrated 200 years trading in Dublin. The business has been carried directly from father to son for seven generations – a unique record.

Seacome Mason the great, great, great grandfather of the present Managing Director was born in Dublin in 1745. He served his apprenticeship to an optician and set up in business in 1780. He was an enterprising man with a great deal of foresight. As well as spectacles he sold a range of scientific instruments – surveying and navigating equipment, microscopes and drawing instruments.

After his death the business was carried on by his sons Thomas and Jonathan. Jonathan left to trade for himself and upon the death of the first Thomas Mason in 1837 the business passed to his son Seacome. Now called Seacome Mason & Son, the firm still opticians, also dealt in that branch of optical science concerned with 'magic lanterns' and projectors.

Seacome was in turn succeeded by his son Thomas Mason, who as well as "Optician" styled himself "Mathematical and Philosophical Instrument Maker". This period – the latter years of the 19th century – was an exciting time for Masons. Tremendous advances were being made in science. The name Mason became known throughout the scientific world following the invention of the Hygrometer by a Professor of Anatomy at Royal College of



Surgeons, Dublin. Masons had been entrusted with the manufacture and distribution of the instrument and in time it came to be known as Mason's Hygrometer.

In 1913 Thomas Mason was succeeded by his son Thomas Holmes Mason, who was in every sense a remarkable man. He was one of the last hereditary Freeman of the City of Dublin and a published author and photographer. He it was who shaped the future for Masons. He foresaw the growth of science in Ireland and developed a department to deal specifically in laboratory supplies and equipment. Masons had grown steadily over the years despite rebellions, wars, civil wars, economic wars and plain ordinary slumps.

In 1930 the company, with T. H. Mason at its head, celebrated 150 years in business.

In 1935 the business was formed into a private limited company with its present name, Thomas H. Mason & Sons Ltd. At the time, Masons had, in effect, two faces. There was the optical and photographic side, known to everyone in Dublin. Less well known to the public was the laboratory supplies business which by 1939 accounted for half the company's turnover.

Following the 2nd World War, scientific progress and industrial expansion in Ireland

saw Masons through the forties and fifties. In 1958 T. H. Mason himself died; he was succeeded by his sons Standish and Alexander, respectively Chairman and Managing Director of the company..

On the evening of May 25th 1965 disaster struck – a fire broke out and the buildings occupied by the company since 1894 were destroyed. After this it was decided to concentrate solely on laboratory supplies and equipment, and the company went from strength to strength. In 1974 the great, great, great, great grandson of the founder of the company, Standish (Stan) Mason was appointed and still serves as Managing Director. The company now operates out of a bright building at 29 Parliament Street and has consolidated its position as one of the leaders in its field.

The Mason family have links with the School extending over more than sixty years. We had Standish Mason (1920-1926), Alex. Mason (1921-1927), Barry Mason (1925-1929), Dermot Mason (1928-1935), an Old Boy's Cup Winner, Standish (Stan) Mason (1953-1960), James (Jim) Mason (1956-1962) and Richard Mason (1960-1964). Their gift to us on Friday, 19th September, 1980, was very generous and was warmly appreciated.

V.W.G.



*Past pupil James Wilkinson with his 1980 Olympic medal.*





# SPORTS REVIEW

## Hockey Report

### 1st XI

The 1st XI retaining 5 members from the previous team took some time to settle. Although all were enthusiastic and patiently coached by Mrs. Mellon, the correct combination took some time to take effect. This was reflected in our early matches, where although the team as a whole worked quite well it was our lack of actual goal scoring that let us down.

In the senior cup first round match this again was evident. It was a hard and exciting match in which our defence held off attacks successfully. High School dominated the match but with two of our goals disallowed, Our Lady's Grove finally succeeded in producing their winning goal, the final score being 1-0 to our Lady's Grove.

In the league we did quite well, defeating Zion Hill and Clontarf drawing with Alexandra and Foxrock and being beaten only by St. Ann's Milltown, however we missed reaching the semi-finals by one point.

During the year four of our team obtained Leinster trials, being Avril Maltby, Gwynneth Smith, Dorothy Smith and Pamela Tough, but unfortunately no one went forward for a second trial. Nicola Jackson of the Junior A and Gwynneth Smith also obtained a Junior trial but again were unsuccessful.

On our annual visit to Cork in October we played Midleton and Bandon Grammar. These were both, hard and exciting matches which were enjoyed by both sides. We are grateful to the Bandon Girls for the hospitality extended to us.

The Bandon Girls returned the visit in March they were, however unable to send their 1st XI team as they were due to play in the final of the Munster Senior Cup against Newtown. We enjoyed a friendly match against their 2nd XI team, winning 2-0.

On our tour to England in December, we played two schools, winning one and drawing the other. We first encountered Queen's College, Chester. We drew with them after a very friendly and enjoyable match. The following day we visited Queen's Park School,

defeating these 5-0. We have plenty of time for shopping and sight-seeing and generally the tour was a very successful one. We returned home the next day after enjoying yet another delightful hockey tour.

Queens College also returned the visit during the mid-term in October. Again all enjoyed the game and Queen's deservedly defeated us by 2 goals.

I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon and Mr. Brook for arranging both, Cork and Chester tours, which were enjoyed greatly by all. I would also like to wish next years 1st XI all the best in the cup.

### 2nd XI

The 2nd XI team captained by Susan Downes and playing in the higher level of the intermediate section were unfortunate in the results they obtained. In the first round of the cup they got a 'bye' so putting them forward to the second round where they met Muckross. This match they won. In the third round the 2nd XI encountered Glengara, this again was a good match but it took some time for the team to settle, High School were defeated (2-1).

Throughout the year Susan had a problem keeping a full team together as injuries to players, and out-breaks of 'flu were quite frequent.

### 3rd XI

The 3rd XI captained by Sharon Giltrap also got a 'bye' to the second round of their cup where they very successfully beat Santa Sabina (8-0). However in their next match they encountered a very strong and experienced Muckross A team and were unfortunate to be defeated by them.

The 3rd XI were a very united team with a lot of team spirit. They attended practice regularly and this was evident in their results throughout the season. They won the majority of their matches with good consistent scores. With even more practice some individuals will make very promising players next year.

### JUNIOR A

Mary McCaughey captained the Junior A. The team obtained good results and much needed experience during friendly matches throughout the year.





### **HOCKEY — 1st XI**

*Standing (left to right): Wendy Frith, Gwynneth Smith, Jill Godsil, Alison Ruttle, Jill Turner, Sandra Marshall. Seated: Mr. A. Brook, Julie Oakes, Dorothy Smith, Pamela Tough (captain), Meriel Fitzpatrick, Averil Maltby, Mrs. G. Mellon.*



### **HOCKEY — INTERMEDIATE A XI**

*Standing (left to right): Avril Poff, Carolyn, Burges, Glynn Ringland, Julie Ingram, Yvonne Lowe. Seated: Casey Evans, Sharon Giltrap, Joan Singleton, Sandra McCoy, Diane Jacobs, Mrs. G. Mellon. Absent: Susan Downes (captain), Nicole O'Sullivan.*





### **HOCKEY — JUNIOR A XI**

*Standing (left to right): Stephanie Free, Lesley Cooney, Sarah Robinson, Miss V. Parkhill, Elizabeth Strachan, Gillian Fros', Sheri Asuni. Seated (left to right): Lesley Edge, Nicola Jackson, Mary McCaughey (capt.), Julie Lowry, Heather McCormick.*



### **HOCKEY — MINOR A XI**

*Standing (left to right): Mrs. G. Mellon, Penny Alexander, Tarah Jones, Ruth Hunter, Hazel Hughes, Wendy Kilroy. Seated: Arlene Blain, Janice Delany, Melanie Cathcart (captain), Nicola Lett, Estelle Kronn.*



The first round of their cup match against Glengara had to be abandoned due to the injury of Julie Lowry and very bad weather conditions. On playing the match again they were unfortunate to be beaten by 2-1. In the plate, the team played away at Maryfield being defeated by only one goal.

The Junior A has a few promising members and with a lot of hard work and practice they could make the 1st XI next year.

#### **JUNIOR B**

Due to the small age difference between Minor and Junior teams there was barely eleven players to field a Junior B team. This proved to be a difficulty when even anyone was sick or injured. Nevertheless the team did well in the league. Winning 2, drawing 1 and losing only 1.

#### **MINOR A**

The minor A captained by Melanie Cathcart showed improvement towards the end of the season when they settled down and started to play more consistently.

In the first round of the cup they sailed into a (9-0) victory over Maryfield. However the next round produced more of a problem, as all but four of the players were bed-bound with 'flu. With a team consisting mainly of subs, they were beaten by Alexandra College.

#### **MINOR B**

The Minor B captained by Karen McCready played consistently throughout the year. In the cup they were quite successful. They got a 'bye' to the second round where they defeated Bray 5-0. They were however unlucky to be beaten 2-1 in the third round. This team shows promise for the future.

#### **1st v Staff**

The season was finalized with yet another action-packed match against the staff. The staff boasting a team consisting mainly of male teachers and also one player too many eagerly awaited the starting whistle. The 1st XI found themselves without a goalie, so Keith Jones of the S.C.T. and Sam Smith (Old Boy), who had come only to watch the fun and games, were requested to take up such a position. And so the game started.

The staff made many darting attacks at the goal but to no avail, all were beaten back. The 1st's however made some progress and by half-time we were winning 2-0. During the 2nd half the staff fought back bravely and succeeded in

scoring. The game continued in a succession of attacks and counter-attacks. The final score was 2-1 to the pupils.

The match was enjoyed greatly by all (I think) This staff team shows a lot of promise and with a lot of hard work and practice . . .

In conclusion I think that although the season wasn't extremely successful with High School, it was generally consistent. But still there is a need for more attendance at practice as High School could do really well with more dedication, hard work and practice.

I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon, Miss Parkhill and Miss Hanlon for their continual coaching the instruction which they gave to each team throughout the year. A special word of thanks also to Averil Poff for her hard work, time and dedication to her job as Hockey Secretary.

*Pamela Tough (6th Form)  
Hockey Captain*

## **S.C.T. Rugby Report – 1980/81**

The season started off on a good note when the team played a touring team from Manchester whom they beat well 11-0.

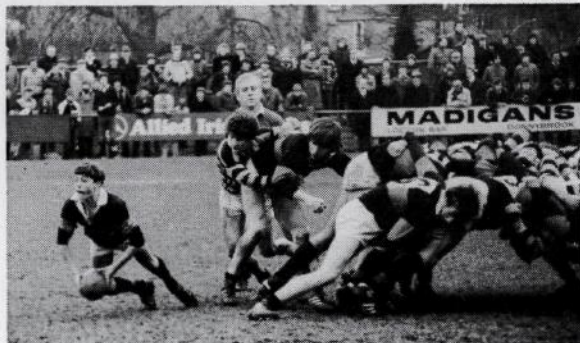
The next few games produced fine scores particularly against C.B.C. Monkstown 17-0.

The team was smaller than last year but the same skill was present.

The forwards were well equipped and said to be the best High School have had since 1973. Throughout the season the same pack of forwards produced constantly sound play.

At No. 8 Trevor Darling was outstanding throughout the season with the two wing

Photo: M. Restan







Concentration



Effort

forwards Fitzpatrick and Croly making a good back-row.

The two second rows – Lowry and Page played well and Page proved a dominant player throughout the Cup run.

Howard Tracey who led the team from the start of the season well deserved a Leinster trial and the two other front rows Keith McMullan and Graham Burns also deserve commendation. The backs this year were small but skilful though maybe a lack of strength was evident in the later stages of the Cup.

Deryck Vincent, a diminutive figure at 4' 8" was impressive throughout the year and with his partner John Gillis they provided a good partnership.

The centres Kelly and Douglas showed some fine tackling with Guy receiving a broken nose to prove it.

The wingers Jones and Kilroy played well also and their experience will be valuable next year.

At full back Keith Jones not only proved himself as a fine tackler but his place kicks proved valuable also. Experience from last year proved an asset to his play.

The team performed well in the Cup this year. In the 1st round we beat St. Paul's 12-7, and then the team went on to reach the semis after beating Gonzaga and Castleknock in previous rounds.

In the semi-final Blackrock proved just a bit too strong for us but the lads put up a fair performance.

The season finished with games against two touring sides. The team from Liverpool College with a weaker pack gave us a win 20-3.

From Vancouver in Canada came Point Gray College whom we beat 7-6 with the Canadians coming on very strong near the end.

Finally on behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Cole and Mr. McMullen for training the team, and for an enjoyable season.

**George Strachan (5th Form).**

## Senior Cup team Results

| Played         | Won    | Lost | Drawn |
|----------------|--------|------|-------|
| 29             | 12     | 13   | 4     |
| Points for     | = 218  |      |       |
| Points against | = 233. |      |       |

## 3rd XV Rugby

The 3rd XV started off the season badly losing their first four matches but after these they settled down and won three fine matches before Christmas against St. Mary's (13-6), Templeogue (18-6) and Newbridge (18-3).

With the integration of the 3rds and the 4ths after Christmas the team kept up their fine form with good league wins against Templeogue and Wesley but were beaten by a strong St. Mary's side.

Thanks are due to Mr. Blackmore for coaching the team throughout this enjoyable season, where team spirit was high, even in defeat.

**Mark Sloan (5th Form)**

## J.C.T.

The J.C.T. did not have a very successful season and it was not until the 5th March that we recorded our first win while on the Cork tour beating Middleton 7-0. The tour was a most enjoyable event due mainly to the hospitality of both Bandon and Middleton teams. After the tour a lot of time and effort went into training for the cup match which this year was against Belvedere at Bird Avenue.



Even though the team suffered many defeats during the season, large wins were recorded over Suttonians 48-9 and Carlow 38-0 and a 13-13 draw against St. Andrews.

Within one week of the cup match the team was performing well but suddenly misfortune struck with serious injury to Stephen Jones who was playing superbly at full back and this unfortunately upset the pack.

In the cup match against Belvedere, High School played very well in the first half and were first to score after 5 minutes from a 20 yard penalty superbly kicked by Alaister Blair. This unfortunately was the end of High School's scoring and even though we managed to contain the Belvedere pack to a 3-3 score at half time. In the second half they went on to beat us 24-23. The forwards played very well but were unable to penetrate the Belvedere defence.

During the season some of the players who performed well were Eugene Flanagan on the wing, Stephen Whitehead at wing forward ably supported by Derek Fish and Gavin Davey. The half back line of Jonathan Cooke, Martin Ridgeway and Brian Carson did some very useful work.

The J.C.T. 2nds had a strong side captained by Gerald Haskins. In the J.C.T. 2nds league they were drawn in the group with De La Salle, Gonzaga 16-6, Mount Temple 13-9 and Monkstown 20-4 and unfortunately losing narrowly to De La Salle 12-17. Much of the credit for the success of the team must go to the good backs, and the strong forwards ably led by Mark Wilson.

A special word of thanks must go to Mr. Fennell and Graham Day for all the hard work and time they both devoted to working with and training the teams.

**Alan Miller (4BI)**

## Under-14 Rugby

The Under 14's lost four players to the J.C.T. team at the very start of the season and they never really overcame this handicap. Lack of size against bigger teams was a disadvantage but the team never really had enough confidence to believe that they could win games. Fraser captained the team well under difficult circumstances and among the forwards Sheil showed refreshing enthusiasm.

**L. McC.**



**RUGBY — S.C.T. 1st XV, 1980-81**

Back row (left to right): Ian Frost, Guy Kelly, David Wilson, David Fitzpatrick, Ian Page, John Lowry, Keith Croly, Keith McMullan, Glenn Jones, Jackie Caplin, Mr. McMullen. Front row (left to right): Mr. A. P. R. Brook, Glenn Kilroy, Graham Burns, Keith Jones, Howard Tracey (captain), Kirk Douglas, John Gillis, Trevor Darling, Mr. Cole. On ground (left to right): Mark Webb, Deryck Vincent.





**RUGBY — J.C.T. 1st XV, 1980-81**

Back row (left to right): Andrew Forest, Jack Walsh, Peter Killeen, Simon Burbridge, Roger Goldby, Brian Carson, Gavin Davey, Alistair Blair, Mitchell Sheridan, Andrew Graham, Derek Fish, Gerald Haskins. Middle row (left to right): Mr. Fennell, Stephen Whitehead, Clive Restan, Eugene Flanagan, Alan Miller, Harold Eppel, Roy Deevy, Stephen Jones, Mr. Cole. Front row (left to right): Martin Ridgeway, Trevor Garrett.



**RUGBY — UNDER-14's 1st XV, 1980-81**

Back row (left to right): John Barren, Colin Sheil, Leonard Sheahan, Robert Mitchell, Ivan Powell, Benjamin Myers, Andrew Skelton, Iain Power, James Scally. Middle row (left to right): Mr. L. McClure, Dominic Hegarty, Michael Freemantle, Alexander Fraser (capt.), William Dawson, Andrew Tackaberry, Mr. D. Cole. Front row (left to right): Cuan Hanly, Gregory Hopkins.



## Under-13 Rugby

The Under 13 "A" team had a most enjoyable and successful year. Some excellent rugby was played and this resulted in some very satisfying wins including those over Blackrock (10-6), Terenure (12-6), Gonzaga (26-12) and De La Salle, Churchtown (32-10). While it was a great team performance, the scoring of 98 points by Jeremy Seligman deserves particular mention.

The 'B' team also had a very enjoyable season, and if their results were not as notable as the 'A' team, there was no one who did not enjoy the rugby that was played.

M.K.

## Junior School Rugby – 1980/'81

A total of sixty five boys played rugby in the Junior School this year. Most of them had two weekly practices and played in some of the thirteen matches against other Schools. The Junior School XV won four of their six games; the 'Under 11' won two out of three, while the 'Under 10' team lost both matches. The highlight of the season, as usual, was the Hanly cup won by Andrew Miller's team, who beat Stuart Wilson's team in a splendid game. We had a big attendance of Parents and Grandparents. The winning team was coached by Stephen Willoughby and Robin Free. To them and all my helpers many thanks for another enjoyable Rugby season.

J.W.W.

## The Ridgeway Cup

The scene was a dull and wet day on the pitch beside the pavilion. The two teams came out led by their captains, to compete for their prize, the Ridgeway Cup. IA2 won the toss and the game was started by Eoin O'Maolchoille. It was a scrappy first ten minutes until Declan Owens of IBI got the ball and made a mad dash for the IA2 line, but the IA2 back line had him covered. Just before half time, Hugh Siggins from a ruck made a spectacular run and touched down under the post for IA2's first try. Brian Sweeney converted it just on half time.

The second half started by a lot of pressure from IBI. They got no reward, until they were

awarded a penalty 5 yards from IA2's line, IBI decided to run it, but they fumbled it and the ball was touched down for a 25 yards drop out. A spectacular drop out led to IA2's second try by Eoin O'Maolchoille with Brian Sweeney nearly converting it. The final score was 10-0 in IA2 favour.

Andrew Ellis (Captain) IA2  
Eoin O Maolchoille

## Soccer XI

The season 1980-'81 started off poorly with a limited squad to pick from. As 1980 came to an end the squad became stronger with the introduction of George Strachan, Jonathan Garth and later Victor Taylor and Mark Bailey. The cup season started at the beginning of January. Although beaten by Rosmini, High School put up a brave effort against a very strong soccer school. The second match against Rockbrook was close to the final whistle and although High School lost, we deserved one point if not two.

The climax of the season was a match against the staff. The pupils won 3-2. A tough game throughout but the team deserved their victory.

Finally I would like to thank all the teachers for taking part and especially Mr. Kirby who made it a very enjoyable season and for his hard work with the team, and let us hope, the team has better luck next year.

Leslie McCormack (Capt.)  
(6th Form)

On behalf of the soccer team, I would like to congratulate George Strachan on his success in obtaining a second trial for Leeds United during the summer months. Best of luck George.

L. McC.

## Girls Tennis

During the year 1980-'81 two teams from High School went forward to play in the league. The Junior Team and the Senior Team. Both of these teams did extremely well winning 3 out of their 4 matches, only being beaten by Mount Anville. The number of girls playing Tennis is increasing gradually and there has been coaching throughout the year by Mrs. Lennon, the Irish Lady's number two player. We are very



grateful to her for her encouragement and excellent coaching. In the summer of 1981 three teams are being put forward for the League. On behalf of the girls I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for the time she has spent with both teams.

*Dorothy Smith (5th Form)*

*Results of Tournaments:*

Girls Senior Singles: Dorothy Smith.

Girls Junior Singles: Meriel Borton.

Mixed Doubles: Sam Smith and Dorothy Smith

Girls Doubles: Meriel Borton and Carolyn Burges.

Boys Senior Singles: Ian Page.

Boys Junior Singles: Graham Lawson.

Boys Minor Singles: Andrew Killeen.

## Boys Tennis

There was considerable improvement in the standard of tennis throughout the School and the new courts were used regularly. The team won their first round match against St. Columba's and in an exciting and closely fought second round tie they only lost narrowly to Moate. Ian Page and David Borton combined well as the first pair and Sam Smith was a helpful and efficient captain. The school tournament was again very popular with a lot of entries and enough talent emerged in the Junior and Minor sections to suggest that a high standard can be maintained on the School team.

*L. McC.*



### TENNIS

Back: Peter Thompson, Mr. L. McClure, Stephen Kee. Front: David Borton, Sam Smith (capt.), Ian Page.





### **SENIOR TENNIS TEAM**

*Standing: Diane Jacobs, Carolyn Burges, Mrs. G. Mellon, Julie Ingram, Nicole O'Sullivan.  
Seated: Gwynneth Smith, Dorothy Smith, Meriel Borton.*



### **MINOR TENNIS TEAM**

*Standing: Nicola Jackson, Mrs. G. Mellon, Alva Pigott. Seated: Virginia Chipperfield, Heather McCormack, Mary McCaughey, Jennifer Hill.*



## Girls Badminton

Badminton this season has been extremely successful and very enjoyable. We entered five teams in the School's League.

We had one under 18 team but although they were enthusiastic they were beaten by Alexandra College and finished second in their section.

The under 16 'A' team won their section of the league in convincing style but were beaten by Drogheda in the semi-final. The under 16 'B' team were also enthusiastic but didn't get the results we had hoped for.

The under 14 'A' team were very successful and beat Wesley College 5-1 in the play-off for their section of the league. They were then beaten 5-1 by Cluny in the semi-final. Meanwhile the under 14 'B' team was eliminated in their first round group.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs. Kelly who coached the girls during the week and Mr. Sheridan who did a lot of work in the background.

Meriel Borton  
(captain and secretary) (5th Form)

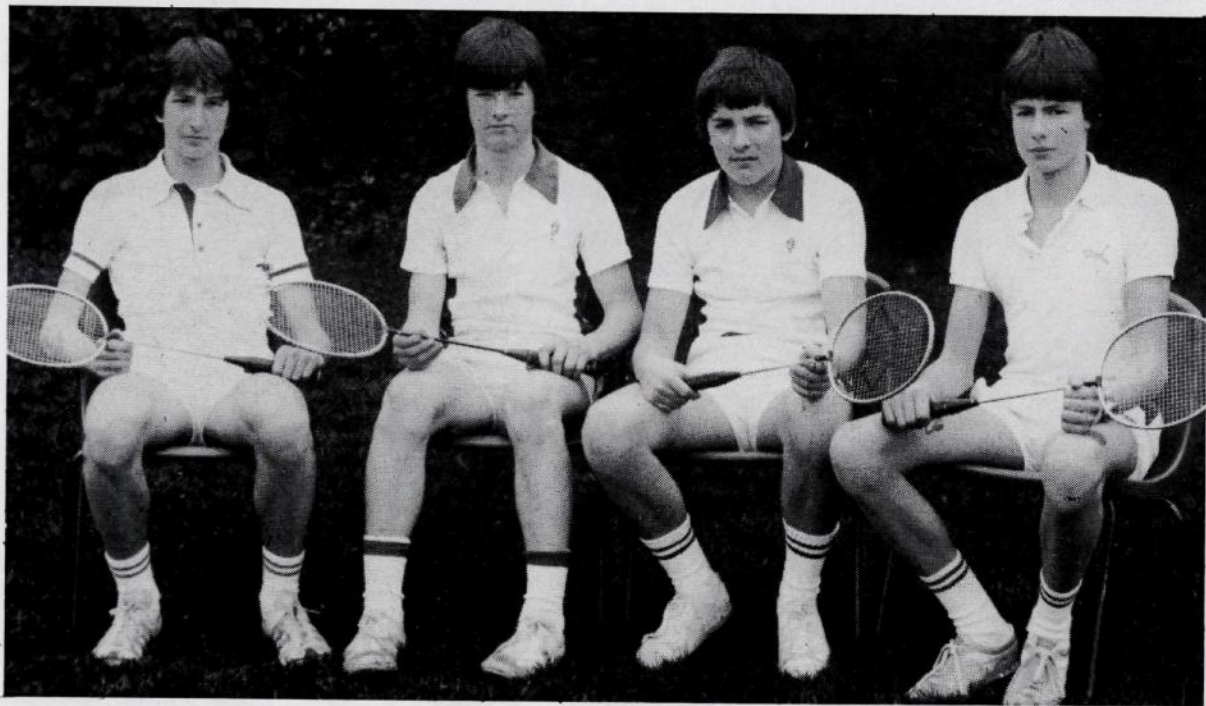
## Boys Badminton

Badminton started well this year with great enthusiasm especially in the lower forms. This year five teams were entered in the Leinster Schools badminton competitions. One under 18, two under 16 and two under 14. The under 14 first team was unlucky not to get through to the play off of the competition, while the under 16 first team of Derek Maltby, Ian Walshe, Peter Killeen and Andrew Herman reached the final of the U.16 competition but were beaten by a superior team from St. Fintans.

The mixed badminton team reached the semi-final of the mixed badminton competition being beaten by the combined St. Joseph of Cluny/Belvedere team.

I would like to thank Mrs. Turpin and Mr. Borton for coaching throughout the year and finally I would like to thank Mr. Sheridan for his help encouragement and enthusiasm.

Guy W. Kelly  
(sec.) (6th Form)



**BADMINTON — UNDER-16 BOYS TEAM, 1980-81**

Runners-up in Leinster League 1980/'81. Left to right: Peter Killeen, Derek Maltby (capt.), Ian Walshe, Andrew Herman.



## Table Tennis Club

This year the club was provided with a new table, and this added to the enjoyment of the game because it was now possible to play on a really good quality table.

Once again two teams were entered in the League Competition, but with a slightly disappointing response from the members of the club.

Club membership has remained fairly constant, but the entry for the tournament was extremely cheering, increasing to over seventy entries this year.

The club meets after school every day except Wednesday, from four o'clock to half past five, and as usual anybody is welcome to drop in for a game.

**Norman Peard**  
Secretary (6th Form)

## Cricket Report 1980

The S.C.T. had a disappointing start to the season when they lost to the cup holders St. Andrew's by 19 runs. In their next match, however, they easily beat a weak Trinity Ramblers side. They followed this up with fine victories over good Wesley and Sandford Park sides.

These performances provided for much optimism among the players for the following league matches. In their first league match against St. Mary's, the High School team was set a total of 110 runs to win, and with good batting from Jonathan Garth (28) and Deryck Vincent (24) it seemed certain that High School was set towards victory, but owing to a late order collapse, the scores at the end were even and the game resulted in a tie. In their next game the S.C.T. lost to the eventual runners up, Belvedere College, by 59 runs. Against Stratford College in the next game the school batted well to score 150 runs with good performances



**CRICKET — S.C.T. 1980**

Back (l. to r.): A. Blair, D. Borton, D. Wilson, D. Weston, T. Deasy, R. Kenny, R. H. Fennell.  
Front: A. P. R. Brook, P. Vincent, D. Vincent, D. Booker, C. Haine, R. Henderson, M. Kirby.



from Geoff Cottell (37) and Richard Henderson (28) but the game was drawn. In the final league encounter the side bowled well, dismissing Masonic for 75 runs with Colin Haine taking 5 wickets for 17 runs, but High School batted badly and were all out for 39, 22 runs of which were scored by Peter Vincent.

On the 12th May High School lost their annual fixture to a strong Leprechauns side by 48 runs despite good batting from David Booker (25) and Richard Henderson (20). The game against Old Boys was evenly fought with the Old Boys setting the school a total of 166 to win. The pupils eventually lost by a mere 6 runs with fine batting from Colin Haine (39), Deryck Vincent (41) and Glen Kilroy (38).

Congratulations to Geoff Cottell and David Booker for gaining Leinster trials and to Geoff Cottell who was selected to play against the Leprechauns.

## S.C.T. 2nd (A)

The S.C.T. 2nd (A) XI this year was the lesser of the two 2nd teams. They started the season well by defeating St. Paul's by four wickets and St. Mary's by 6 wickets.

In the league, however, they met some tough opposition but fought well in their opening match, they lost by 8 runs to Wesley despite good batting from Chris Egan (27). The side was unfortunate not to beat Belvedere, the holders of the cup and the match was eventually a draw, both scores being even. The last two matches against Wilson's Hospital and St. Columba's were both lost.

## S.C.T. 2nd (B)

This team was very strong this season and showed this in many of their matches. They defeated St. Andrews in their first league match by 10 wickets. Their next encounter was against a very strong St. Paul's side in what proved to be a most exciting game. High School was set a total of 89 runs to win. High School got off to a steady start, but then lost 3 quick wickets for 38 runs and seemed to be in trouble but for a 42 run partnership, for the 5th wicket between Raymond Walker (24 not out) and Paul Harrison (15) eventually saw the side home to victory by 4 wickets. The next match was lost to

Clongowes as a result of poor batting. Against King's Hospital, the 2nds won by 102 runs with Richard Henderson scoring 96 not out and Colin Haine taking 7 wickets for 12 runs. The final league match proved an easy 9 wicket victory over St. Columba's 3rd XI.

In the semi-final High School defeated St. Columba's 2nd XI by five wickets.

The final was played at Danum against Terenure College who batted first and could only score 48 runs in the allotted 20 overs, due to fine bowling from Richard Henderson (1 for 1) and Paul Harrison (3 for 7). High School had little trouble in making the necessary runs with Richard Henderson scoring 22 not out and High School became 2nds league winners for the first time ever.

## J.C.T.

The J.C.T. had won their league section and, losing only two matches, the side played well throughout the season with Deryck Vincent, Jonathan Garth, Glen Kilroy and Alastair Blair prominent.

The first league match against St. Andrew's saw High School win by 12 runs, Alastair Blair (22 and 6 for 34). In the next match High School scored 90 runs against King's Hospital and easily won by 38 runs, Jonathan Garth scoring 33 runs for High School. In the following game against Wesley, High School won by 10 wickets, Wesley only managing to score 20 runs all out as a result of some fine bowling from Glen Kilroy (5 for 13) and Alastair Blair (5 for 2). In the last game of this section High School batted well scoring 120 for 5 against St. Mary's, who in reply were only able to score 70 runs.

The J.C.T. had won their Intra section and were now to play Belvedere in the final. For once High School's batting let them down and were only able to total 60 runs. Belvedere won in the end by 4 wickets.

## Under 14

The Under 14 XI won all but one of their friendly matches, losing by 20 runs to St. Columba's. Alastair Blair and Richard Davies were outstanding throughout, but there were many other useful performances from other members of the side.

The first two league matches against Masonic



and Wesley were won easily with Richard Davies scoring 40 not out and taking 7 wickets for 17 runs against Wesley. Against St. Andrew's, High School won but not as easily as in previous games. St. Andrew's were all out for 69. Alastair Blair (6 for 20). High School won by three wickets. The following game saw High School home to an 8 wicket victory over St. Mary's. The Under 14 XI only had to draw their next match against Terenure to win their section of the league. High School batted for 40 out of the maximum 60 overs allowed for the game and scored 193 for 2, Richard Davies 85, and Alastair Blair 76 not out. Terenure only scored 49 from the remaining 20 overs, and the game was drawn.

The final was played at Carlisle C.C. against Belvedere College. Belvedere batted first but were disastrously removed for only 10 runs in 19 overs, 8 of the batsmen failing to score. For High School Blair and Davies were devastating Blair taking 6 wickets for 4 runs and Davies 4 wickets for 3 runs. High School won by 10 wickets.

## Under 13 XI

The under 13 XI had a strong side with four of its members regularly playing for the Under 14 team.

All the team's friendly matches were won: most of them by large margins with strong batting from M. Ridgeway, L. Sheahan, C. Hanly and C. Restan.

In the cup the High School team was drawn against St. Andrew's. High School batted first and for once their batting let them down only scoring 63 in 25 overs, C. Restan (17), St. Andrew's had little difficulty in scoring the necessary runs and eventually won by 6 wickets.

|                | P. | W. | D. | L. |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|
| S.C.T.         | 10 | 3  | 2  | 5  |
| S.C.T. 2nd (A) | 6  | 2  | 1  | 3  |
| S.C.T. 2nd (B) | 7  | 6  | 0  | 1  |
| J.C.T.         | 11 | 9  | 0  | 2  |
| Under 14       | 8  | 5  | 2  | 1  |
| Under 13       | 6  | 5  | 1  | 0  |



### CRICKET — SENIOR IIB 1980

Winners of Fr. O'Connell Cup. Back (l. to r.): A. Blair, D. Borton, D. Wilson, D. Weston, S. Flower, D. Houston, R. H. Fennell. Front: A. P. R. Brook, S. Willoughby, G. Burns, R. Kenny (capt.), C. Haine, R. Henderson, R. McMullen.





### CRICKET — J.C.T. 1980

Back (l. to r.): R. Davies, H. Eppel, S. Burbridge, R. H. Fennell, P. Cole, B. McCabe, I. Walshe, D. Maltby. Front: D. Dockrell, S. Rennicks, D. Vincent (capt.), A. Blair, C. Hanly.



### CRICKET — UNDER-14 1980

Winners of the Leinster Under-14 Cup. Back (l. to r.): A. Herman, D. Maltby, P. Motyer, D. Ryan, C. Restan, H. Eppel, L. Sheehan, M. Ridgeway. Front: A. P. R. Brook, S. Burbridge, H. Danker, A. Blair (capt.), R. Davies, C. Hanly, R. H. Fennell.





### **CRICKET — UNDER-13 CUP XI, 1980**

*Back (l. to r.): R. H. Fennell, C. Sheil, A. McCracken, C. Restan, I. Powell, G. Hopkins, O. Clarke, B. Quinn. Front: D. Hegarty, L. Sheehan, C. Hanly (capt.), M. Ridgeway, A. Forrest.*



### **GIRLS CRICKET XI**

*Standing (left to right): Estelle Kronn, Wendy Frith, Mrs. G. Mellon, Carolyn Burges, Nicola Jackson. Seated: Dorothy Smith, Ruth Hunter, Gwynneth Smith, Freda Harbron (capt.), Arlene Blain, Diane Jacobs.*



On balance this season's cricket in the school was quite successful and performances in the lower part of the school show very encouraging prospects for the future. Many of the teams successes can be attributed to hard and dedicated work from various members of staff, in particular Mr. Fennell in the Senior school and Mr. Willoughby in the Junior School. High School's grounds and wickets are of the highest standard and this is entirely due to the efforts of Mr. Sam Hughes and Mr. Jim Malone.

*Raymond Walker,  
Hon. Secretary.*

## Girls Cricket

The 1980 season was very good in spite of the members of the team being so young. The team was captained by Freda Harbron, who also captained the South Leinster Team which played a North Leinster Team at High School. This was the 1st year for a N. Leinster v S. Leinster team to play each other. Three pupils from High School were involved on this Team: Freda Harbron, Gwynneth and Dorothy Smith. Gwynneth had a very good bowling average in this match. In her 12 overs she got 8 wickets. In this close Match North Leinster emerged the winners. The High School team participated in the league in which they played four matches. The most exciting of these matches was against King's Hospital in which the result was not decided until the 2nd last over. Kings Hospital later went on to win the cup. Next year promises to be a good one as many of the players will be available again. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for all the time she spent coaching and instructing us.

*Dorothy Smith (5th Form)*

## Swimming

Swimming this year was held in the Terenure College Pool every Tuesday evening.

There are two sessions, the first at 6.00 to 6.45 p.m. for Junior School, first and second years, and the second at 6.45 to 7.30 p.m. for third year and upwards.

The year started off very successfully, especially for the young enthusiastic swimmers from the first session, but an increase in the numbers attending the second session would be very much appreciated.

The Annual Swimming Gala was held, on March 31st from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. As always, a good attendance by parents and pupils, enjoyed a very full programme of good swimming.

This year the main prize winners were:

100m Boys Senior Championship: Peter Thompson.

75m Boys Junior Championship: Ross Ardill.

75m Girls Senior Championship: Suzanne Cobban.

50m Girls Junior Championship: Wendy Kilroy.

Most improved Swimmer: Rachel Smith.

Inter House Relay: Belgrave.

The Swimming captains for the year were Karen Eppel and Jonathan Garth.

The present girls proved successful winners over the past pupils, and our thanks go to Jean Nolan, Nicola Cornick, Paul Frazer and Jillian Strong for their gallant swim.

This year we organised a pupils versus staff relay, but the Staff were beaten by a strong pupils team.

We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Broad, Mr. McMullen, Mr. Blackmore and Mr. Kirby for their courageous endeavour.

We would like to thank Mrs. Brook for presenting the prizes.

Finally, we thank Mrs. Mellon, Mr. Kirby and Mr. Swan for their great work in the promotion of Swimming in the School.

*Karen Eppel (6th Form)  
Jonathan Garth (5th Form)*

## Athletics

Early season activity comprised entirely of cross-country. We enjoyed quite a few meetings including one up at St. Columbas. Notable performances came from Nigel O'Brien, Alistair McCauley and Aarnoud Huissoon. Unfortunately, we hadn't the depth to be a strong force as a team.

In late spring and early summer. interest in athletics increased considerably when many pupils took it as a summer sport. The Senior School Sports was held on 17th May, in glorious sunshine. The winter's training certainly paid off for Nigel O'Brien and Meriel Fitzpatrick who dominated their respective events. The Junior School sports was held on 19th June, after being rained off on the previous Saturday.



Once again, we found holding these events on separate days, was very successful.

Cup Winners were as follows:

Senior Championship War Memorial Cup - Gary Hunt.

Senior Championship Taylor Cup: Freda Harbron.

Taylor Cup, Senior 100m: John Worrall.

Moore Cup, Senior 200m: Gary Hunt.

Belgrave Cup, senior 200m: Sandra McCune.

Southam Cup Senior 800m: Nigel O'Brien.

Cornick Cup, senior 400m: Nigel O'Brien.

Walker Cup, senior 1500 m : Nigel O'Brien.

Sloan Cup, senior long jump: Gary Hunt.

Travers Cup, senior high jump: Gary Hunt.

Junior Championship, Cunningham Cup: Mark Wilson.

Intermediate Championship, Staff Cup: Meriel Fitzpatrick.

2nd year girl with most points, Diocesan Cup: Leslie Cooney.

Magill Cup, junior 100m: Andrew Brown.

Whyte Cup, field events: Gary Hunt.

Frazer Cup, Junior House Relay - Abbey.

Evans Cup, Senior House relay: Belgrave.

N. O'Brien, G. Hunt, and Hazel Hughes all reached the finals of the Leinster championships with Hazel doing particularly well in her first competitive season to finish 2nd in the Under 14 grade.

Also, I would like to avail of this opportunity to congratulate David Taylor, a former pupil in this School, on his fine performance in finishing as the first Irishman in Madrid, in the World Cross-Country Championships. Dave just failed to gain selection for Moscow in 1980 being only one second outside the qualifying time for 1500m. We hope to see him in Los Angeles in 1984!

Finally, we look towards next season optimistically and we (all the athletes) would like to thank Mr. John Toomey immensely for all his valuable time, patience and effort. His hard work has helped to produce athletes of the calibre of Dave. Thanks again.

*Euan Kevelighan 6U*  
Athletics Captain.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our sporting activities throughout the year.

## Girls Super Stars

This year was the first year for an inter-Schools Super Stars Competition to take place. It was held in High School — Six teams of six participated. These were St. Andrews, Alexandra College, Sallynoggin, Glengara Park, Rathdown and High School. The Competition consisted of Tennis, Cricket, Hockey, 100m Sprint, Cross-country race, Swimming, Basketball, Frisbee Throwing, Squat Thrusts, Skipping, Bench jumps and an Obstacle course. Our team was Meriel Borton, Meriel Fitzpatrick, Dorothy Smith, Gwynneth Smith, Joan Singleton and Hazel Hughes.

High School won the over-all team award and the individual award was won by Dorothy Smith with Hazel Hughes as runner-up. This was a fine achievement for Hazel as she is only in Second Form. I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon and the staff from the other Schools for organising the Competition which was enjoyed by all and we hope that it will become an annual event.

*Dorothy Smith (5th Form)*

## Canoeing

Canoeing at the beginning of the school year was drastically hit by the October/November petrol strike. For the Christmas term there were few trips and all races were postponed. 1980 was to have been the first year for High School to organise a race, but because of the petrol strike it too was cancelled. Two white water trips were organised on the Avonmore in the winter, and on both occasions the river was in flood posing a real challenge to the paddlers.

Races last year were poorly attended by High School paddles — but those who entered did well. David Fitzpatrick and Niall Sweeney racing in K1's achieved many high places, while Keith McMullen and Guy Kelly racing a K2 achieved places in all the schools races. Keith McMullen and Guy Kelly also entered some of the countries long distance ranking races finishing well up the field and also achieving a 3rd place in their class in the Liffey Descent.

Finally I would like to thank all parents who supplied transport throughout the year, and to Mr. Broad to whom we are all indebted for his help and enthusiasm.

*Guy W. Kelly (Sec.) (6th Form)*



## Gymnastics Club

The gymnastics club has had yet another successful year. This was achieved partly by the attaining of the I.A.G.A. Proficiency Awards and by the increased interest in the vaulting and floor work which proves that the trampoline is not the only benefit to the club.

The sessions are held on Friday at 4 o'clock and continue to show the enjoyment of gymnastics. I would hope that the club continues to expand in order to organise a display to show the hard work and dedication which is being put on by the gymnasts.

Last year, the club organised a friendly competition against Harolds Cross to benefit both clubs, and as a result of his scheme, the I.A.G.A. have approved of the idea and during the early months of this year, similar competitions were held throughout Ireland. It is hoped that the club will enter into another competition in the near future. Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Kirby as well as the gymnasts for their continuing interest in this club.

*Andrew Nolan (6th Form)*

## The Caving Club

The Caving Club had a very successful year with two expeditions: one to the Burren, Co. Clare, in October and another planned to Mitchelstown, Co. Cork in April this year.

The Burren trip consisted of seven sixth years, two teachers Mr. Broad and Mr. Gardner, and two ex-High School Trinity College students, Richard Mossop and Stephen Dowds, who led the trips. We stayed in the Kinvara Youth Hostel for the weekend.

The first cave we explored was in the Pollnagollum system, which at over seven miles long, is the longest cave system in Ireland as yet discovered, situated near Sliabh Elva. We spent about 3½ hours in this cave, wading through a stream, and so everybody was soaked from the start. At one point, the water was about six feet deep and so we turned back, not being equipped for this feature of caving.

The second cave we explored was in a different region and the entrance was again at the base of a sink hole. We saw the largest stalactite in Ireland in this cave, at 37 feet. Other features of interest in this cave included crawling along a "K59" series, which is a

passage about 1½ feet high, and floored with stones, getting split up on the way back, and Mr. Gardner handling a live rat to see whether it was dead or alive. Unfortunately, one of our number was unable to join us on this particular expedition, because of suspected food poisoning. Those who went on this caving weekend are as follows:

Timothy Deasy, John Armstrong, David Weston, Peter Thompson, Paul Farrelly-Smith, Robert MacCormack and Derek White.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Broad and Mr. Gardner for their efficient handling of the minibus and for their co-operation and also the two Trinity students who were very capable and friendly in their leading of what was a most enjoyable trip.

*Peter Thompson (6th Form)*

## The Weightlifting Club

High School's Weightlifting Club came into formation two years ago, after a set of weights belonging to Mr. Fennell were found in the School Pavilion. These had not been used much for several years. However, the enthusiasm of the club's founder members towards weight-training in connection with other school sports (such as boxing, rugby and later canoeing) and as a sporting activity in itself led to regular sessions of weight-training. Since then the Club has grown substantially and well over twenty people have been weight-training at one time or another, about a dozen regularly. The weight-lifting Club is supervised by its Senior members and those participating in weight-training are generally between the ages of 15 to 19 years old. A list is kept of those participating in weight-training activity in connection with the teachers involved. We wish to remind those passing through the weight-lifting premises that, improperly exercised, weight-lifting can be very dangerous and any use of weights outside those whose names are listed is forbidden with the teachers involved. Finally, weight-training provides a very active and rewarding sporting programme for those who undertake weight-training as a sport in itself. The Club would like to thank Jim and Sam, the Janitors for their help and co-operation in locking up the premises at sometimes late hours, and Mr. Cole for his provision of some new equipment last year.

*P. Algie (6th Form)*



## Rock Climbing

Unknown to many, the school own a comprehensive range of rock climbing equipment. Each summer during term time trips are made to Dalkey quarry, under the guidance and leadership of Mr. Blackmore and Mr. Gardner along with several ex High School climbers who donate their time to come along and take out the groups; as a result one can savour the joys of climbing in perfect safety. Anyone can do it, and it is well worth a try.

Finally we would like to thank Mr. Gardner and Mr. Blackmore, who enabled several Senior pupils to borrow school equipment during the Summer holidays.

*J. Armstrong  
J. Price (6th Form)*

noon for two hours in the Woodwork Room. Our workshop is well equipped with hand tools and the machinery includes an electric planer, a bandsaw, a radial-arm saw and a small lathe.

Work for beginners starts with a few basic exercises which give them some practice in the use of hand tools. The more experienced choose or design their own projects. Projects are usually of simple design and are very often items of use in the home e.g., knife racks, kitchen roll holders, trinet boxes etc. These may sound simple but can be quite a challenge to the beginner. Success is not just a matter of producing a well finished article, though this is important. The effort involved and the learning of new skills along the way are also very important. Next year we look forward to seeing a continuation of this year's enthusiastic efforts.

*M.C.C.*

## The High School (Dublin) Photographic Society

The H.S.D.P.S. was thankfully re-initiated during late 1980. Our darkroom, on the "C" floor, is now well equipped to handle black and white film developing and printing. The H.S.D.P.S. executive committee: Alistair MacAulay, Alan Marshall, Mark Restan and David Finkel — are pleased to report that we have a very interested and ever-growing membership. Any seriously interested people who would like to join our society, even if they have no previous photographic experience, are welcome; simply contact any member of the executive committee for more information.

*David Finkel (5th Form)*

## The Woodwork Club

The Woodwork Club is now in its third year. It provides an opportunity for pupils who do not study Woodwork in class to work with their hands in a creative manner. It also allows those who have taken Woodwork as a school subject to experiment a little and tackle projects which would be outside the scope of normal class-work.

There are over thirty paid-up members but not all of these are regular attenders at club meetings. The club meets on Thursday after-

## Drama Society Offshoots

After the Baron Boligrew production, it occurred to a few fifth-formers that it would be nice to continue being involved in drama, and to put on a play without any assistance from members of staff. As there was a suitably small-scale and amusing play on the Leaving Course, "The Importance of Being Earnest" this seemed the obvious choice. It was decided to restrict those involved to fifth form; auditions were held and a cast chosen. The entire team comprised only 9 actors and about 6 helpers. The only non-fifth former was Terence Dixon, whose greasily sanctimonious Canon Chasuble fully justified the exception.

The first performance was given as a matinee in May of 1980, before an audience of pupils. We, the cast, were on the whole pleased with the performance; but it was nevertheless slapdash and unpolished, so we were quite surprised when we were invited to put on a more ambitious evening run of the play at the beginning of the September term.

Certain significant changes were made in the performance to this end: as it would be in the evening, the new lights could be used. These set off to advantage Jonathan Sharpe's elegant and splendid costumes against Kate Simpson's graceful set. There was a cast change too—Julie Oakes replaced Shelley Eppel as Cecily. Those



THE HIGH SCHOOL  
DRAMATIC SOCIETY  
presents

*THE* Importance  
of being  
Earnest

By Oscar Wilde  
First student's production



Cast in order of appearance-

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Lane - manservant.      | Jeremy Taylor.     |
| Algernon Moncrieff.     | Jonathan Sharpe.   |
| John Worthing.          | Marney O'Sullivan. |
| Hon. Gwendolin Fairfax. | Tracey Hughes.     |

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Lady Bracknell.           | Casey Evans.      |
| Cecily Cardew.            | Julie Oakes.      |
| Miss Prism --governess.   | Kate Simpson.     |
| Merriman - butler.        | Aarnoud Huissoon. |
| Rev. Canon Chasuble, D.D. | Terence Dixon.    |
| Maid-servant.             | Ruth Williams.    |

Act 1.

Algernon Moncrieff's flat in Half Moon Street. One morning.

Act 2.

The garden at the Manor House, Woolton. The following day.

Act 3.

The drawingroom at the Manor House, Woolton. Later.

Time. c.1895.

Credits.

Artwork - Flowers.

M. Bell and team.

Carpentry.

C. Cryan.

Electrical.

T. Kelly. Paul Farrelly-Smith.

Make-up.

Sandra McCune, Jonathan Sharpe,

Michaela Stahl, Judith and

Ruth Williams.

Music.

Norman Duffy.

Programme - Cover.

Aarnoud Huissoon, Philip Rennicks.

Distribution. Joy McConnell, Patricia Macken.

Prompters.

Sandra McCune, Lorraine Horgan.

Props.

Ruth Williams.

Seating / Tickets.

M. Hilliard.

Ass. Stage Manager.

Wendy Richards.

Stage Manager.

Jeremy Taylor.

Wardrobe.

Casey Evans, Tracey Hughes,

Kate Simpson, Michaela Stahl.

Producer.

Jonathan Sharpe, Kate Simpson.

Acknowledged with thanks:-

Blindcraft, Rathmines. Cane furniture.

Jenny Vander, 20 Market Arcade, S.Gt. Georges Street, D.2.

Help with costumes.

who were not at the first performance may not realise how good Shelley was or how well Julie did to replace her in very little rehearsal time.

Though it is hard to be objective when one is closely involved with things (I was John Worthing) I will venture this much: the performance was good, if a little stiff — the outstanding performances were Casey Evans' Lady Bracknell and Jonathan's Algy (another success for the Society's founder). The best aspect of the play was the visual aspect — the characters looked good, from the elegance and poise of Gwendolen (Tracey Hughes) and the blonde butler (Aarnoud Huissoon) to the well-judged shabbiness of the manservant (Jeremy Taylor).

It is all too easy, when talking about school productions, to say "Oh it was great, considering . . ." Our performance was not great by any means, and I am looking forward to

future years improving on it. But we did prove a point — that active help from staff is not necessary for a successful production. For if there were many disagreements and frank rows during the course of rehearsal, many times when we wished we hadn't embarked on the project, I don't think one of us can say that we didn't enjoy it ultimately. I would take the chance to do it again!

The programme of 'The Importance of Being Earnest' bore the legend 'First Students' Production'. It seems likely that we shall see the second before the year is out. As I write, auditions have been completed for this Fifth Year's proposed performance of G.B.S.'s 'Heartbreak House'. We wish them every success and hope they don't make quite such heavy weather of it as we did.

Marney O'Sullivan (6th Form)



# A Midsummer Night's Dream

## a High School Production

Magic was brought to the High School in February 1981 not only in the form of a legion of fairies but also in a wonderful Shakespearian production — "A Midsummer Night's Dream". It took much courage and hard work to prepare such a play; one which presents the difficulty of creating an entirely new world — "faeryland".

Nevertheless, this obstacle was successfully removed, owing to skillful lighting, imaginative sets and fine assimilation of actors in their milieu.

Of course, such a success can be attributed to many of those "behind the scenes" but mainly, as we all know, to the Dramatic Society's "mastermind" Mrs. I. Crowe. Assisted by Fiona Browne, Judith Williams and Nicole O'Sullivan, Mrs. Crowe was able to manage back stage while still directing and producing the entire play. Also a prominent member of our Dramatic Society, Jonathan Sharpe, as co-producer, helped Mrs. Crowe in all aspects and held a leading role as "make-up man". The lighting was in the professional hands of A. M. Kelly and his crew who deserve much praise for the good work. Another important feature of this production was the music by Mendelssohn which alone was enough to convey the charm of the fairy scenes. Mr. Wisener & Co. supplied us with this essential item. Costumes, by Lorna Williams, were simple but striking. Finally, the finishing touch which added the sparkle and golden sheen to much of the play was the make up. Though few were those who hadn't a hand in the make up job, Jill Turner and of course Jonathan Sharpe were the main authorities here. The result of all these efforts was, in fact and very professional presentation of Shakespeare's play. But this is all backstage work; let us examine the acting sphere.

The actors were a lively crowd composed of students from all forms the "Lovers" (Andrea Dowsett and Kingsley Meldrum, Anna Pyle and Roger Goldby, Wendy May Boyle and Fernand Dierckens) were almost as passionate and active backstage as on stage. The fairies remained faithful to their mythological reputation by displaying supernatural powers of energy and mis-



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by William Shakespeare

chievousness, while still respecting the rules laid down by their true fairy Queen — Mrs. Crowe. The couple which, in fact, played the parts of King (Terence Dixon) and Queen (Peta Harrison) of the fairies were most impressive both in aspect and talent. Our little friend, Puck (Julie Dowsett) never tired of her part and, today still, we find remnants of Robin Goodfellow prancing around the corridors. The play's comical company of "tradesmen" — led by Clive Ingram — did not lose an ounce of Shakespeare's happy spices.

But words seem insufficient to describe justly or to make an accurate account of this High School Presentation. The brightness and warmth of the wedding scene with its rich colours, and the charm and mystery of the fairy finale with individual illumination are among the masterpieces of the production.

Co-operation, co-ordination and dedication were needed to succeed — all three elements were heartily supplied. And yet another hit for "Crowe and Co." Kate Simpson (6th Form)



## THE HIGH SCHOOL DRAMATIC SOCIETY

## Fourth Presentation

**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**

by WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

with music to the play by  
F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Op 21 and 61

Concertgebouw Orchestra Amsterdam

Conductor: Bernard Haitink

Soloists: Rae Woodland, soprano  
Helen Watts, contralto

18th, 19th February, 1981

## PRODUCTION

|                   |                                                                                                        |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Art Work          | - M. Bell & Team                                                                                       |
| Carpentry         | - C. Cryan with Simon Bockett, Ian Elliott,<br>Garrett Hampton, David McCune, Charles<br>Markham.      |
| Co-ordinators     | - Tracey Hughes, Kate Simpson.                                                                         |
| Electrical        | - A. Kelly, Roger Davies, Alan Gill,<br>Peter Huggard.                                                 |
| Make-up           | - Jonathan Sharpe, Gillian Turner.                                                                     |
| Programme Design  | - Aarnoud Huissoon.                                                                                    |
| Repetiteurs       | - I. Blackmore, R. McMullen.                                                                           |
| Seating / Tickets | - M. Hilliard.                                                                                         |
| Sound Systems     | - M. Wisener, Richard Davies.                                                                          |
| Stage Managers    | - Fiona Browne, Judith Williams,<br>Nicole O'Sullivan, Rosalind Dixon.                                 |
| Wardrobe          | - Lorna Williams, Gael Leitch with Coralie<br>Peard, Cheryl Sargent, Andrea Dowsett,<br>Peta Harrison. |

|                    |                                                                                     |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| For Fairies        | - B. Davin with Ruth Hunter, Wendy Makepeace,<br>Nadia Ramoutar, Elaine Sunderland. |
| Assistant Producer | - Jonathan Sharpe.                                                                  |
| Producer           | - I. Crowe.                                                                         |

Acknowledged with thanks:-  
Blindcraft, Rathmines - Loan of Cane Furniture.  
D. Stokes, Greystones - Loan of Handcrafted Bellows.  
Phonographic Performances - Permission to play in public Philips  
recording CPC 0009.

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Overture         | Notturmo            |
| Fairies March    | Wedding March       |
| Scherzo          | Funeral March       |
| Song with chorus | Dance of the Clowns |
| Intermezzo       | Finale              |

## Cast in order of appearance : -

|                                                                            |                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Enchanted Wood                                                             | - Karl Bovenizer, Oisin Clarke, Patrick Deasy,<br>Wendy Hamilton, John Malkinson, Kim Vincent,<br>Gordon White. |
| Palace Women                                                               | ..... Shirley Bolton, Lucy Paxton, Coralie Peard,<br>Cheryl Sargent                                             |
| Huntsmen                                                                   | ..... Simon Jones, Simon Stringer, Donagh McCarthy                                                              |
| Theseus, Duke of Athens                                                    | ..... Kingsley Meldrum                                                                                          |
| Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons, High Priestess to Diana                   | ..... Andrea<br>Dowsett                                                                                         |
| Hermia in love with Lysander                                               | ..... Anna Pyle                                                                                                 |
| Lysander in love with Hermia                                               | ..... Roger Goldby                                                                                              |
| Egeus, father to Hermia                                                    | ..... David Kronn                                                                                               |
| Demetrius in love with Hermia                                              | ..... Fernand Dierckens                                                                                         |
| Helena in love with Demetrius                                              | ..... Wendy May Boyle                                                                                           |
| Peter Quince, carpenter (Prologue)                                         | ..... Simon Blanckensee                                                                                         |
| Snug, joiner (Lion)                                                        | ..... Kenneth Travers                                                                                           |
| Francis Flute, bellows-mender (Thisbe)                                     | ..... Douglas McCormack                                                                                         |
| Nick Bottom, weaver (Pyramus)                                              | ..... Clive Ingram                                                                                              |
| Robin Starveling, tailor (Moonshine)                                       | ..... Alan Osborne                                                                                              |
| Tom Snout, tinker (Wall)                                                   | ..... Brian Williams                                                                                            |
| Robin Goodfellow, the Puck                                                 | ..... Julie Cowsett                                                                                             |
| Oberon, King of the Fairies                                                | ..... Terence Dixon                                                                                             |
| Torchbearer, Bulrush, Plantains, Fireflies                                 | ..... Kerry Kirkham                                                                                             |
| ..... Declan Owens, Brian Lyons, Hugh Page, Norman<br>Clements, Brian Free |                                                                                                                 |
| Catkin, Cottongrass, Bee                                                   | ..... David Douglas, Glenn O'Leary, Emmett Foran                                                                |
| Titania, Queen of the Fairies                                              | ..... Peta Harrison                                                                                             |
| Fairy Nurse                                                                | ..... Valerie Campbell                                                                                          |
| Indian Boy                                                                 | ..... Mark Bow                                                                                                  |
| Torchbearer, Cowslips, Moonshadows                                         | ..... Sean Dean, Rachael Lawson,<br>Philipa Robeson, Janet Clothier,<br>Tonya Glover, Doris Smith               |
| Dew Fairy                                                                  | ..... Sumanthra Varma                                                                                           |
| Peaseblossom                                                               | ..... Raymond Egan                                                                                              |
| Cobweb                                                                     | ..... Richard Carter                                                                                            |
| Moth                                                                       | ..... Edith Lynch                                                                                               |
| Mustardseed                                                                | ..... Mark Bow                                                                                                  |
| Philstrate, Master of the Revels                                           | ..... David Riechental                                                                                          |

The action takes places in Athens and a wood nearby, circa 1450 BC  
There will be ONE INTERVAL of fifteen minutes.

*The High School Dramatic Society*  
thanks everyone who encouraged and supported them  
during the production of  
*'The Importance of Being Earnest'*  
and  
*'A Midsummer Night's Dream'*





Scenes from  
the High School  
production  
of

**A MIDSUMMER  
NIGHT'S DREAM**

*Left:*

*Demetrius and Helena – Ferdinand Dierkens  
and Wendy Boyle.*

*[Photo: Alan Marshall]*

*Below:*

*Andrea Dowsett as Queen Hyppolita and David  
Kronn as Aegeus.*

*[Photo: D. Finkel]*





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Right:

Demetrius and Helena – Ferdinand Dierkens and Wendy Boyle in the play "A Midsummer Nights Dream".

[Photo: David Finkel]



Below:

Anna Pyle, Ferdinand Dierkens and Wendy Boyle from "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

[Photo: D. Finkel]





## Reynolds Hall

Great changes have taken place in the Reynolds Hall area during the last twelve months. As well as the re-siting of portraits and gold lettering on the doors, rich brown curtains have appeared on all the windows and doors and even across the balcony. The intention was to make it possible to black-out the hall so that drama rehearsals could be held in the afternoons, and performances lit even in the summer months; but the spin-off in improved acoustics and appearance of the hall has been remarkable.

In fact the Board of Governors spent a lot of money on improving the amenities in the Hall. New, lightweight versatile rostra were designed, and made by the woodwork department, to provide in front of the stage a tiered arrangement for choirs, and additional lighting on dimmers was installed to light this for concerts. Both the rostra and the lighting have augmented the resources for drama, contributing as they do to the versatility of the stage. In addition new flame-proof curtains towards the front of the stage, pulley equipment, and further lighting for the stage have been added, and from drama funds a gauze has been purchased which can be used in various ways. All these items have been of great benefit to the music and drama interests in the school, and all concerned are grateful.

I. Crowe.

## Apple Computer

Since last year's report the High School Computer Society has flourished under the able and skilled hands of Mr. R. M. Hilliard. The society's members are all from either third or fifth year. Since September last there have been two periods a week of lessons after school and for the first time it has been possible to provide lessons during school hours, though this year they are for fifth form only.

Our computer is an "Apple II plus" with a 64K memory. There are also disc-drive facilities enabling pupils to store their programmes and recall them at any time. The computer itself is capable of using at least four languages at the

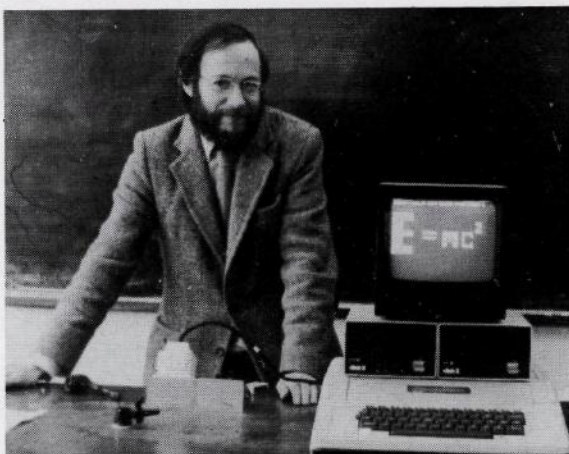


Photo: M. Restan

moment, although at present only two of them are being taught in High School: Pascal and Basic.

It is hoped next year to recruit new members from this year's second and fourth forms.

The members of the Computer Society would like to express their appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Hilliard and Mr. Kelly for their many hours of devoted and willing help.

*C. Jelley and D. Finkel (5th Form)*

## I.C.L. Schools Computer Game

Every year a team consisting of about 6 members competes in I.C.L.'s School's Computer game. This year over 125 schools took part. The High School team, surprising many people, came top of its' group of five imaginary companies in the first round and crept to 6th out of 125 Schools. Only one more place and the team would have made the final which consisted of the top five.

The team was:

David Wilson (Chairman)  
Ian Snipper (Sales and Marketing)  
Howard Milofsky (Transport)  
John Scott (Purchasing and Production)  
Mark Bailey (Secretary)  
David Delaney (Accounting Division)

Particular thanks is to be conveyed to Chan Ho Yin, who although not on the team, helped a great deal.

*David Wilson (6th Form)*



## Bible Union

The Bible Union meets Tuesday at lunch time, and provides an opportunity for pupils from the more senior part of the School to hear about the life which Jesus offers to those who put their faith in Him.

The meetings are open to those who have all sorts of outlooks on life. However, now and then the meetings are specifically suited to those who know Jesus personally, i.e. Christians. Sometimes there are discussions about certain topics in the Christian life. On other occasions there are Bible Studies. Guest speakers come along every fortnight and we are very grateful to them for giving up their time for us. Their encouragement to us is invaluable.

The past year has been a thrilling one for us, as we have seen the numbers grow, and the meetings become more informal, enabling individuals to express their opinions openly. The attendance, on average, is between thirty and forty people each week. It is great to see that people are prepared to give up their lunch break to come along.

Over the past months many pupils in High School have made a personal commitment of their life to Jesus Christ, and can testify to the totally new way of life which He gives to them. The Bible Union has great potential for showing people that real Christianity is not something which is dead and boring, but it is a life which is full of real purpose, happiness and assurance.

Finally, we would like to thank everybody who has come along during the past terms. Thanks also to those who let us use the room, E.1 and to the sergeant Gene Draper who gives us the key to get into the room.

*Philip A. Rennick (6th Form)*

## Brass Band

Due to the departure of senior members from the band from School, the year began with the recruitment of young inexperienced players. A lot of hard work was done and the culmination of this was their very successful performance in the School Concert on the 1st April. "When the Saints go Marching In" was particularly well received. The band also took

part in the Christmas Carol Service. We would like to thank the bandmaster, Mr. Noel Stronge, for all his hard work and enthusiasm.

*U. NicAogain*

## OTHER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### The Hobbies Exhibition 1980

The Exhibition was held at Danum on Saturday, October 18th. It had in previous years been a Spring time fixture so having it in the Autumn was a departure from tradition. The event, however, did not appear to suffer as a result of the change and the entries came up to their usual high standard.

Indeed many and varied the entries were, and alongside the exhibits in the traditional classes like Art, Handwork, and Cookery some of the sixth form boys staged an interesting display involving the school computer and programs they had written for it.

As ever, we are grateful to the pupils who submitted an entry. We are grateful, also, to those members of sixth form who helped on the Friday to set the Exhibition up. We thank the many friends of the school who came to visit the Exhibition and in particular we thank Mrs. Lowe who distributed the prizes on the Saturday evening. We thank the judges who took so much trouble over their task and we thank the Parents' Association for their support.

The next Exhibition is scheduled for Spring 1982.

*J.H.*

### Carol Service 1980

This year the annual High School carol service was held in Zion Parish Church. The Rector, Rev. R. A. Warke, conducted the service and again a reader was selected from each year. The readers were Nadia Ramoutar, Richard Boyle, Sheri Asuni, Stephen O'Riordan, Rhona Sloan, Aarnoud Huissoon, Julie Oakes, The Headmaster and the Rector.

The choir, packed into the west gallery, sang



three carols, Sans Day Carol, The Cherry Tree Carol and In The Bleak Mid-Winter. The soloists were Julie Ingram and Nicola Jackson. The choir was conducted throughout by Mr. Wisener and Miss Dagg accompanied on the organ.

The collection was taken up for "Christian Aid" and amounted to £126.00.

It was a pity that the congregation did not join in more in the singing. However it was a most enjoyable occasion and a great way to thank God for a happy and fulfilling 1980.

*Norman Duffy (Form 6)*

## The Stardust Tragedy

On the night of February 13, 1981, when all teenagers were looking forward to the following day, St. Valentine's Day, a calamity of enormous proportions hit the city of Dublin. Forty-four young people were burned to death and many others were maimed for life in the Stardust tragedy in Artane. As a result of the tragedy, the nation was plunged into mourning – the fiftieth Ard-Fheis of the Fianna Fail was adjourned, numerous sporting fixtures were postponed, and Tuesday, February 17 was declared a day of national mourning.

Services and masses were held all over the country for the victims of the Stardust fire. We, in turn, as a School participated in a memorial service, held in Zion Church, Rathgar. The pupils and staff of the school congregated for hymns, prayers and readings, remembering the victims, the injured, and the grief-stricken families. The service which commenced at ten o'clock was conducted by Rev. Roy Warke, Rector of Zion Parish, assisted by Rev. Rowntree. A special fund-raising scheme was organised to raise money for the victims and their families, and the High School contributed £180.15. The service ended in silent prayer for all those who perished in the holocaust.

*Carolyn Walsh (6th Form)*

## Memorial Service

On Tuesday, 17th February, 1981, a Memorial Service was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, for the victims of the Stardust tragedy. The High School was represented by a small party: Mr. Peters, Miss Williams, Ruth Williams, Averil

Maltby, Sandra McCune, John Gillis, Howard Tracey, David Fitzpatrick and Michael Pratt. The Service was conducted by the Most Rev. Dr. Henry McAdoo, Archbishop of Dublin, who spoke to a crowded Cathedral. Deep sympathy for the victims and their families was felt by all those present.

*Sandra McCune (6th Form)*

## The Careers Library

The Careers Library in Room C12 is open to all pupils at Break Times. Here they may consult and borrow leaflets and 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 school leavers.

Mr. Miller will always be glad to hear from any parents or past pupils with information about courses, career prospects or activities of firms which can be put in the Library.

### CAREERS LIBRARIANS 1980/81

Jack Caplin, Meriel Fitzpatrick, Alan Marshall, Jackie O'Sullivan.

### CAREERS TALKS

The High School is most grateful to the following who gave up their time to talk to members of the 5th Year in the past year:

#### Summer Term, 1980

Advertising: Mr. M. Gardner, Ad. Make-up.  
Medical Lab. Technician: Miss N. Horner, Meath Hospital.  
Garda Síochána: Sergt. J. Quin, Garda H.Q.  
Computers: Mr. G. Strachan, McConnells Computing Ltd.  
Baking Industry: Mr. W. Duffy, Foley, Duffy & Co. Ltd.  
Insurance: Mr. R. Blythman, Blythman & Associates.  
Company Representative: Mr. P. Paxton, Reckitts (Ireland) Ltd.  
Post-Secretarial Openings: Mrs. S. Brady, Blackrock.  
T.C.H. Admissions: Mrs. S. Bannister, Trinity College.  
Interviews: Mr. B. Herman, P.A. Management Consultants; Mr. M. Kirwan, Mr. D. Oakes, A. Guinness & Son; Mr. M. Devlin, Player & Wills Ltd.



**Christmas Term, 1980**

Going to University: Dr. D. Scholefield, U.C.D.  
 Secretarial College: Mrs. Penny, Alexandra College.

Apprenticeships: Mr. G. Rooney, AnCO.

College of Technology: Mr. F. Brennan, Dublin Institute of Technology.

Art College: Mrs. I. McCarthy, National College of Art and Design.

Nursing: Sister M. McCafferty, Adelaide Hospital.

Law: Mr. A. Shatter, Gallagher, Shatter & Co.

Architecture: Mr. K. Hunt, W. K. Hunt & Associates.

Travel Agent: Mr. G. Benson, Easy Travel.

Merchant Navy: Capt. M. Langran, Irish Shipping.

Fashion Designer: Miss W. Vincent, Grafton Academy.

Veterinary Medicine: Mr. D. Mills, Tallaght.

Accountancy: Mr. P. Mullock, Reynolds, Cooper, McCarron.

Auctioneering: Mr. K. Gregory, Estate Agent, Foxrock.

Engineering & Building Traders: Dr. J. Reid and Mr. C. Higgins, Crampton Ltd.

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Natural Sciences: Dr. C. Stillman, T.C.D.

P.E. Teacher: Mrs. R. Thompson, Newpark Comprehensive School.

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**Easter Term, 1981**

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Teaching: Mr. J. Ryan, High School.

Forestry: Mr. M. Traynor, Department Forestry & Fisheries.

Company Structure: Mr. J. Hoblyn, Irish Biscuits Ltd.

Retail Sales: Mr. J. Cudlipp, Eason & Son Ltd.

Biology: Dr. A. Gibson, Department of fisheries.

R.T.E.: Mr. M. Brennan, Design, R.T.E.

Industrial Chemist: Dr. E. Markham, A. Guinness & Son.

Psychology: Mrs. H. Haughton, St. Patrick's Hospital.

Computers: Mr. G. Strachan, McConnells Computing Ltd.

Occupational Therapy: Miss H. Faull, St. James' Hospital.

**MOCK INTERVIEWS**

This year 16 pupils presented themselves for practice interviews in the school on the evening of Wednesday, 8th April. We are grateful to Miss Hilary Andrews, Mr. Brian Herman and Mr. Ian Hyland who conducted the interviews. It is surprising that so few Sixth Formers take advantage of this opportunity to experience an interview situation and get advice on how to improve their performance when they apply for a job.

**R.M.**

**School Concert**

The School Concert took place in the High School on April 1st, 1981. It was an enjoyable programme, and thanks are due to Mr. Wisener and Miss Nic Aoghain and the performers for all the hard work they put into making the concert a success.

The programme was as follows:

The Junior Choir – Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo.

Guy Kelly (Oboe) – Sonata in E by Geminiana, Largetto Moment Musicale by Rossini.

Julie Lowry and Nicola Jackson (Duets) – Evening Prayer by Humperdink; The Dashing White Sergeant – Traditional.

Linda O'Leary and Lynette Houston (Guitars) – At Seventeen, Annie's Song, Limerick You're My Lady.

Xanex Overchew – Nigel Mooney (Lead Guitar), Aarnoud Huissoon (Bass Guitar), Marney O'Sullivan (Drums).

The High School Brass Band – Skaters Waltz, When The Saints Go Marching In, Western Medley.

Ross Ardill, Brian Haskins, John Malkinson (Guitars) – Suicide Is Painless.

Norma Duffy (Piano) – Fantasia in C Minor by Mozart.

Shattered Dreams – Steven Hogan (Vocals), Derek Fish (Bass Guitar), Colin Sheil (Rhythm Guitar), Alan Montgomery (Lead Guitar), Andrew Styles (Drums).

Comparison Blues – Philip Rennicks (Drums), Steven Rennicks (Lead Guitar), Garret



Hampton (Bass Guitar, Vocals), Dermot Carmody (Keyboard, Vocals).

The concert could not have gone on without the help of Alastair McAuley on sound, and Mark Webb, Peter Huggard, Roger Davies and Alan Gill on lights.

*Judith Williams (5th Form)*

## Xanex Overchew – Christmas Concert

The Contemporary Music Group, Xanex Overchew, made their debut at last year's school concert. On December 17th, 1980, they had their first full-length concert. In the Reynolds Hall, before a capacity audience, they performed a two-hour programme of their own music, interwoven with versions of Sixties 'standards'. The players were: Clive Ingram (piano, organ, vocal), Gavin Hind (rhythm guitar, vocal), Nigel Mooney (lead guitar), Aarnoud Huissoon (bass), Marney O'Sullivan and Philip Rennicks (drums). Lighting and sound were by Ivan Howlin and Mark Webb, and the

group was managed by Alastair McAulay. The concert raised over eighty pounds which went to the Kenny Harris Fund.

Three days later the group played again with a shortened line-up at the Rathfarnham Dance, and returned to full strength for another concert at the Church of Ireland College of Education in February.

Xanex Overchew have shelved their instruments for the Leaving, but they have a date to record a session for RTE in October. Keep your ears tuned!

*Marney O'Sullivan (6th Form)*

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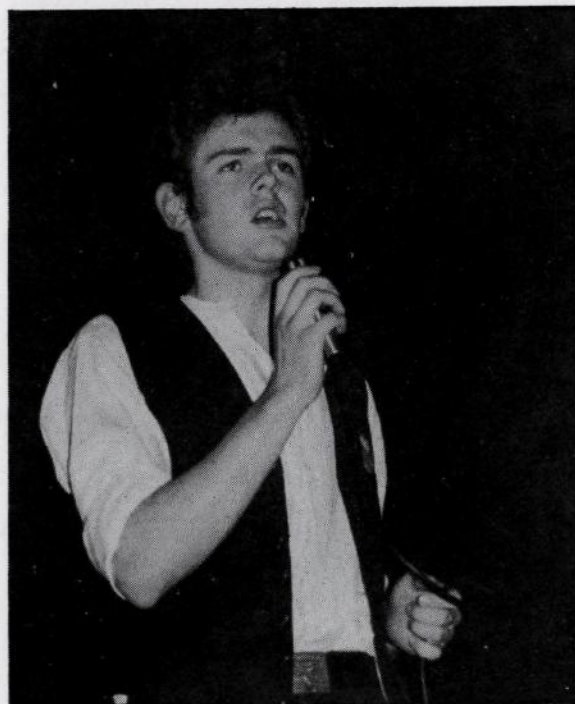
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*Clive Ingram of Xanex Overchew at the concert held in High School to raise money for the Kenny Harris Fund.*

Photo: M. Restan

## The School Council 1980 – 1981

This year's school council consisted of Mr. Brook (Chairman), Mrs. Crowe, Mr. McMullen (Secretary). Mr. Keegan and Staff Representatives: Miss Graham, Mr. Miller and Mr. Toomey. Pupil Representatives: Aarnoud Huis-



soon (Headboy), Julie Oakes (Headgirl), John Scott, Nigel Heather, Ian Snipper, Mark Webb, Wendy Frith, Lorna Williams, Peta Harrison, Glen Jones, Michael Weir, Dorothy Smith, Geoffrey Tutty, David Dockrell, Brendan McCabe, Andrew Power and Gwynneth Smith.

The first meeting the School year was held on 26th November, 1980, and the second on the 20th January, 1981. Among the topics discussed were the maintenance of the School. It was brought to the attention of the council that the drinking taps in the School were either broken or that the water pressure was bad. These were then fixed at great expense and Mr. Brook suggested that pupils should treat the School property with better respect. The lack of mirrors was reported and there have now been mirrors put in both changing rooms and toilets. A topic that came up in both meetings, was the provision for lockers. There were strong opinions on the subject. Some felt that lockers were a necessity; others disagreed and said that not only were they very expensive but they felt they would not be used. Something that the School is most grateful for is the laying of gravel on the slope behind the hockey pitch. This prevents the risk of anybody slipping as the slope was very slippery and muddy before the gravel was laid down. The necessity for first-aid kits was mentioned and since then there have been five more kits made available. Another topic that came up at both meetings was that of hockey badges for the 1st XV. The girls feel they should also be provided with colours like the S.C.T. Rugby Team. Mr. Brook is at present looking into the cost of badges. Mr. Brook also mentioned that tables should be supplied in the Reynold's Hall for pupils having packed lunches. This would be of great benefit to the pupils. Other topics discussed included the Bicycle Shed, weight lifting equipment, video-recorder and dinner queues.

In all, this was a successful year for the School Council and this is due to both Mr. Brook and Mr. McMullen, to whom we owe many thanks. Also a word of thanks to all the representatives and members of Staff involved in the Council.

*Julie Oakes (6th Form)*

## 1980 Stratford-Upon-Avon Trip

"... and yet another bus full of pretentious scholars doth invade my once peaceful town" moaned a familiar ghost, as our coach arrived in Stratford-upon-Avon. An intellectual pilgrimage from the High School, Rathgar had been en route since that morning and carried with it the usual gaiety associated with such expeditions. The boat journey had lasted only a short while but long enough for some to begin to feel its effects. A quick recovery, however, resulted in continued joviality on the coach, (particularly in the back seat) taking us to our final destination. It is here, in fact, that my tale becomes haunted with one particular personality whose name appears on every shop, street, and road sign. His spirit greeted us with a cold November blast of wind as we poured from the coach into our hotel where we were to make a speedy change of clothes.

Soon after having an unctuous dish of fish and chips in the "Horseshoe Restaurant", our faithful coach picked us up and carried us to the theatre. The play was no other than "Romeo and Juliet" – the poem best beloved by romantic youth. No other play seems to have so appealed to the college youth of the seventh century, and what was true then remained true ever since. The interpretation of the Royal Shakespearean Company was, indeed, perfect proof of this. The simplicity of the stage sets and the timeless costumes enabled us to concentrate on the action while still producing the effect needed. The brilliance of the performance, setting Shakespeare's part in it, aside for a moment, lay mainly in the natural and easeful manner of the actors. They were able to portray true and real people. Romeo, Juliet and their love have survived throughout the years as elements of the supreme and characteristic passion of youth – instinctive and pure. Nevertheless, Shakespeare has not altogether omitted the less pure aspects of passion and they are effectively inserted here and there (sometimes in the form of an obscene doll), causing one or two among the teaching orders accompanying us to chuckle gleefully. All present seemed to have enjoyed the play – under its various aspects. The memory of it shall remain with many, helped for some by the amaz-

*Best wishes to all  
our readers*



ing imprint of virility conveyed through the characters of Mercutio and Romeo.

It was after a restful night that we set out the next morning to visit Stratford and its sites. Of course, our Coach followed the trail set by so many others, stopping at Shakespeare's birthplace, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Hall's Croft and Mary Arden's House. Each held a particular charm which makes one regret the modernisation of the rest of Stratford. But Shakespeare's spirit has not left his town and cannot, held prisoner by the incarcerating effect of the eternal celebration of his namesake.

After a succulent meal of fish and chips for lunch, we hopped on the coach and made our way to Coventry and Warwick. Both the Cathedral and the Castle were impressive; the first with its gigantic tapesgy in which a lifesize figure of a man appears as tiny, the cross of nails and two unusual chapels, the second with its haunted tower, the torture chamber and numerous masterpieces.

Off we went again; this time headed for Deeside Leisure Centre – on our way home. Once there, after a juicy plate of fish and chips, though our stomachs were not altogether prepared for it, we launched an offensive on the ice rink. Equipped with skates, one after the other, as cans on a faulty conveyor belt, we plopped on to the ice and began our tortuous round. Rare were the graceful swans and more numerous were the helpless bambis! Though we succeeded in convincing one teacher to face the perils of the rink, the others refused, in particular one who preferred to stand aside and happily watch the crash landings of students attempting to stop and chat with him. Time flew by and we had quite perfected our pirouettes, it was departure hour.

After a sleepy boat trip, the invisible Irish sun was above our heads once again and the sometime lively group was quick to dissolve. The pace of dissolution was increased by a severe need of rest and, perhaps, the silent moans of a dissatisfied stomach. Indeed, much is to be remembered of this trip; its educational value, its social and group interest, its cultural importance and gastronomical experience. Each of these factors contributed – in its own way – to the complete success, enjoyment and unforgettable quality of our three days expedition. Let us wish similar luck to future Stratford-upon-Avon pilgrims. *Kate Simpson (6th Form)*

## Burren Expedition

Last May, 49 pupils of the Fifth Form spent three enjoyable and educational days in the Burren, Co. Clare. We were accompanied by the Headmaster, Mrs. Geoghegan, Mrs. Dowsett, Mr. Broad and Mr. Swan. We set off on the morning of 7th May. Mr. Broad spoke at length about the towns we passed through as well as other features of interest. The Geographers amongst us set to work, examining maps and town plans, making notes and sketches. Before reaching the Youth Hostel where we were to stay we paid a visit to Ailwee cave, which benefitted Geology students in particular.

The Youth Hostel, at Durrus, was tolerably clean and comfortable, and well within walking distance of the beach. We studied the flora and fauna of a fen, a stretch of limestone pavement and a turlough. We examined the structure of the Burren ecosystem and investigated hydroses and lithoses. We learnt about the history of the area, and about the problem of water. It was immensely rewarding to see irrefutable evidence of processes previously only discussed in an arid classroom. We could see the marked division between shale and limestone areas, or the coloured patterns on the snails' shells, no two alike.

Apart from the fieldwork there were also purely sightseeing visits, to the Cliffs of Moher, Poulmagill Cave, and to Thoor Ballylee, well known to students of Yeats. We returned on the evening of the 9th.

I think that I am being completely fair when I say that the trip was a well organised success, and about as valuable a school outing as one could hope for.

*Marney O'Sullivan (6th Form)*

## Mountaineering Club St. Patrick's Weekend

Hugh Munro in 1891, listed summits or tops of 3,000 ft. or more, in Scotland. There are almost 550 tops, or perhaps half that number of separate mountains, in that country. We have surprisingly few in Ireland. Challenge to reader: Name eight 3,000ft. summits or tops in Ireland — see below for assistance.

"Munro bagging" is popular and acceptable



so the Club set out in March to "bag most of those in Ireland. The party 19 in all, went first to the Galtee range and climbed Galteebeg and Galteemore (3018') in adverse conditions. What looked like thick mist was really heavy rain; with roaring gale-force winds and stronger gusts. It was surprising to see at least one of the group crawling near the summit. Not only could we hear the gusts coming, but at times we could see it rushing at us as the file of walkers spaced out in front, was blown down, one after the other. Everyone reached the summits but it was a wet and weary party that came off the mountain that night.

The next day we drove to Killarney for Mangerton Mountain and Carn, both famous for their splendid views. The weather had improved, it was merely unpleasant. In the afternoon the clouds lifted long enough to give us views either side of the arête between the Devils Punch Bowl and Lough Erlagh, in one of the largest corries in Co. Kerry.

We had a perfect day for the Coomloughra Horseshoe, Skegmore; Beenkeragh (3314'), Carrauntoohil (3414'); and Caher (3200'). The views were superlative in every direction, but Brandon was in cloud and distant haze obscured detail in Galway Bay. Nearby the precipices, corries, lakes and scree slopes were dappled with snow, and we found the narrow ridges hair-raising — even frightening in places — but quite safe. Some of the less able members went down from Beenkeragh in the interests of safety, but for the rest it was a most thrilling, satisfying day. It was better, even than those we had in North Wales.

We had another ascent of Carrauntoohil on our last day to enable every member of the group to reach the summit. About half of the party who had been on the peak the day before turned away to follow the east side of the ridge via Cnoc an Chuilin (3141') to Cruach Mhor (3062'). If we had been thrilled the previous day we were more than thrilled with the east ridge for the cliffs and pinnacles we had to traverse made Wicklow walking seem as tame as Grafton Street.

Despite our adrenalin we were almost grateful for the mist which rolled in later in the day, as, through it, we could not see too much below us.

Our very best thanks are due to Mr. Blackmore and Mr. Gardner for their organisation,

driving and leading and to Jonathan Young ('71 - '80), Danum Mountaineering Club, for his careful and anticipatory guiding and leadership on the ridges of the 'Reeks.

"Munro baggers" will notice the heights of six 3,000-footers in this article and another is named (Brandon, 3127'). Our nearest is Lugnaquilla (3039'). There are three others, spot heights 3,000 ft. or over, in the F.M.C.I. Guide list for MacGillycuddy's Reeks.

#### **Minibus and Mountains:**

I should like to record the satisfaction of the Club with the mini-bus. Without it we could not have visited the Galtees nor attempted the Coomloughra Horseshoe. We could not, back in Wicklow, get to mountains like Tonleegy, nor hostels like Aughavannagh which are inaccessible by public transport. The mini-bus has opened entire areas which previously were only available to small groups in private cars. Let's start looking ahead to 1982 and, perhaps 1983. The Alps? Pyrenees? perhaps . . . even . . . Nepal?

*J. V. Armstrong (6th)  
Record Secretary.*

## **The 2A2 History Tour**

On 16th February 1981 a second year class, 2A2, was taken on a tour of Dublin Castle.

The first appearance of the Castle is that it does not fit in with the usual turreted building one would expect. It is more like a pillared stately home.

On entering the castle we were met by a guide who brought us on a conducted tour. First we saw the knights' coats of arms in St. Patrick's Hall. Next came the Wedgewood room with its examples of old and new Waterford Crystal chandeliers and in the throne room we saw William of Orange's throne, which we admired. Overhead we saw a huge chandelier of thirty six lights and weighing a mere ton.

We moved on to the Picture Gallery and State Apartments including the room where Mrs. Thatcher slept during her visit to Dublin. In the George's Hall hung interesting paintings by Peter de Gree. The hall itself has been altered for use as a conference room for the Government but it was originally a supper room. Unfortunately we could not see the Ber-



mingham Tower room because it was being redecorated at the time.

After a short time at the souvenir counter we left the castle after an enjoyable trip.

I would like on behalf of 2A2 to thank Miss Graham and Mrs. Geoghegan very much for taking us.

*Ros Dixon, 2A2*

## C.I.E. Essay Competition

In 1977 C.I.E. instituted an annual essay competition in connection with their educational tours. We were delighted to hear in December that High School pupils were among the prize winners for the third successive year. We congratulate Andrew Pierce of 2A2 and Conor Sheehan of 2A, on winning respectively 1st prize of £60 and 3rd prize of £25, both in the over 14 age group. Subsequently Donnachadh O'Dulaing invited them to speak on "Highways & Byways" on Radio 1.

## C.I.E. Essay Prizewinners



*Prize winners in C.I.E. essay competition, taken at the prize giving in the C.I.E. Club. Back row: 1st on left Andrew Pierce; 2nd from left Conor Sheehan; 3rd from left Mr. O'Shea of C.I.E.*

## Educational Tour

It was an ideal morning for our trip to Kilkenny – blue skies and brilliant sunshine. The C.I.E. coach left High School at 8.50 a.m. sharp, packed to capacity with pupils of 2A1 and 2A2, all eagerly looking forward to the day's outing.

The coach took us speedily through the outskirts of the city and we passed through Kildare

and Carlow, Miss Williams, our Form Mistress, giving an interesting commentary on the way.

At approximately 11.00 a.m. we reached Kilkenny. I was anxious to learn as much as I could about this historic city on the River Nore, a city which is associated with the earliest settlement of the Irish race. We alighted from the coach at the Carpark and made our way on foot to Rothe House.

Rothe House was built by John Fitzpiers in 1594. The Rothe family came from Wales with the Norman invaders and spread into Kilkenny and Wexford where they acquired wealth and influence. John Rothe Fitzpiers was a prosperous Tudor Merchant and played a prominent part in the affairs of the town. Rothe House consists of three separate houses. To accommodate his growing family, John Rothe Fitzpiers built a second house to the west of the first house and separated from it by a paved courtyard. In 1610 the third house was built, also divided by a paved courtyard.

We visited the main house on Parliament Street. It was very impressive with its Elizabethan facade and over the entrance to the Arch was the coat of Arms of John Rothe Fitzpiers and his wife, Rose Archer. A three-storied house with cellar, it contained a fine Banqueting Hall, a Library, which is now used as the library of the Kilkenny Archaeological Society, and a museum which contains many items of Archaeological interest. The old shop and storage cellar now house Kilkenny's Information Bureau and Tourist Office.

The well which provided water for the three houses is still in position in the second courtyard. It was interesting to note the inscription dated 1604.

Our next place of call was St. Canice's Cathedral. This church claims to have links with early Christianity in Ireland. The first founder of the Cathedral was Bishop Hugh de Mapilton and the work begun by him was completed by Bishop Geffroy St. Leger. The architectural style is "early English" Gothic. I was completely fascinated by the Round Tower, the oldest part of the present building. It is said that this tower was built from the inside without the use of scaffolding.

In 1332 the square tower collapsed and Bishop Richard de Zedrede was responsible for the rebuilding of the tower. The tower houses eight bells which are rung from the loft in the



tower. Six of these bells date from 1724 and were recast in 1859. Two further bells were added in 1892 thus making a peal of eight. I found the floor slabs particularly interesting and took some rubbings.

Another short drive took us to the famous Kilkenny Castle home of the Butlers (Earls of Ormonde) for about 550 years. The castle is at present being restored and we visited the East Wing with its fine entrance hall and main staircase.

Of particular interest were the painted roof trusses of the Picture gallery and the beautiful double fireplace in Carrara Marble. The carvings on this fireplace represented scenes from the history of the Butler Family. We had to suppress our giggles when the Guide explained the significance of the double fireplace – one for the ladies and one for the men (Women's Lib ?) The historical tapestries and many paintings of members of the Butler Family were of particular interest.

A trip to the kitchen proved to be a test of one's muscle power as there were many groans when we attempted to lift the copper utensils. Our Guide told us that the servants had to use an underground passage to gain access to the kitchen quarters as they were not allowed use the main entrance. He also said that this part of the castle was haunted. In hearing this, we made our getaway as quickly as possible.

The rose garden proved a pleasant spot for our picnic.

For me the highlight of the tour was seven miles from Kilkenny – "Dunmore Cave", located in an isolated limestone outcrop on the Castlecomer Plateau. We made a tour of the Cave and its chambers. The cascade formation in the Main Hall has developed over thousands of years by water seeping out of a fissure in the rock and depositing crystals of calcite. It was very interesting to see the calcite deposits which completely cover the wall of the Side Hall ranging in colour from white to red and black. The Calcite Pillars in the centre of the Chamber, were very impressive, the largest of which is the Market Cross. It was hard to believe that these columns originated as water seeping in from the fissures above deposited calcite on the roof and floor of the chamber, the two eventually growing to meet one another and form a pillar.

Had time allowed, it would have been my

wish to spend more time exploring Dunmore Cave but our watches told us that it was time to go. I left determined to return before long and have a thorough investigation of this cave. I am also determined to find out more about the history and legends attached to Dunmore Cave.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my form mistress, Miss Williams, for devoting her time in planning the tour and making it possible. I would also like to extend my thanks to C.I.E. for their courtesy in laying on the comfortable tour bus. My thanks also to Miss Graham and Mr. Willoughby for accompanying us. Last but not least a special word of thanks to the patient driver who took us safely on our trip.

*Conor Sheenan (2A1)*

## My School's Educational Tour

At 8.30 on Thursday, 22nd May 2A1 and 2A2 assembled outside the High School for our Educational Tour to Kilkenny. At 8.45 we set off towards Tallaght, along the Belgard Road and on to the Naas road. Just past Kilcullen we came to a fork in the road. We at this point took the left fork towards Carlow. Not long after we passed through the village of Moone.

Moone has a richly carved 17½ ft. high Celtic Cross (with Viking affluence), with 51 panels of scenes of the Holy Scripture e.g. the twelve apostles make up the base on one side, on the other side the design is of Daniel in the Lions' Den. Above Daniel is pictured one of the most favourite subjects on Irish high crosses: Abraham sacrificing Isaac, Abraham is seated to the right and is grasping Isaac's hair as he bends over the altar. Above Isaac is the ram. On the back of the chair in the form of a bird is the angel who said, "Do not raise your hand against the boy" (Gen. 22:12) The New Testament is also well represented with the Fleeing into Egypt, 5 loaves and 2 small fishes and, of course Christ crucified.

And then we travelled on to Castledermot, the name in Irish being Disert Diamrada or Dermot's Hermitage. Castledermot was among the many Irish towns to be sacked by Oliver Cromwell in 1649. We saw the round tower which, most unfortunately has lost its conical



cap, this has been replaced by battlements. The Irish name for round tower is "cloigtheach", means house of the bell. This does not imply that they were belfries in the modern sense. Hanging bells did not come in until the twelfth century and the names probably indicates that monks used to climb to the top and ring handbells out of the windows. It could be that even this is a misconception and that the main purpose of a tower was to house the monastery's most valued treasure, the bell of its saintly founder.

We then left Castledermot and Co. Kildare and entered the second smallest county in Ireland: Carlow. We passed rather quickly through Carlow and only caught a glimpse of the ruined Castle built by the Normans in the 13th Century.

Then on to Kilkenny. As we entered we passed Shee's Almshouses which dates from 1594. It is now being restored by the Kilkenny Archaeological Society. The bus turned into a car park (Market place, site of Confederation) just past the Tholsel (a sort of town hall built in 1761).

On leaving the bus we came to a monument of the famous Confederation of Kilkenny. In May 1642 the city became the seat of the Confederate Parliament, consisting of representatives from all the counties and important towns. A Supreme Council was chosen a seal adopted and a mint established for the coining of silver and copper money. Taxes were levied, ambassadors from foreign parts received and armies raised and placed under the command of experienced leaders. The Ulster army was under Owen Roe O'Neill, the Leinster army was under Preston, the Munster army was under Barry and the Connaught army was under Burke. Weapons and gun powder were manufactured. The upper and lower house of parliament met in the house of Robert Shee. In 1645 the papal nuncio, Cardinal Rinuccini, arrived bringing £20,000, the Pope's blessing and arms for 6,000. Needless to say he was received with great enthusiasm. In 1648 the Confederation came to an end.

Next we visited the Rothe House. It was built John Rothe Fitzpiers and his wife Rose Archer in 1594. John Rothe Fitzpiers was a very wealthy merchant who imported silks, wines and species from the continent. They came by his

own boats to New Ross and then by road to Kilkenny. The yard beneath the house was a display yard. John Rothe Fitzpiers had two sons and when each got married he simply built each one a house behind his own. However each house shared the well, which is found in the final courtyard dated 1604. The house was at one time the residence of Bishop Rothe of Ossory. However when Cromwell came the family were told "to Connaught or to hell". The head of the household died sometime later in poverty in Connaught. However our guide told us that his daughter went to France and became lady-in-waiting to Marie-Antoinette, the guide ended up by saying "wasn't that good?" I would doubt it, as most of the Royal Household of France met their end on the guillotine.

We then headed for Saint Canice's Cathedral. The Cathedral stands on the site of earlier churches and dates from the 13th century. Cromwell's soldiers nearly reduced the church to a ruin, he tethered his horses inside the cathedral and watered them from the font. Some repair work was done in 1661, a more complete restoration was commenced in 1750, but later more thorough work was begun in 1805. The Cathedral measures 224 feet in length and 117 feet across the transepts and as such is second only to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The cathedral is in the Early English style. The most notable features externally, are the low embattled parapets on the clerestory, transept and aisle walls. Internally the main points of interest are the flower shaped windows above the aisle, which only 3 cathedrals in Europe have. The other points of interest are the marble floor before the Altar and Ciaran's Chair. The marble floor uses the four colours of marble found in Ireland, each colour represents a province. Ulster: greyish, Leinster: black. Munster: reddish and Connaught: greenish. Ciaran's Chair is an ancient relic with a modern stone seat, kept in the North Transept. It is customary that when a new Bishop of Ossory is being enthroned he is first taken to Ciaran's chair. The North Door leads to the Bishop's Palace.

Beside St. Canice's Cathedral is a round-tower which stands 100 feet high and  $46\frac{1}{2}$  feet in circumference, around the top run 6 windows.

After visiting St. Canice's Cathedral we were



told there was not time for us to visit the Black Abbey so we went back to the Market Place Car Park and were taken by coach to Kilkenny Castle. We were given a lunch break and we had lunch in the rose garden.

After lunch we entered the Castle. The castle was originally built by Strongbow. However all that remains of the original structure are the three round towers and a portion of the curtain wall. We entered into a small hall which contained a lovely blackish marble table. Many people in our group began to feel the lovely marble until our guide told us that any dead in the castle were always laid on that table prior to being buried. At the point, many people in our group withdrew their hands from the table ! We were also told that to touch the table would give oneself bad luck. The walls of this hall were covered with tapestries and paintings, one was of the present, and last Marquis of Ormonde and another was a portrait of "Black Tom" Thomas Wentworth. Thomas Wentworth was King Charles' I's deputy in Ireland during the 17th Century. On visiting Kilkenny he complained the girls were too fat !

Next we went upstairs and into a room shaped like a key-hole. This the guide explained was the diningroom. He asked us to stand in the windows so we could get an idea of how thick the walls were. I would reckon that at this point the walls were over six feet thick. The guide told us that the walls, in some places are seventeen feet thick! The furniture in that room was really beautiful, there were two showcases along one wall, one contained Waterford Glass, which glistened in the light of the chandelier. According to our guide, the Ormonde family was very very rich. They at one time had a table inlaid with gold; not only that, but the Ormonde had cutlery etc., made of gold, compared with the servants who had to make do with silver. Then we trooped off along a corridor until we came to a Victorian indoor garden, built in the Neo-Bothic style — around the garden was a stone stair case. We did not go up, owing to the simple fact: THERE WAS NO FLOOR. While the Guide gave us some information, I noticed a figure at the base of each Arch. Each Arch had its own figure. One was a snail, another a lizard and another a frog.

Then with the words "Lets see some pictures", the guide threw back the doors and we

went into a beautiful and very large gallery. The guide told us about some of the pictures and then took us to a very large tapestry and pointed out that one human image only had four fingers. This he explained was because the time the craft-worker created it, it was customary to make a deliberate mistake to prove only God is perfect. On the other side of the long gallery was a magnificent double fireplace. When we left the room with the pictures whose frames were more valuable than the painting itself, the double fireplace, the tapestries and the lovely painted ceiling, one would think it had been created in Tudor Times, not the last century. The last room we visited was the castle kitchen, which was a very large kitchen indeed. Around the walls were large cupboards on which shining copper pots and pans had been arranged. We were allowed lift the pots, and found them very very heavy. Serving girls started work here at the age of eleven. They were thrown out at the age of sixteen, because they were "Bet" or worn out. Servants slept outside the stables as according to one Lord, "A good horse is more difficult to find than a servant"!

After seeing the kitchen we were brought back to the entrance to pick up our bags. Then we crossed over to the bus, passing the Kilkenny Design Centre, and then set off for the Dunmore Caves. As we left the Marble City we passed the Lady Chapel of the Priory of Saint John, often called the Lantern of Ireland.

The Caves which are  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles outside Kilkenny are formed by the action of solvent water on carboniferous limestone. They consist of 4 passages with a chamber with a very large stalactite Pillar called "The Market Cross". In one place skeletons of women and children were found. It is believed the Vikings suffocated them, as there are no tell-tale dents in the bones.

Then we left the caves and headed for Dublin via Athy and Castlecomer. At Castlecomer we stopped for an ice-cream, as it was a warm day.

We arrived back at High School at 6.40, tired and happy after a very enjoyable day indeed.

Andrew Pierce (2A2)

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Congratulations to the winners of the C.I.E.  
Essay Competition.

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## 5th Form Project

Back in March, Mr. Miller suggested to the members of Fifth Form if they would like to do something to help the handicapped, this being "the International Year of the Disabled". A dozen pupils and Mr. Miller formed a committee to organize fund-raising activities. Three events were arranged before the end of the Easter term. These were a sponsored 24 hour fast, teachers' car wash and a sponsored 12 hour soccer marathon. All of these events received tremendous support from the 5th Form. During the summer term a sponsored swim was held. Before the end of the term it was also planned to hold a Disco in Rathgar and a Bring and Bid Auction in the school. It is hoped that at least £750 can be raised by our Fund Raising to help the disabled. We wish to thank everybody who has helped us in our task. Particularly those in 5th Form. Who have given up their time to take part in events.

*Gabriel Greene*  
(5th Form)

## Trip To The Zoo. 1A2.

On the 3rd February, 1A2 piled into the minibus along with Miss Nic Aogain and Mr. Malone. The weather was not too good but we were all in high spirits.

At the Zoo we met Miss Hanlon. We saw lots of animals, most of which were inside. We saw orang-utans, kangaroos, some of which had joeys in the pouches; gorillas, seals; we just missed the seals' feeding time but we saw lions, tigers, wallabies, birds, reptiles, prairie-dogs and many, many more interesting sights.

After we had seen all the animals, we made a dash for the shop, to buy sweets and to shelter, as it was raining hard.

Then it was time to go home so we filed into the mini-bus and went back to High School.

*Janet McCracken and Arlene Blain, 1A2*

## Collection for Cambodia

In November 1979, the J4's, horrified by the suffering of children in Cambodia decided to raise money by having a sponsored walk. We were lucky to have two celebrities, Mike

Murphy from R.T.E., and Ollie Campbell, the Irish rugby player, come along to encourage us, and to start the walk. The money raised was presented to John O'Shea of GOAL, who came to School to tell us about Cambodia and how our money would be spent to relieve suffering, hunger and disease.

(Photos on page 57) ▶

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## Leprosy

On Friday, 7th November, Mr. Mullan came to speak to us about the Leprosy Mission and he showed a film about the Mission's work in India.

In the countries like India the only way you would find out you had leprosy would be for a man or woman to come around to your family and check you. He will know if you have leprosy by checking the skin of your hands, arms or legs. The feet of the leprosy patient have no sense of feeling. The disease of leprosy kills certain nerves in the feet which are then damaged by cuts and bruises which the patient does not feel. He may become a cripple. If the man who comes around to your family and finds out that one of your children has leprosy he will tell you to go to a hospital. The hospital is usually very far away and the family have to walk. If the disease is caught when it is just starting you will be all right. You will probably have to stay in the hospital for a year. When you get to the hospital the doctor takes a piece of skin from the back of your ear and he will examine it and by that it shows if you have the disease or not. If you have the disease you will have to stay in the special hospital until you get better.

In the hospital the children have a school, usually if the weather was good the children would go out into the sun and do their work outside. Every now and again the children would cover their arms and legs with wax and later on in the day the nurses would take it off. In most hospitals there is a Brownie and Scouts group. In the brownies and scouts the children do a lot of handcraft e.g. knitting, sewing, painting and making their own shoes.

Some people cannot be cured and sometimes their leg has to be taken off and an artificial leg put on. But if it is noticed early on it can be cured. You do not die from leprosy, it is only a disease in the nervous system. The arms and legs go numb and so you



## Celebrities support Cambodia collection





have to be very careful because if you cut your hand you would not feel it; that is why it is important to wear shoes. At the end of about a year the children are usually cured of the disease and their parents come and bring them home. The children and adults can get the disease again, but it is rare. They usually go home and lead a normal life.

*Heather McCormack, 3B2*

## Sixth Form Dance

Since its introduction in 1977, the annual dinner dance has proved to be one of the most worthwhile "perks" which sixth formers have enjoyed each year. The event this year was attended by about 150 pupils, friends and staff, and took place on Tuesday, 14th April in Jury's Hotel.

Keith Poole judiciously handled the proceedings in his position as master of ceremonies, generously distributing spot prizes to those sufficiently adventurous to compete in the simple contests.

This year, some at the staff table set a trend, which we hope will be followed in future years, in attending without partners. The reward for this innovative act was a greater selection of partners than most other people could boast. We hope this will put an end to the idea that the dinner dance cannot be enjoyed without a partner, and that it will encourage people to attend who might otherwise be put off by this self-imposed restriction.

Finally, a word of thanks to those who contributed prizes; Philips, Guinness, and the Old Girls, Association; to Mr. Wallace who guided the committee through the motions, to the committee themselves for their unflagging efforts and, of course, to all who attended. A profit of £58.00 was sent to ALONE.

*A. Huissoon (6th Form)*

## The Church Missionary Society

The Church Missionary Society (also known as the C.M.S.) is a voluntary association of persons united in obedience to the call of God to tell the word of God to everyone in the world, and to try to bring people closer to Jesus Christ.

The C.M.S. has many missionaries working all over the world. The C.M.S. (formed in 1799) has had 8,200 men and women all working for Jesus Christ. One such person is Dr. Christine Matthews. She is a Health Educationist from South India. She is also a Medical Physicist who is well known in Britain for her brilliant medical research. She decided to be a missionary because she knew that her work would be much needed in a country like India, Nigeria, Burundi or Pakistan.

Dr. Christine Matthews visited our school in November to show slides of India to my class and a few other classes. She told us that she works and sometimes lectures at the Christian College. This is where the Indians study and train to become doctors, nurses, physicists. It is a Medical Training College. Dr. Matthews was wearing a sari. This is a long piece of material which is wrapped around the person and then pleated into whatever style you want. One would usually wear a light blouse underneath it in India because of the heat, but Dr. Matthews was wearing a heavy jumper because she felt the cold, I'm sure.

Then, the slides began. There were many slides which showed all sorts of things. Dr. Matthews spoke about each one and everyone listened. Dr. Matthews told us that there were two villages. They were in South India and they were both situated on hills. The C.M.S. built a clinic there and also set up Schools. There is one telephone for the two villages (which are about 20-30 miles apart). The C.M.S. also set up some play facilities. The slides showed one very happy little boy sliding down a slide. The missionaries try to educate the people by showing them what kind of plants can be eaten and how to get the best nutrient value out of the plant. Unfortunately, the South Indians are very poor, and some have to sell eggs, literally to stay alive and to buy other food. But the missionaries teach the people to breed better hens, which will eventually produce better eggs. This will mean that they will be able to get good nutrients out of the better egg, and they will not have to sell the not so good eggs, because they will be able to live off the good eggs.

They also give the people goats (which are easily fed and kept) and they can live off the milk, but the people have to give one of the kids back to the C.M.S. This system is quite common.



The missionaries also vaccinate all the children in the villages. In the school in one village, the slide showed a little boy receiving a prize for the best boy in his class. The prize was not really for the most intelligent boy, but it was for the best fed (meaning he had the proper nutrients), he was looking well and he was vaccinated. The parents of the child really deserved the prize for looking after the boy properly. This encourages parents to give the right foods to their children.

The girls in these villages are all married between the age of 12 and 15. The girls do not choose the husband, the parents do! Sometimes the girl and boy have never even met before. It is very sad really, but the C.M.S. have tried to do something about that. The girls are taught to knit and sew. The girls all like bright colours like pink. If the girls made some clothes out of the wool, they might make some money. If the girls all made money, then the parents would not be so keen to get them married at such a young age. I think that the C.M.S. are doing a wonderful job, as it would be awful to marry at such a young age.

The people in these villages mainly live in huts, but some live in houses. The houses are made of mud bricks and cement. Our normal average house to-day costs between £25,000 and £40,000. Their houses cost about £50! Yes, that's all, and the house is quite strong and it looks nice.

There was a sad slide of a little boy who was blind. This was from the lack of vitamin 'A'. It is very important that the people are taught all about food values. Money is so scarce in India. It's terribly sad to think that some people in Europe and America go on diets, when the people in India and many other countries of the Third World are starving and have to work to stay alive. Bread and rice and vegetables — that is the usual diet for the South Indians in those two poor villages.

After the slides, Dr. Matthews talked to us and answered all our questions. She said that in South and North India many of the churches have united. Those churches include the Methodist, the Presbyterians, the Anglican and the Church of Christ. I'm glad to see such a good and sensible step towards Church Unity because really, I think that if Christians were united, everybody would eventually be much happier. But Ireland knows too much about

each denomination so that it would probably never work. I mean Catholic and Protestants would probably have a war or something!

Dr. Christine Matthews also says that there is no point preaching to people, you have to show God's love by showing people that God cares what happens to everyone. You have to show them how to make a living, how to stay alive, how important you are, and eventually how important God is.

I think that is so true, and if everyone knew how important God is, the world would be a happier place. Christine Matthews, thank you for showing me how much I should appreciate that I can go to school, and spend money on sometimes silly things, and not worry if there is any food to eat when I come home from school.

Thank you!

*Julie Lowry (Form 3B2)*

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## PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

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### Road Safety Poster competitions

In a poster competition organised by Dublin Corporation Road Safety Council at the beginning of 1980, Aarnoud Huissoon received 1st Prize in the under-18 section: a personal prize of £60 and a trophy for the school.

### EXAMINATION RESULTS 1980-81 Leinster School of Music

|             |                  |                         |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Grade 6     | Nicola Jackson   | 81% Honours             |
| Grade 4     | Patricia Medcalf | 85% First Class Honours |
|             | Tracy Mooney     | 87% First Class Honours |
|             | Morgan Sheridan  | 68% Pass                |
| Grade 2     | Joyce McCormack  | 85% First Class Honours |
| Grade 1     | Duncan Cole      | 85% First Class Honours |
|             | Nicola Kilroy    | 85% First Class Honours |
|             | Rosemary Waugh   | 80% Honours             |
|             | Malcolm Doak     | 85% First Class Honours |
|             | Stephen Doak     | 82% Honours             |
| Preparatory | Sharon Cole      | 82% Honours             |
|             | Tarah Jones      | 82% Honours             |
|             | Lucy Klitz       | 94% First Class Honours |
| Primary     | Ben Watson       | 89% First Class Honours |
|             | Daithi Neligan   | 78% Pass with Merit     |



## Leinster School of Speech and Drama Results 1980

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. <b>Shelley Eppel</b><br>First Class Honours<br>Fifth Grade<br><i>Public Speaking</i>   | 2. <b>Jeremy Taylor</b><br>Honours<br>Fifth Grade<br><i>Public Speaking</i>                              |
| 3. <b>Joy O'Connell</b><br>Honours<br>Fifth Grade<br><i>Public Speaking</i>               | 4. <b>Derek Gibson</b><br>First Class Honours –<br>Silver Medal<br>Fifth Grade<br><i>Public Speaking</i> |
| 5. <b>Darren Irvine</b><br>First Class Honours<br>Third<br><i>Public Speaking</i>         | 6. <b>Andrew Pearce</b><br>First Class Honours<br>Third<br><i>Public Speaking</i>                        |
| 7. <b>Rosemary Waugh</b><br>First Class Honours<br>Third<br><i>Public Speaking</i>        | 8. <b>Gavin McAulay</b><br>First Class Honours<br>Middle First<br><i>Speech and Drama</i>                |
| 9. <b>Ruth Hunter</b><br>First Class Honours<br>Preparatory<br><i>Speech and Drama</i>    | 10. <b>Nadia Ramoutar</b><br>First Class honours & Medal<br>Preparatory<br><i>Speech and Drama</i>       |
| 11. <b>Rachel Lawson</b><br>First Class Honours<br>Preparatory<br><i>Speech and Drama</i> | 12. <b>Jonathan Wright</b><br>Honours<br>Preparatory<br><i>Speech and Drama</i>                          |
| 13. <b>Mark Glover</b><br>First Class Honours<br>Primary<br><i>Speech and Drama</i>       | 14. <b>Sebastian Clayton</b><br>First Class Honours<br>Primary<br><i>Speech and Drama</i>                |
| 15. <b>Daithi Neligan</b><br>First Class Honours<br>Primary<br><i>Speech and Drama</i>    | 16. <b>Heather Fitzpatrick</b><br>First Class Honours<br>Primary<br><i>Speech and Drama</i>              |
| 17. <b>Mia Kutner</b><br>First Class Honours<br>Primary<br><i>Speech and Drama</i>        | 18. <b>Nicola Kilroy</b><br>First Class Honours<br>Primary<br><i>Speech and Drama</i>                    |

Congratulations to  
all our prizewinners  
throughout the year

## Gas Company Cookery Examination

### 2nd Year

1. Judith Watson
2. Gillian Crampton
3. Lorraine Lawson.

### 3rd Year

1. Lesley Edge
2. Jennifer Hill
3. Gillian Hart.

### 4th Year

1. Siobhan Blankson
2. Bronwyn O'Halloran
3. Sandra McConnell.

### 5th Year

1. Helen Ryan
2. Dorothy Smith
3. Colin Haine.

### 6th Year

#### Gen. Course

1. Wendy Frith
2. Sandra McCoy

#### 6th Year Soc. and Scientific

1. Wendy Ward
2. Joan Singleton.

Wendy Ward goes forward to represent the School at the Inter School final — which usually takes place in May.

## B.I.M. Competition

This year 1980/'81 the H.E. Students entered for the National Fish Cookery Competition. Each class competed and the three winners of the School Section were Cheryl Sargent (5th year), Gillian Jackson (4B3) and Janice Delaney (2B2).

On February 23rd the winners competed in the Regional Final at The Grove School, Goats-town. The finished dishes were displayed in the ballroom of Jurys Hotel on Tuesday, 24th February. It was here the Regional winners were announced. Unfortunately we were not successful, but our three competitors gained experience and confidence and enjoyed the function. Each pupil was awarded a certificate and a memento.

S. O'D.



# Schoolboy wins a ballet scholarship

By Fraser Macmillan

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Ballet is finding growing popularity among Ireland's youngsters – including boys, despite the prejudices of rugby-playing fathers. A Dublin schoolboy, in fact, has just demonstrated how good the state of the art can be here by winning a scholarship to a prominent dance school in Britain.

Fourteen-year-old Andrew Wilson will leave the High School, Dublin next year for the rigours of a theatre dance college in Kent, where he will study ballet and train by day, packing his normal lessons into the evenings. It will be a demanding discipline, but as experts here are already describing him as "outstandingly good, a lad the big professional companies will have their eye on", it could realise a dream for the Templeogue youngster who has been dancing since he was six.

Andrew has been studying ballet at the Jill Wigham School in Dublin, which last week started its first "Boys only" class and expects to enrol more. Jill said: "There really is much more interest in ballet here now, whether amongst youngsters doing it for pleasure and recreation, or those who have thoughts of making it a career".

The future of Irish ballet, which has already given the world stars such as Anton Dolin, and Ninette de Valois, lies in youngsters like Andrew. Several times a week, Jill admits, she gets callers saying "I'm a fit 26-year-old and I think I'd like to take up dancing". She has to turn them down.

"Ballet is similar to Olympic gymnastics", she says. "It needs youngsters with ability to be given the right training to the age of fourteen or fifteen, then they have to have full-time training such as Andrew will get, from nine-thirty to six, with one class after another".

It calls for real physical drive and dedication and is far removed, Jill points out, from many

people's conception of it as being a bit soft. "Many fathers look at sons who express an interest in ballet and say straight off: 'He's not going'. If they were more open-minded and understood, they would see the relativity between the demands of, say, rugby or athletics and ballet".

Andrew trains at the school four days a week. He also practices in the evenings, receives coaching from Jill's assistant Rita McKelville, and has attended summer courses in England and taken additional classes with the Irish Ballet Company and the Dublin City Ballet.

When he is not dancing or practising, he plays rugby and cricket, or goes swimming or canoeing.

"My dancing started off when I was very young", said Andrew, who has a sister and two brothers, "I apparently enjoyed tap dancing on television and it got so that every time I heard music I started to dance to it. My mother was formerly a ballroom dancing teacher and she encouraged me. I finally joined Mrs. Wigham's school eight years ago.

"To do tap-dancing you must have a grasp of ballet. In fact, ballet's always in the background no matter what type of dancing. Once I started it, I stuck with it".

One of the problems facing Andrew and his parents is the cost of the learning. The scholarship will pay his fees at the college next year, though not his living costs, and ideally he should stay on for another two years, even if it means the Wilsons have to foot the bills.

"I've been thinking of trying to get some sort of Irish company or theatrical personality to sponsor him", said his mother, Mrs. Pat Wilson. "People sponsor all sorts of things these days, so why not a promising Irish ballet dancer?"

Jill said: "Andrew could go far. We can only hope that the money question for the next few years is not an insurmountable problem. What he is taking on is not just good for him, but for Irish ballet as a whole"

## Piano

We congratulate Norman Duffy (6th Form) on being awarded a distinction in Grade 8 (the final grade) of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.



## Road Safety

We congratulate Catherine Forrest (1A2) on being awarded second prize in the Dublin City Finals of the International School Cup Competition for Cyclists. This was organised by the Dublin Road Safety Council in the Traffic School, Clontarf. The Prizes were presented by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Fergus O'Brien T.D., at a function in the Mansion House on 19th March, 1981.

J.B.

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## ARTICLES

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### Mon Sejour A Paris

L'été dernier, j'appris que j'avais gagné le troisième prix du Concours Européen de l'Alliance Française, à la suite d'une rédaction (sur la Publicité) et d'un examen oral. Bien sûr, j'étais ravi, car cela me donna droit à dix jours de vacances à Paris, gratuit.

Alors, le 7 Juillet je pris l'avion avec mes compagnons de voyage, les deux filles qui avaient gagné les deux autres prix. (Sur l'avion, j'ai rencontré Monsieur Kelly!) En arrivant à Paris, nous trouvâmes avec peu de difficulté le Lycée Michelet, qui allait être notre domicile pour les dix jours. Ce Lycée, c'est un bâtiment énorme, vieux et délabré - d'ailleurs, il va être démoli cette année. Nous Irlandais arrivâmes presque les premiers, mais à la fin de la journée plus de quatre-vingt jeunes de toutes nationalités européennes s'étaient réunis dans la grande salle que l'on appelait le Foyer.

Après la présentation du programme du séjour, nous nous couchâmes (trois par chambre), fatigués par le voyage. Nous fûmes réveillés à huit heures du matin pour le déjeuner, après quoi on sortit faire un circuit de Paris en car. Et pour le reste des dix jours les deux guides, Jean-pierre et Miriam, nous amenèrent partout. Nous allâmes à Versailles, à Fontainebleau, à la Tour Eiffel, à Montmartre, au Louvre . . . je pourrais continuer longtemps. Nous allâmes à un ballet de Tschaikowsky, et à deux pièces d'Ionesco.

Mais plus important que ces activités, c'était l'ambiance du groupe qui était superbe. Tout le monde était amical, tous voulaient apprendre les coutumes et les habitudes des autres pays. Chacun eut ses préconceptions corrigées Le soir

tout le monde se rassemblait dans le Foyer, et cette salle, pleine de jeunes intelligents, optimistes, et aimables, semblait être le noyau d'une nouvelle Europe, une Europe réunie mais de nationalités distinctes, une Europe pleine d'amour et d'entendement. Je fis pas mal d'amis à Paris, et je voudrais maintenant citer — avec votre bienveillante permission — deux lettres que je recus depuis mon retour. La première est Catalane:

" . . . il y avait seulement dix jours à vivre ensemble, nous ne pouvions nous permettre le luxe de créer des tensions, des luttes entre nous: ce n'était pas possible, nous avions dix jours pour l'amour, dix jours pour nous amuser et pas pour faire la guerre . . . "

La deuxième vient du Luxembourg:

"Tant d'intelligence, tant de génie, surtout tant de tolérance et d'ouverture, de générosité et de gentillesse qu' à Paris, je n'en ai jamais rencontré ensemble et tellement longtemps (et je crains beaucoup de ne plus jamais en rencontrer)".

En somme, vous pouvez voir, je me suis beaucoup amusé à Paris, et je remercie l'Alliance Française qui m'a accordé le prix.

Marney O'Sullivan (6th Form)

### France '80

Last year all pupils in 2nd year who were learning French had the great opportunity of doing a French exchange.

Only four pupils took the opportunity however: Karen Bryans, Sally Dyer, Marianne Osborne and Richard Greene.

The French Students came to Ireland in the Easter holidays and spent two weeks just enjoying Ireland, and a week establishing their views of High School. All went well and after three weeks the French Students returned to France and awaited the return of the Irish Students in June.

In June the Irish students went to Dublin Airport and flew to Paris, and then took a connecting train to Lyon, after a short tour of Paris. There they were met by their French Students and taken back to their homes for the start of their French holiday.

After an enjoyable holiday the High School pupils returned home happy, and with an improved knowledge of the French language.

Good luck to all who go to Lyon this year. I hope they will have as good a time as we did.

Sally Dyer (3B1)



## Sprachen

Meiner Meinung nach sind der Sprachenunterricht und das Reisen beide ausgezeichnete Vorbereitungen fürs Leben.

Man fragt mich über dem Zweck der Sprachenunterricht:

Jedes Jahr verbrauchen wir Zeit und Geld in den Schulen und in den Universitäten, um Sprachen zu lernen.

Manche Leute benützen nie die Sprachen, die sie in der Schule gelernt haben. Aber doch spielt die Sprachenunterricht eine grosse Rolle in unserer Erziehung: Wenn ich über Erziehung spreche, will ich damit sagen, die Vorbereitung fürs Leben, die, so glaube ich, der wichtigste Aspekt der Schule ist.

Die Sprachenunterricht hilft uns, andere Völker und Länder besser zu verstehen und kennenzulernen. Jeder hat seinen eigenen Vorurteil der italienische Stereotypie. Wir stellen uns einen kleinen "olartigen Menschen vor, der immer Spaghetti isst und Frauen nachjagt". Dies ist die ein wenig lustige Seite des Misverständnisses zwischen verschiedenen Völkern, aber es gibt auch eine Seriöse Seite. Das ist nämlich das Geheimnis, das Ausländer umkreist und die Furcht vor Fremden. Wenn wir uns über andere Völker erkundigen, dann können wir die Geheimnisse und Fürchte entwurzeln. Die Sprachenunterricht verstärkt also zwischenstaatliche Verständnisse und Verhältnisse.

Einige vermuten, dass wir alle heutzutage ganz ähnlich werden. Viele Länder werden zwar ganz amerikanisch, aber doch glaube ich, dass unsere nationale Gewohnheiten und Sitten immer bleiben werden. Auch hilft uns der Sprachenunterricht unsere eigene Sprache zu verstehen. Wenn wir die Kommunikationsmittel der anderen Länder studieren, können wir hoffentlich viel von den Völkern dazu lernen und es hilft einem, sich selbst in Perspektive zu stellen und unseren Platz in der Welt zu begreifen.

Jeremy Price (6th Form)

## A Holiday in the Country

The sunlight silently edged its way through the window, stroking my brow and urging me to awake. I slipped out of bed and pulled on an old pair of faded jeans. The awesome voice of the Grandfather clock chimed seven o'clock

downstairs in the old country house. My aunt and uncle were still in bed.

I crept out the back door and danced into the morning. The sky was blue and hazy above me. Bees droned lazily in the lavender bush, while in the shadow of the tree, over the stile, the flies collected, swarming about my head in a mad frenzy of summer drunkenness. The grass was damp and sweet-smelling with silver droplets of dew.

The silence was broken by the "tic-toc-tic" of the robin above me. Butterflies teased me, fluttering past my hungry eyes; Meadow Browns, Cabbage Whites, tortoiseshells and one great rarity, a purple-washed Fritillary.

Cows silently munched beside me and I laughed and danced in the magic of a summer morning.

Rosemary Waugh, 3A1

## Battle of Clontarf

Storm clouds gather in a darkened sky  
While forces prepare for the battle cry  
Brave Brian and Murchad are set to face  
The Leinster and Norsemen in that fated place.  
But long before the battle roar and smoke,  
And swords that kiss and cut and choke,  
Where biting winds rush round the Hebrides.  
A host of chanting Valkyries,  
Weave webs of battle on death's dark loom  
Forecasting a nearing threatening doom,  
And all over the isles the omens begin.  
Long sung of by the Viking's kin.  
Thick boiling blood on warriors fall.  
While raven attacks Norsemen with iron beak  
and claw  
And weapons yield and clash alone.  
Without the tightened clasp of flesh and bone  
In Iceland too, blood splattered on a priest's  
robe.  
Another saw Nell in the oceans of the Globe.

1013 and the forces are matched and met  
Brian and Murchad through Ulster have swept.  
Plundering and burning, their trail is deep  
Gorging out the spirit as Mael's men retreat.  
But Leinster rallied round and halted the  
onslaught.  
And four long months of siege at Dublin is  
wrought  
And all the time Leinster is gathering allies  
From the Orkneys and Isle of Man and  
Hebrides.



1014 Good Friday and war  
 The two sides meet with resounding roar  
 Mael Morda cheers on his stalwart men  
 - mixed races, mixed feelings with united yen  
 Men fight furiously, feverishly, knee deep in mud  
 Covered in sweat, fear and blood  
 Swords first glint, then dully gleam  
 Covered with Death's callous caked shean  
 A thousand cries and baffled noise  
 Man fights man in failing poise  
 All day they fight 'til growing gloom  
 Brought about the Norseman's doom  
 And many fell with blood stained wound  
 As weakly men were staunchly pruned  
 Murchard fell with sword in hand,  
 As did Mael Morda in t'other band  
 When Mael had fallen, spirits fell  
 And deepened roar changed to yellowed yell.

One lone Norseman, weak and battle sore  
 Fleeing from the blood, the guts, the gore  
 Chanced in upon a lonesome standing tent  
 And stalking stealthily, to the opening went  
 There, upon bended knee and trail  
 Was Brian; and with a wild and eirey wail  
 The Norseman leapt and flourishing a heavy axe  
 Parted white with crimson like cherry juice on wax  
 Silent Brian crumpled, his mouth agape in shock  
 While the crazed Norseman fled his fleeing flock  
 Dusk hung in his hair, damp earth his cushion  
 Mother Nature gently craddled Brian in her bosom  
 Yet still the sound of clashing swords  
 Broke the shadowed silent fiords  
 Where men still fought in desperate stance  
 In one last bid, one last chance  
 But soon the noise and Leinstermen  
 Were driven off from rock and glen  
 And Munster spirits rising, yet not knowing  
 That their future flame wasn't glowing  
 Brian dead, their kindship starts crumbling  
 Dál Cais kings being their tumbling  
 Out of victory came sad defeat  
 Out of a victory bitter sweet  
 And hundreds lay dead amidst the earth  
 Surrendering life and giving birth  
 To a new unrest and bitter time  
 For Brian had broken the kingship line  
 A hundred years of inward strife  
 Kings in opposition sucked the life  
 From Eire's swollen veins  
 A hundred years the moon it wanes  
 And still it is not full.

Jill Godsil 4A1

## An Sú (Gairdín na hAinmwhite)

An 3ú Feabhra a bhí ann. Chuaigh 1A2 go dtí an Sú. Chuamar le Bean Hanlon, Bean Nic Aoigin agus an t-Úsal Malone.

D'fhágearmar an scoil ar a haon a chlog Chuamar tríd an gcathair go dtí Páirc Fionn Uisce, agus ar aghaidh linn go dtí an Sú.

Shriochamar é ar fiche is a cúig noiméad tar éis a haon agus isteach linn.

B'iontach a bhí an radharc. Bhí loch romhain agus bhí a lán éin air. Bhí eala peilacáin ar oilean, lachain ag snámh agus a lán éin eile ar an loch.

Bhí a lán cangarú i gort, leon i gort agus tíogar i gort. Bhí róna i linn snámha, iora rua in aice na linne. Bhí pearóid, péacóige, cocatú agus a lán éin eile.

Chuamar go dtí teach na gcat fián. Chonaicamar cat mór. Liopard a bhí ann. Bhí tíogar ann freisin. Bhí pantar os comhair an tí.

Bhí teach péistiúil agus cúpla tithe eile.

Bhí a lán ainmwhite eile. Piongain chuid acú.

D'hágamar na gairdín ar fiche nóiméad tar éis a trí agus shriocamar an scoil ar cúig noiméad chun a ceathar.

Thaithin an turas le gach éinne.

Cionnaith MacGib (1A2)

## Máirtín O Direáin

Rugadh Máirtín O Direáin ar cuid de na Oileáin Arann darbh ainm Inish Mór sa bhliain 1910. Tháinig sé go Baile Átha Cliath sa bhliain 1937, tar éis tamall san Ard Oifig an Phoist, Gaillimh. Nuair a bhí sé sa Priomhcathrach, i measc na foirgnimh mhóra, na strainséirí. na sráideanna dobhair agus an ruille búille tháinig uaigneas air. Mar sin scríobh sé dánta a bhí bunaithe ar an Inis Mór, a áit rugadh. Scríobh sé, "Siar A Rachadsa' agus sa dán sin bíonn Máirtín ag caint, faoin an uaigneas a bhí aige. Seo é cúpla líne ón an dán:

'San oileán mara thiar  
 Beidh fáilte romham is cead;  
 Fáilte fhairsing, fáilte fhial,  
 San oileán mara thiar".

Ta a lán a chuid dánta eile agus leadhair cumha aige fréisin darbh ainmneacha", Rogha Dánta; Cloch Chóirnéal' (1967); Feamainn Bhealtaine 'agus a lán cuidí eile.

Brian Mac Suibhne

1A2



## An Chathair

Cúpla mí ó shin chuaigh mise agus mo rang go dtí an chathair le Mr. Swan. Thug sé an rang go dtí Ard-teampall Phádraig. Bhí an Déan ag fanacht linn nuair a shroicheadar é. Chuamar suas go dtí an cloigtheach. Bhí dhá bhuille déag ann.

Ansin chuamar go dtí an barr agus d'féachamar amach ar Baile Átha Cliath. Ansin shiúlamar timpeall Ard-teampall Chríost agus d'féachamar ar Ché na Coille. Bhí seandálaí ag obair go dian. Ansin shiúlamar síos Sráid an Tiarna Eadhard go dtí an Caisleán. Shiúlamar timpeall an Chaisleán agus thángamar amach ar Sráid an Dama. Shiúlamar síos Sráid an Dama go dtí Coláiste na Tríonóide. Shiúlamar trí Choláiste na Tríonóide go dtí Sráid Thobar Phádraig agus Sráid Dásoin agus fuaireamar an bus abhaile.

*Eoin ÓMaolchoille. 1A2.*

## Astronomical Society

This year has been rather uneventful due mainly to organisational problems with the Society, although we had our annual trip to the Armagh Planetarium, the trip attracted our largest contingent yet (mainly 1st and 2nd years) to visit the planetarium. In Armagh we collected our new telescope which was long overdue, nearly one year! Next year I am sure that we can look forward to some keen interest from the lower forms and to some keen use of the telescope.

*David Kronn (4A1)*

## A Visit From A Bishop

On Friday, 3rd April, the school had a pleasant visit from Bishop Ben Achigile who is from the Methodist Church in Nigeria. He is in Ireland this year, studying at the Irish School of Ecumenics. Bishop Ben Achigile used to be a Muslim before he became a Christian. He gave us a very interesting talk about the life and the religious beliefs of the people. He also mentioned that the people, no matter what religion they were, had a great friendship between them.

He also told us he ran nine other churches in the northern state of Nigeria and he was on the board of governors for many schools and hospitals. He then said we could ask him any questions we wanted to. One of the questions asked by Brian Sweeney was what was the aim of the Government and he told us that the aim was agriculture and industry. Kenneth Gibson asked was there poverty, and the Bishop answered, that even though the country was a rich one, it still had some poverty in the towns. Mark Barron asked was there much crime and the Bishop told us there was not much crime. Another question that arose was, was there much unemployment and the reply was that there is not much unemployment at the moment but there will be in the future. Then our time ran out and we had to go. I am sure we could have asked him a lot more questions.

*Linda Blythman and  
Jacqueline Byrne (1A2)*



*Armagh Planetarium trip October 1981.*

*[Photo: David Kronn]*



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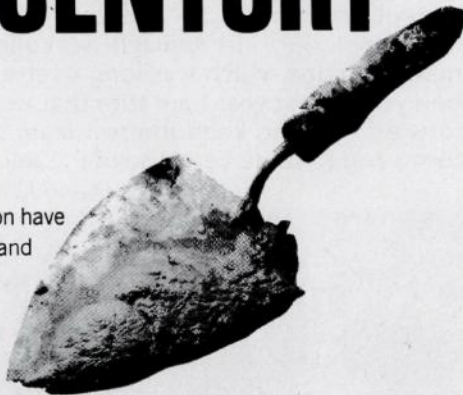
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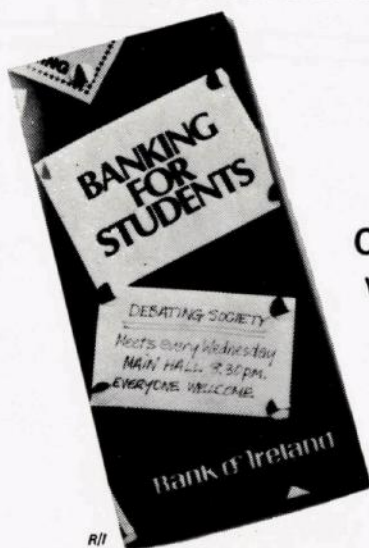
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