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EDITORIAL

It is now sixteen years since we took "that great vow which did incorporate and make us one" and there are few pupils, if any, who feel an allegiance to two separate educational establishments. The cry of supporters at rugby and hockey matches is one of encouragement to "School". Those who were wary of the amalgamation must be pleased by the knowledge that pupils now mix together so harmoniously.

Unfortunately some remnants of the two schools still exist and these create barriers between the present pupils. These include the lack of a real past pupils' union open to both sexes; the existence of two separate uniforms which have little in common and the unnecessary segregation of pupils in sport.

It is easy to see that former Diocesan pupils and the High School Old Boys have nothing in common; therefore I am not suggesting that these two unions be merged into one, but is it necessary to segregate pupils after they leave school? It is up to the present sixth year to form a union for themselves so that they do not lose contact with half of their school friends.

The only common factor between the girls' and boys' uniform is the tie which bears the four school colours and is liked by most people. In my opinion the time has now come to complete the fusion of the two schools by changing the uniform. This change would give a sense of unity to pupils and would also improve the image of the school in the eyes of those who are not associated with it.

A complete change of uniform could prove costly for parents as well as being offensive to those who attach great importance to tradition. While not condoning these antediluvian ideas, I will admit to having a slightly conservative viewpoint - I feel that the traditional colours of the school must not be sacrificed to the goddess of change. A suggestion might be a black anorak and a green jumper to be worn by all pupils. To this could be added, for girls, a tartan skirt incorporating the four colours. This would improve the appearance of the school's pupils, both in school and on their way to and from school. The change I suggest would only be effective if it were enforced. It is the disharmony produced by the variety of coats that pupils wear that causes outsiders to form an unfounded prejudice against the school.

In recent years unison has been achieved in some areas, most notably on the sports field. The reintroduction of hockey for the boys has produced not only an alternative but a rival for rugby. One often hears a friendly exchange of "insults" between players, and followers, of the two sports. The boys no longer ridicule and belittle the girls' achievements on the hockey pitch; a mutual respect now exists between all pupils. Players of badminton and tennis are separated and mixed doubles is rarely played. This places them at a disadvantage if they take the game up at club level when they leave school. More importantly pupils should be given the opportunity to interact through sporting activities as well as in the classroom.

As the ratio of boys to girls has almost reached one-to-one, is it not time to complete the unification started almost sixteen years ago? The pupils identify with the idea of "one school, one

culture", therefore it remains for the staff, governors and past pupils to do likewise. The necessary changes should now be brought about whilst maintaining the best facets of both cultures.

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The Writer

The writer woke from the cold land of his dreams and stared at the imperfect roof above him. Ancient plasterwork crumbled letting in the cool rays of the morning sun which tangoed over the bed. He had, as far as he could remember, always wanted to be a writer. Enchanted by evening tales, he had sought only to write. At an early stage in his life he had turned his back on simple tales, rejected them and finally despised them. Beyond the root of fairy tales he set his goal: he would try man's emotions, twist good and evil until his hapless reader would see them both the same and He would laugh at them and set the world to spin once more.

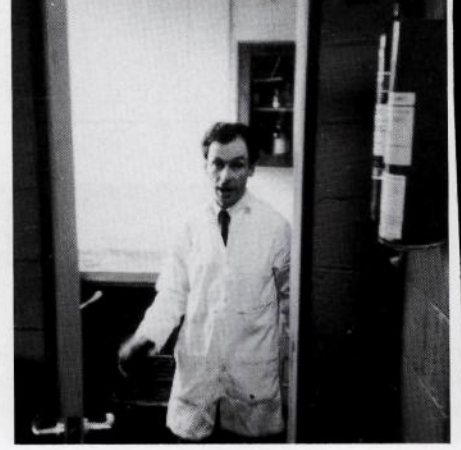
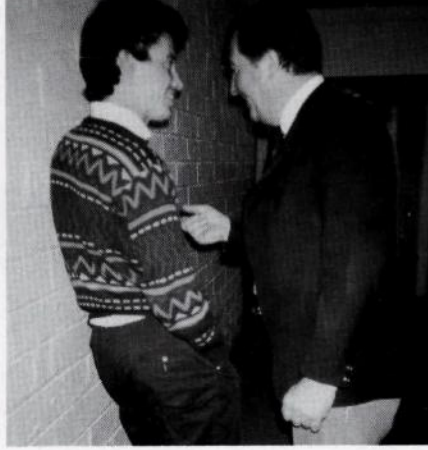
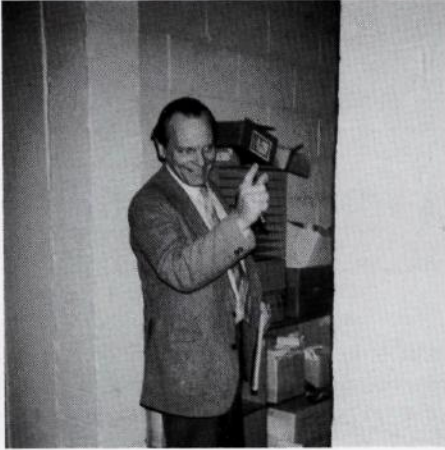
Rising from his bed he robed and with salient steps moved across the room; he looked down at the broken shutters which would no longer fasten in the middle and then with a Gallic gesture threw them back, glared at the pale sun rising and turned back to the silent room.

That view no longer held its youthful magic; like most things he had once loved, he now despised it. Life itself now held a curious revulsion for him, he hated it and it seemed to hate him back and for that he despised it and felt justified in doing so. His tales, his great tales which were to change the face of literature only highlighted his own inadequacies and mocked him from every bookstore. For his books had been popular but in a crude, common way, and the educated laughed at his simple works which dared to stand against the heroes of their printed word. Never through his life would anyone look at one of his works and say 'Truly this is the greatest book ever written'.

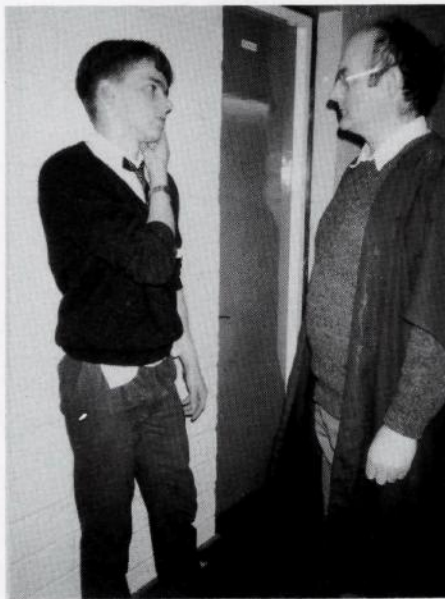
The writer returned to rotting bed and slid back to the cold land where he could at least dream.

Timothy A. Hawkins (5th)

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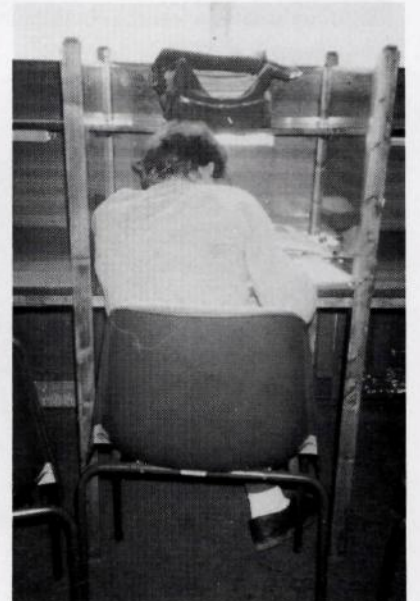


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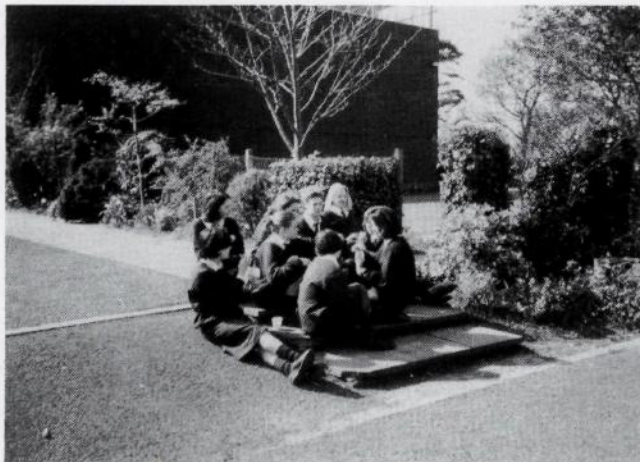


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Time Twirled

Time twirled –
Raced by –
But went nowhere at all.
I looked inside the vacant space –
Holding brilliant stars –
Supernovas even –
Burned their desperate folding collapse –
Of unknown universes grown old –
But still crash against my consciousness,
Remind me of what I do not know.
The creaking of a world upon its axis.
Decisions to be made –
Shrunk in a telescope.
Memories of open windows on winter nights –
When isolation strangled
Sleeping hours –
Sensing something more –
Outside suffocating reason –
Which calls the wanderer back –
From strolling alien skies –
To dim rooms –
Where eyes grow tired –
From seeing nothing at all.

Aoife Mannix (6th)

Listen to the Sound of Silence

Far away, in other places,
Snow falls, making faces.
Frost scarred window panes,
Mar the View.

Thoughts of you
Well up –
Subside.
The way you talk
The way you smile –
I stumble down dark corridors of memory.
The pain inside
Threshes upwards,
Brims;
Then gushes over.
I am swept away.

Sadness –
Sits and waits
for you, or me
Sits; waits; bides time;
Follows us –
Crouches in shadows
When we look behind.

Using terror like a weapon
It nods and chuckles
At every corner;
Like one deranged
He leers at me –
I am all alone
I start to run (and run)

But it is no use for –
He is still there (still there)

Sarah King (5th)

Brain Death

You are awaiting the hour of death
Nothing else matters, not earthly wealth;
You silently plead death but can't,
You hear the machine droning its chant
Yet, you know by now it's too late,
Death is your freedom, your fate.

You know you are being observed;
Ethered shapes, straight and curved,
These are people you once knew.
Although you can't see them, they can see you,
Your reality is a dreamless sleep;
Into oblivion you travel deep.

You have lost all emotions; in this hour,
Over your body, seeps death's ancient power,
But you welcome the privilege to be dead
Than to live with a brain which your body had shed.
Satan and God, over your soul they tug;
You scream in silence to pull out the plug.

David Swift (5th)

High School

High School is a wonderful place
In assembly we say Grace

Mr Brook goes up on stage
And reads some notes upon a page.

Then he goes down out of the hall
And Mr Fennell dismisses us all.

Everyone goes to the class they have first
It may be their best, it may be their worst.

Teachers may be man or woman
But we must remember they are human.

The canteen ladies cook and bake
So we can eat nice things at break.

For recreation we play games
If unfit leads to pains.

When the bell goes we all start to pack
And everyone goes with a bag on their back.

After the noisy, terrible push
There is a quiet, silent hush.

Naomi Keatinge (B1)

After

Light began to penetrate the dusty dawn. She felt cold. The morning chill. No, it wasn't cold, she was numb. She thought it was cold but she couldn't be sure. She felt no sensation, numbness spread itself with the dust over her semi-clothed body. She was too numb to get up and look around her, to survey her new surroundings. She felt she was still alive. Maybe she was dead. Perhaps death is the numbness she felt all over her body, freezing her soul. This lack of feeling must be death. She struggled to remember what they had taught her about death. Her schooldays were more hazy than the landscape around her. Suddenly she remembered she couldn't be dead. Doesn't the soul leave the body when you are dead? She thought she was still in contact with her body, but she didn't know, she thought it was still there. "I'm dead", she thought, "I'm

not in heaven. The sun shines in heaven. Heaven is a cheerful place. Heaven has a feeling, I have no feeling". She was numb or was she cold? "Does it matter in purgatory anyway?" she thought. She reasoned that this must be purgatory, due to the lack of anything. It didn't really matter anyway.

The blazing sun was now overhead. Glaring into her eyes. She must have been cold, for now she could feel the heat of the sun, burning through her tender white English skin. The force of the heat evaporating her frozen soul. If she had feeling she must be alive. A thought entered her baking mind: "Isn't hell a hot place?" She felt heat from the rubble about her. The rubble giving off the fires of hell. The glare of the sun forced her to turn her head. She saw around her rubble and ruin, remnants of life; a stench of burnt flesh and bones became apparent in her mouth. "This is hell", she thought. "The nothingness was purgatory". She felt her flesh burning away in the heat. She knew there was no escape. Don't try to run, lie back and let it happen. Let the heat burn away the body to release the soul.

White. All white. Hygienically white and clean. Walls, floors, ceilings, all white and shining in some form of indescribable white. Again she felt nothingness. Yet it wasn't numbness, it was relief. She felt at ease. She had no worries. She felt free. She wasn't aware of her white robed body. At least, her soul had left the flesh and was floating free. She was there but she was also somewhere else. Her mind had left the normal level of comprehension. "This must be heaven", she thought. "My soul had left my decomposed body". She felt only a vague sensation where her body had been, as if her soul was fighting to release itself from the remains of humanity. "Let go", she ordered. "I'm at peace here. Leave that body there. I don't need it anymore. My mind is free. My soul is floating far above. I'm free".

Slowly the doctor withdrew the needle from her arm. He hadn't really killed her, she would have survived only to die later. It was not he who had committed a crime against humanity. As he turned and walked away he consoled himself by thinking "Who needs a check-out girl in a post-apocalyptic society?"

L. Woods (6th)

Who's Afraid of Flying?

Life comes
Not from want, but love;
Life comes
Not from harm, but kindness;
Life comes, comes to everyone;
But why can't everyone,
Live their life?
Life comes, not for one, but all;
Life comes, to black, white, short, tall;
Do the people of life not ask themselves why
not other people of life may freely fly;
To the Far East, the skies too blue;
To the bottom of the world, and England too?
And the people of the rightfully unknown;
Of the darker side of the earth's natural glow;
of terrorism and cruelty strong;
humming silently behind, good people's song?
Do some people of life think that they own the way
to take other people's lives away from them?
And do these people of life actually know
how much families and people care for each other so?
To destroy life, young and old, black and white,
can be left only, to the murderous men of the night
whose feelings and hearts have not
allowed them to live as humans, with humans.
Our hearts go out to those on that Pam-Am plane,
Who, in vain, lost their right to life, the life they wanted.

Keith Sherling (4B1)

The Mansions

The burning wind whips –
Driving rain round crumbling corners –
To catch the frozen tears –
Of small feet in muddy puddles –
Dirty faces pinched cold and hard –
Shout bitter curses at shadows –
Of concrete giants looming threats –
To dreams echoing in deserted stairwells –
Where fear crawls through empty stomachs –
Rubbing tin pennies in vain effort –
Of keeping a tiny flicker of hope –
Amidst the crushing weight –
Of heartless poverty.

Aoife Mannix (6th)

Rain inside a papercup –
Dancing to the hum –
Of bees blinded –
By a parade of crazy –
Colours splashed on petals –
Smelling faintly of –
Fresh sunlight sparkling –
In waves of summer –
Sprung on new days.

Aoife Mannix (6th)

Love

You should have seen the Look,
On his dying face,
but I'll tell the sun,
That the moon's made of Lace.

I saw the broken gunman,
with his magnum made of steel,
You will never know the reality,
of the way that I feel.

I cried into my pillow,
But the Hunter never slept.
She felt the cancer growing,
from the tears that I left.

It is an 18 pounder blasting,
Holes in the night.
I thank God for the shells,
That shed a little light.

Gavan Woods (5th)

Strasbourg Youth Conference

The Irish delegation was made up of 10 scouts + 2 leaders. Everyone was under the age of 22 and was selected to attend an International Youth Conference in Strasbourg, France, during the first week in April. We left on the 24th of March and spent the first week just outside Paris in a town called Jambeville before moving into Strasbourg for the Conference. We knew very little about the conference itself and were surprised to discover on our arrival that we were the largest of the few international delegations present. The camp was attended by 14,000 French scouts and pioneers ranging from 16-19 years old and foreign parties from Madagascar, Lebanon, Finland and Belgium as well as us. It was called Euroscopi.

The Conference was essentially geared toward promoting the idea of a United European State, with many rallies, demonstrations and exhibitions in this topic. The demonstrations were held in a number of huge buildings and the atmosphere was usually very lively. These meetings were also surprisingly politically charged. This was especially true when the Socialist Lord Mayor of Strasbourg stood up to address us at the opening ceremony; half of the 14,000 French cheered, the other half voiced their disapproval.

The nights were spent in tents, a short coach journey from the conference area. This was an unpleasant experience as it rained for most of the week. The days were spent attending various discussions, exhibitions or demonstrations in the conference area, usually about themes like: a United Europe,

Peace, and Youth Organisations. The record for the largest table ever constructed was also broken, as a table 3Km long was assembled from logs and string in a stadium adjacent to the conference area. Two members were selected to attend a Common Youth Issues assembly in the European Parliament and a further two were chosen to meet the Mayor for lunch.

The camp itself was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved, at the French government's expense. It seemed to be extremely well organised if you spoke fluent French, and as we were not allocated an interpreter we found that we were not informed about certain activities until after they had happened! I look forward to experiencing the French hospitality and friendship in the future, especially in a city as spectacular as Strasbourg.

Stuart Fox (6th)

SCHOOL RECORD

School News

In June 1988 Mr. J. W. Willoughby retired after long and distinguished service in the School, latterly as Vice-Principal. Appreciations of his work and contribution to the School appear elsewhere in *The Erasmian*. Mr. R. Fennell succeeded him as Vice-Principal.

Other staff changes were as follows: Miss Yates and Mrs. Cox left and their positions were filled by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Travers. Miss Valerie Parkhill is away on a career break and most of her classes were taken by Mrs. Lyons. In the office Mrs. Bernadette McCartin left in 1988; we welcome Mrs. Hare and Miss Dennitson.

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Miss Janet Doherty (now Mrs. Faull) on her marriage.

In April 1988 Mr. Brook visited Malaysia as a member of an Irish mission representing universities and secondary schools, to market Irish educational opportunities. The visit was organised by C.T.T., the Irish Export Board, and was based in Kuala Lumpur.

In 1988 five students sat for Leaving Certificate Spanish, all five securing good results. This was the result of classes taught by Mr. Quin outside the normal timetable. Congratulations to him and to the pupils concerned.

Since January 1989 a supervised homework period after school has been organised by Mr. Swan and Mr. Hilliard. The numbers availing of this are increasing.

Congratulations to Brian Bird (3A2) on winning the Fine Gael Dublin Constituency's French Exchange Scholarship worth £300. This involved writing an essay, followed by an interview. Brian was one of the youngest entrants.

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ANNE B. PEARSON: Science, Sligo Regional Technical College.
 HILARY PHILLIPS: Speech Therapy, City University, London.
 JOHN R. POPE: Trainee Accountant.
 SARAH J. POYNTON: The Education Centre.-
 SARAH M. PYLE: Theatre Studies, T.C.D.
 GILLIAN D. REA, Stewardess, B+I Line.
 JONATHAN REICHTAL: Management Sciences, D.I.T.
 ELAINE H. REID: Au Pair work, France.
 SHARON E. RICHARDSON: Alexandra Secretarial College.
 MALACHY J. ROBINSON: Natural Science, T.C.D.
 DENIS J. ROCHE: Pearse College, Crumlin.
 FIONA C. ROCHE: Gone to Australia.
 BRENDAN J. ROYCROFT: Engineering, T.C.D.
 JOYCE E. RYAN: Coláiste Moibhí.
 MARTIN J. SCOTT: Computer Science, T.C.D.
 DARREN, B. SHEAHAN: Natural Science, T.C.D.
 ALAN SHEPHERD: Apprenticeship, E.S.B.
 BRIAN P. SPENDLOVE: 6U H.S.D.
 RUTH STEVENSON, Childcare, Sunshine Homes.
 DECLAN SUPPLE: International Commerce, U.C.D.
 RICHARD TAN: Draughtsmanship, Malaysia.
 MARY A. TAYLOR: Rathmines Senior College.
 WUEY SZE TEOH: Accounting and Finance, Liverpool Polytechnic.
 ROGER M. YOUNG: Manotherm.
 NICOLA C. WARNOCK: Language Secretarial Business Centre.
 FELICITY G. WATERSTONE: U.S.A.
 KENNETH A. WRIGHT: Accounting Technician.

T.K.

Prize Distribution and Parents' Evening

The annual Prize Distribution took place on Wednesday, November 16th, 1988. A large attendance of parents, governors, pupils and staff were present. Mr. Brook presented his report on the school year and the prizes were distributed by Mr. Norman Kilroy.

The school orchestra provided an enjoyable concert. Mr. Brook's report is printed below.

Headmaster's Address:

Last year was a year of considerable, well-publicised indecision and anxiety in the second-level world of education. The questions were endless. Would we have a five or six year cycle in the future? Would our first and second year pupils do the Intermediate Certificate in three years or four?

How could we accommodate in existing examination halls two year groups of students doing Intermediate Certificate in June 1989 if that was decreed? If we were only allowed a five year cycle how could we make satisfactory teaching provision for 250 students as fifth year pupils in 1989 and sixth year pupils in 1990 when the highest number we had ever accommodated in a year group previously was 125? Would we have to do by February 1989 the detailed planning for the introduction of a Transition Year commencing in 1989? Would repeat Leaving Certificate students continue to be recognised? How extensive would be the curriculum changes associated with the introduction of the new Junior Certificate in 1989 to replace the well tried and well known structures of the Intermediate and Day Vocational Certificates? Would there be any in-service provision in preparation for its introduction? Would any teachers apply for and be granted voluntary redundancy? If any teachers left would we be able to replace them? And if we could,

would the choice be ours or would we have to accept a teacher redeployed from an over-quota school?

Uncertainty on every point continued right through the year, and it was only at the opening of the new buildings for St. Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School on 29th April that the uncertainty about future educational structures was ended when the Taoiseach passed on a message to Archbishop Caird that the Cabinet had decided that schools with six year cycles would be allowed to retain them, and that the Minister for Education would communicate the necessary details in the near future.

The details that eventually trickled verbally from high-up sources in the Department of Education, and were only stated in full in a circular in August, confirmed that each existing six year cycle school with a four year Intermediate course could make a choice whether to introduce a Transition Year in 1989 or 1990 or 1991; that all 1988 entrants at first year level would be required to do a three year junior cycle; and that in 1988/89 repeat Leaving Certificate candidates would be recognised on payment of the same fees as in the previous year.

With our very centralised education system in this country it is highly unusual for choice in important areas to be left to individual schools as in this matter of the introduction of a Transition Year. Schools have made their decisions on the timing of change in different ways, but the decision of our staff and our governors was that Transition Year should be introduced at the latest possible date in 1991, with last year's first and second forms both doing four year Intermediate Certificate courses.

Does the decision to opt for the latest possible introduction of Transition Year mean that we in High School are so conservative in our outlook that we are implacably opposed to any alteration in the four year Intermediate course arrangements that have met the needs of our pupils so well over many years?

Does it mean that we have so little liking for the Transition Year that we are seeking to postpone the evil day of its introduction as long as possible in the secret hope that a different Minister for Education might restore a four year Intermediate? The simple answer is "No". And the longer answer is "No, but".

One major reason for delaying the introduction of Transition Year is that we want to do it well, to ensure that the only year in six which is free of the constraints of externally and fairly rigidly fixed syllabuses in a relatively small number of traditional subject areas contains a wealth of relevant, informing and stimulating experiences that prepares all our pupils better for living successfully in the real-life world outside school, but in no way acts as a brake on the academic momentum necessary for successful performance in the final hurdle, the Leaving Certificate. If in the eyes of the pupils and parents Transition Year is to compare favourably with any other of the five years we provide then the time for thorough preparation will be essential.

A second major reason for delay is that with a number of large schools with similar values and conditions to High School introducing Transition Year in 1989, snags will come to the surface that may force modifications in the somewhat restrictive guidelines for running it that are current at present. These guidelines developed out of the experiences of Transition Years in schools whose philosophies, practices and school populations in general differed considerably from many schools like ours. Even with the wide range of skills outside these subject area available in a talented staff like ours we feel that following the guideline that in Transition Year the amount of time spent on academic work should lie between 30 and 50% is neither feasible nor appropriate.

A third major reason for delay is that we appear to be on the threshold of the introduction of the most radical change in

curriculum to affect our schools in the last sixty years. As the introduction of the new courses of the Junior Certificate commences in 1989 and continues through the succeeding years the content of experience of pupils in all our schools will change considerably, and naturally this will affect the kind of material that should be included in their Transition Year experience. For example, oral communication and aural skills are not given much emphasis in the present Intermediate Certificate English course. The intention is that in the new Junior Certificate English course these skills should be given a high profile and be developed in all pupils. Any Transition Year course being planned at the moment to meet present needs should seek to remedy present omissions in oral and aural skills, but if the intentions of the Junior Certificate course are carried out this will not be necessary in Transition Year. Delay will allow us to modify our programme in the light of the rapid curriculum changes expected.

A fourth reason for the delay is that so far in our research and planning we have restricted ourselves to the ideas and practices of our own and other schools, and to a lesser extent of our current and immediate past pupils. We have not had the time to canvass the viewpoint of parents whose varied family and working experiences enable them to highlight the deficiencies in the present provision of schools that limit the effectiveness of young people as they go forward from the schools into working, social and family life, and to suggest inputs into the Transition Year that may provide remedies. I hope a variety of parents will put pen to paper and send their ideas to me for discussion by the Education Committee and other working parties from January onwards. I look forward with particular interest to a document from our Chairman tonight as, with his very wide and international business and industrial background, together with a family spread that has two of his children well settled into working life, one in the Upper Sixth and one half-way through his school career, he is particularly well placed to make a major contribution. I hope he will have his pen at the ready for a family working session after lunch next Sunday.

It is time to move on from discussion of Transition Year problems and possibilities to comment on what I described as "the most radical change in curriculum to affect our schools in the last sixty years". As briefly as possible I would like to highlight some of the radical changes and some of their consequences.

The first change I would point to is that in the case of almost all subjects they will be offered and assessed at two levels, Ordinary and Higher, and in the case of Mathematics and Irish, at an extra level, Foundation. I pointed out in my written report in the prize booklet that out of 106 Intermediate candidates this year, 40 had obtained A grades in Geography, and there were also 40 A grades in Science. The single assessment instrument in these cases, the examination paper, was not adequate for all abilities of pupil. Had the papers been harder many more pupils would have failed and labelled themselves as "duffer" in Geography or Science. Now we have the problem that Fifth Year is filled with students who regard themselves as stars in these subjects. The future two level situation should make for much more meaningful examination of both able and average students.

The second stage is that each new syllabus or course content description has to be accompanied by a clear statement of the aims and objectives, not just a vague high-sounding preamble. When parents and pupils want to make a decision whether a particular subject should be studied or not when a choice is allowed, then the information to guide their choice is there in simple language. An employer taking on a pupil from a Junior Certificate background will know exactly how much or how little to expect from them in regard to any subject they have studied.

The third change is perhaps the most exciting and the most

controversial of all. Each course is to be accompanied by a set of assessment objectives. As an example, for Junior Certificate Business Studies — Higher Level, ten assessment objectives are listed and I quote three of them:

- No. 5. Explain, interpret or illustrate data in a variety of forms.
- No. 6. Display an appropriate level of communication skills to cope with everyday business.
- No. 7. Apply accounting principles to the solution of given problems.

Judging a student's oral responses and written assignments against a list like this, the teacher is able to assess much more fully than a mark in a test or examination indicates, exactly what competencies the student has or has not got. In fact students are able to assess their own standing in the subject for themselves and as a consequence take more responsibility for their own progress. It is clear why I described the change as exciting. But I also described it as controversial. Why? The Junior Certificate is described as a unified (meaning for all pupils) system of national assessment. National carries the implication that the assessment of a Donegal student can be validly compared with that of a Kerry one. The easiest, most reliable and least costly way of ensuring this is by a system of national examinations, and so as long as finance is short examinations will continue, administered by the Examinations Branch of the Department of Education under the direct control of the subject Inspectors of the Department. Now if these examinations do not reflect fully the assessment objectives set for the course, teachers will be in a quandary. Will they teach the course as it has been envisaged and planned by the Course Committee of the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment and approved by the Minister for Education, and see their pupils perform less well in the final examination than they should? Or will they teach to the lines of the examination and see their pupils getting the best possible grades?

The controversial situation arises because no sample examination papers have been produced by the committees that drew up the courses. This did not lie within the brief they were given. The decision has been made that sample papers will, at some unknown time in the future, be issued to the schools by the Department of Education. Teachers fear from past bitter experience that the sample papers will not match the agreed assessment objectives. Long-term forecast — Stormy.

My final comment on the proposed new Junior Certificate is that radical changes in course content, together with the changes in outlook methodology that will be required if the assessment objectives are to be fully met in the classrooms, demand a proper structure of in-service education for all teachers. Unless the finance is made available very speedily to provide this between January and May, I feel sure that the Management Associations and the Unions will together tell the Minister to postpone the introduction of the Junior Certificate until September 1990.

At this point many parents and pupils could rightly say "Why bother about Transition Year and Junior Certificate anyway? With a hairshirt economy and massive unemployment, the only prospect for our young people is emigration". There is comment in my formal report on the growing number of our students accepting places in U.K. Universities and Colleges, and in the office we face a growing number of requests from overseas firms for reference for past pupils. Many parents are worried at what they see as the finality of such emigration, but I would say two things to encourage them. The first is that never have our emigrants been so well equipped for emigration. The second is that the mark so many of them are rapidly making in the countries they have chosen will bring them back as spearheads of investment and business enterprise in our own country.

If you feel that there are other matters I should have dealt with in tonight's report, please check to see whether I have

commented on them already in my formal written report recorded in the Prize Booklet. Before I close I would like to refer to distinctions that are about to come the way of two people here tonight, one a pupil and the other a past member of staff.

Gymnastics and acrobatics are not activities any of our pupils major on in school, but outside school, some do. One of our recent past pupils, Sandra Veale, distinguished herself at an early age in gymnastics while in school, and for three years has been the Irish Senior Ladies Champion, only prevented by injury from representing Ireland in Seoul. On Monday I told the school that at the age of thirteen one of our pupils has been chosen for the Irish Senior Sports Acrobatics Team to compete in the World Championships in Belgium at the end of November. The pupil who has so distinguished herself is one of our Prize-winners tonight, Ruth Dowling.

As a profession teaching is noted more for its labour and repetitive toil, its frustrations and criticisms, than for its honours and distinctions. Many years of going far beyond the call of duty and giving oneself completely to the shaping and developing of young people usually get no more recognition than a few thank-you letters from thoughtful parents and pupils, and a pension at the end of the road. However, I was informed today by Trinity College that they were delighted to allow me to anticipate their press release by using this most appropriate occasion to announce that the College has decided that next July they will confer on Victor Graham the rarely awarded honorary degree of Sc.D., Doctor of Science, in honour of his services to the teaching of Mathematics both in Trinity College, Dublin and in the High School, Dublin.

List of Prizes

Old Boys' Cup: Tanguy Gaidoni

Jean Scott Trophy: Fiona Sheil

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6 Upr. *Simon Eppel Prize for Science:* John Fan.

Class Prizes: Stephen Griffin, Aideen Larke, Michael Wood.

6— *Glorney Exhibition and Cup (£160):* Tanguy Gaidoni.

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize (£100): Khoo Ui Peng.

Victor Graham Prizes in Mathematics (£930): George Hawkins, Brendan Roycroft.

John Thompson Scholarship (£200): Sarah-Jane Mitchell.

Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize (£120): Caroline Carswell.

John Bennett Memorial Prize (£50): Brian Mahon.

B'nai Brith Scholarship (£150): Duncan Cole.

Bessie Bury Prize for English: Carl Gray.

Alan Peters Memorial Prize: Jonathan Blagbrough.

Casserley Memorial Prize for English: Sarah-Jane Mitchell.

German Government Prize: Declan Supple.

Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Karen Cogan.

S.S. Evans Prize for Commerce: John Pope.

Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Alexis Haskins.

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Steven Gray.

Class Prizes: Catherine Brosnan, Gavin Carter, Robert Harris, James McElvaney, David Marshall, Maeve Moynihan, Martin Scott.

5— *Mitchell Scholarship:* Simon Ridley.

Dr. Start's Prize for Chemistry: Andrew Darby.

Parents' Association Prize for English: Aoife Mannix, Sonya Dowsett.

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Selena Darby.

Class Prizes: Alison Blackmore, Chee Seng Heng, Carol Conway, Sarah Dawson, Duncan Foster, Mark Hildebrand, Meriel Huggard, Ling Ching Nei, Miriam

Reid, Trudi Rothwell, Yong Hua Tang.
O.B.U. Debating Medal: Philip Doherty.
Diocesan School Music Prize: Duncan Foster.

- 4— *Rogers Memorial Prize*: Gareth Lloyd.
German Government Prize: Susan Coote.
Dillon Prize for Mathematics: Andrew McMurray.
Foster Memorial Prize for Mathematics: Julia Nielsen.
Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize: Timothy Hawkins.
Emily Latimer Memorial Prize for English: Julia Nielsen.
Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Jennifer Jackson.
Casserley Prize for History: Linda Killeen.
S.S. Evans Prize for Commerce: Timothy Hawkins.
Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics:
 Jennifer Jackson.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Janet Wilkie.
- 4A1 Alison Furney, Colin Harris
 4A2 Rosemary Garth, Julian McCrae
 4B1 Lee Hickey, Brian McNeilly
 4B2 Stephen Morrison, Scott Shaw
 4B3 Phelim Davey, Niamh Supple.
- 3— *Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize*: Karen Dawson.
McNay Prize for English: Karen Dawson.
Parents' Association Prize for English: Mark Wilksin.
Parents' Association Prize for Mechanical Drawing:
 Cian Ó Maolchoille.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Peter Hanan, Simon King.
Wilfrid Lowry Progress Prizes: Andrew Moffett, Geoffrey
 Sargent.
- 3A1 Wesley Darlington, Ian Rowell
 3A2 Neil Watson, Brian Hildebrand
 3B1 Rachel Ball, Martin Kelly
 3B2 Aileen Strachan, Sara Giltrap
 3B3 Shirley Byrne, Victoria Shaw.
- 2— *McNay Prize for English*: Janet Veale.
Parents' Association Prize for Woodwork: Andrew
 Skelton.
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Jeremy Sargent.
Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes: Gillian Burke, Carol
 Lilburn.
Dorothy Blakeney Prize for Biology Project: Annalee
 Fennell, Neville Cobbe.
- 2A1 Clare Dowling, Stuart Kinsella
 2A2 Jeremy Chipperfield, Brian Bird
 2B1 Kenneth Heslip, Eric McCarthy
 2B2 Louise Gibson, Hazel Babington
 2B3 Barry Conway, David Plummer.
- 1— *Etheline Brady Prize*: Ruth Dowling
Jellett Memorial Prize for Irish: Ruth Dowling.
- 1A1 Helen Finch, Patricia Conway
 1A2 Judith Haslett, Jonathan Carson
 1B1 Louise Gobbett, Gareth Bradshaw
 1B2 Rebecca Gageby, James Hession
 1B3 David Vora, Mark Simms.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship: Steven Edge
 (Rathfarnham National School)
 Ian Wilkinson (Rathfarnham National School)
 Heidi Kinsella (Rathgar National School)
 Nicola Wynne (Rathfarnham National School)
 Catherine Loane (Rathgar National School)
 Simon Stroughair (St. Catherine's National School).

LEAVING CERTIFICATE 1988

Elizabeth Armstrong, Mark Bailey, Robert Barrett, Alexis
 Bernstorff, Jonathan Blagbrough, Ingrid Blain, James
 Blanckensee, Catherine Brosnan, Vanessa Butler, Andrew
 Cains, Caroline Carswell, Gavin Carter, Peter Cashell,
 Sebastian Clayton, Andrew Clements, Karen Cogan, Duncan
 Cole, Tracey Conway, Joanne Corley, Conal Davey, Alan
 Davies, Aaron Deveney, Sarah Dick, Malcolm Doak, Helen
 Dobson, Neil Douglas, Jane Fahy, Fan Chie Chung, Derek
 Finnegan, Adrianna Fitzgerald, Heather Fitzpatrick, Richelle
 Flanagan, Kathryn Flood, Jonathan Forresst, Corinna Fox,
 Moira Fraser, Tanguy Gaidoni, Susan Gibson, Ruth Gilmour,
 Mark Glover, Wendy Grant-Freemantle, Carl Gray, Steven
 Gray, Gordon Griffin, Stephen Griffin, Cormac Griffith, Peter
 Glynne, Richard Hagan, Avril Harford, Susan Harris, Robert
 Harris, Ashling Harrison, Alex Haskins, George Hawkins,
 William Hill, Owen Hillis, Alan Hood, Hilary Hopkins, Colin
 Ingram, James Jackson, Alan Jacobs, Gordon Jenkinson,
 Deborah Jobling, Avril Johnson, Stephen Johnston, David
 Johnston, Yvonne Kane, Paul Kane, Jonah Keatinge, Khoo U
 Peng, Nicola Kilroy, Lucy Klitz, Sven Knobel, Mia Kutner,
 Aideen Larke, Desmond Laughlin, Tracey Lew, Lim Chin, Lim
 Beng Nee, Neil Lyons, Karen Lowen, Trevor Lowry, Oisín Lunny,
 Brian Mahon, David Marshall, Mark Martin, Linda McCarthy,
 James McElvaney, Craig McGeeney, Rachel McGurdy, Alan
 Millar, Andrew Miller, Sarah-Jane Mitchell, Tara Morrison,
 Jonathan Morton, Maeve Moynihan, Garry Murtagh, Gillian
 Needham, Daithí Neligan, David Nixon, Eoin O'Brien, Neil
 O'Broin, Elspeth O'Callaghan, Ronan Ó Maolchoille, Nigel
 Peard, Anne Pearson, Hilary Phillips, John Pope, Sarah
 Poynton, Sarah Pyle, Gillian Rea, Elaine Reid, Jonathan
 Reichental, Gareth Rennicks, Sharon Richardson, Malachy
 Robinson, Denis Roche, Fiona Roche, Brendan Roycroft,
 Martin Scott, Darren Sheahan, Alan Shepherd, Fiona Sheil,
 Brian Spendlove, Ruth Stevenson, Declan Supple, Tan Wooi
 Heong, Mary Anne Taylor, Teoh Wuey Sze, Derek Trower,
 Michael Wann, Justin Walters, Nicola Warnock, Felicity
 Waterstone, Michael Wood, Kenneth Wright, Roger Young.

QUALIFIED FOR N.U.I. MATRICULATION

Mark Bailey, Robert Barrett, Alexis Bernstorff, Jonathan
 Blagbrough, Ingrid Blain, Catherine Brosnan, Vanessa Butler,
 Caroline Carswell, Karen Cogan, Dunca Cole, Tracey Conway,
 Joanne Corley, Fan Chie Chung, Richelle Flanagan, Jonathan
 Forrest, Tanguy Gaidoni, Mark Glover, Carl Gray, Steven Gray,
 Stephen Griffin, Peter Glynne, Richard Hagan, Susan Harris,
 Robert Harris, George Hawkins, Owen Hillis, James Jackson,
 Deborah Jobling, Yvonne Kane, Paul Kane, Khoo U Peng,
 Nicola Kilroy, Aideen Larke, Tracy Lew, Lim Chin, Lim Beng
 Nee, Neil Lyons, Brian Mahon, David Marshall, James
 McElvaney, Sarah-Jane Mitchell, Maeve Moynihan, Eoin
 O'Brien, Neil O'Broin, Hilary Phillips, Gillian Rea, Elaine Reid,
 Malachy Robinson, Brendan Roycroft, Darren Sheah, Declan
 Supple, Tan Wooi Heong, Mary Anne Taylor, Teoh Wuey Sze,
 Michael Wann, Justin Walters, Michael Wood.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE 1988

Caitriona Armstrong, Ronald Bailey, Elizabeth Barnardo,
 Patrick Barnwell, Michael Blythman, Stephen Bovenizer,
 Malcolm Boyd, Jonathan Bradley, Christina Byrne, Sebastian
 Caillabet, Darren Carter, Eoghan Casey, Malcolm Childs,
 Maurice Citron, Gordon Clarke, Susan Coote, Phelim Davey,
 Sara Deveney, Stephen Douglas, Shane Dowling, Neville
 Dowling, Colin Dunne, Jean Edgley, Fan Chie Lee, Louise
 Farrell, Terence Fitzgerald, Alison Furney, Rosemary Garth,
 Andrew Gilmour, William Glass, Karen Glover, Andrew
 Greenlee, Jeffrey Greene, David Grimason, Grace Hamilton,

Michael Hamilton, Graham Hanan, Darren Harringman, Colin Harris, Derek Harris, Mark Harris, Timothy Hawkins, Katherine Heaney, Simon Heaney, Daniel Henderson, Lee Hickey, Karen Hill, Leslie Hill, Melanie Hill, Neil Hillis, Karin Hudson, Ruth Hughes, Graeme Hunter, Anne Jackson, Jennifer Jackson, Alison Jacobs, Arthur Kane, Sharon Kennedy, Linda Killeen, Sarah King, Julie Kirkham, Timothy Lindsay, Gareth Lloyd, Sorley McCaughey, Jennifer McCormack, Julian McCrae, Stuart McCready, Graham McElhinney, Darren McGeeney, Andrew McMurray, Brian McNeilly, Saul Marcus, Stephen Morrison, Linda Murdock, Julia Nielsen, Neal Neilson, Ronan Neligan, Dara O'Brien, Julie O'Callaghan, Karen Pelley, Noel Prendergast, Clare Quick, Scott Rainsfort, Stephen Rance, Alan Reid, Niall Rennicks, Mark Robertson, Tessa Robinson, Simon Rooney, Anthony Ryan, Donald Siggins, Rachel Scott, Scott Shaw, Eva Slack, Hillas Smith, Hannah Smolenska, Alison Stevenson, Niamh Supple, David Swift, Ronan Swift, Christopher Sykes, Frances Vickers, Mark Vincent, Janet Wilkie, Antoinette Wills, Gavan Woods, Timothy Wright.

James Walter Willoughby

I feel particular pleasure in being asked by the Editorial Committee to write about Jim Willoughby following his retirement from The High School, Dublin, in June 1988, as I am the only member of the staff who was in the school when he commenced teaching service in Harcourt Street in September 1949. Our paths crossed little during the next two years as I was studying Mathematics intensely in Forms 5 and 6 while the majority of his time was used in teaching English and History to pupils in more Junior forms. As he joined the staff the school was renowned for a strong academic reputation based on a steady stream of excellent T.C.D. Entrance Examination and Sizarship results in Classics, Mathematics and Science, but before long another subject began to appear in the lists as his great enthusiasm for History communicated itself to pupils. In his first two years he taught Aidan Clarke who went on to a professorship and a distinguished career as an historian in T.C.D., and in the years that followed he laid the foundations that helped others of his students to achieve distinction in history and associated fields.

In the years immediately before Mr. Willoughby joined the staff games in High School were in a very low state, and Mr. Jack Cornish was appointed to teach English with the hope that his excellent coaching skills in Rugby and Cricket would change the situation. It needed more than one man to do the job, and from 1949 on the new enthusiastic red-headed history teacher gave sterling service in kindling love for games and developing all the basic skills in younger pupils that laid the foundation for the games' successes of following years. This interest and involvement in games remained with him all the rest of his career, and large numbers of High School pupils, both boys and girls, owe a great deal to his encouragement and coaching.

He found some of his greatest satisfactions in working with the youngest pupils in the school, and for many years took on the role of games master for the Junior School. The friendships formed through a ten year link with many pupils of the school and their parents gave him a central role as an ambassador for the school and as a wise counsellor to many a past pupil. In her role as Senior Mistress of the Junior School, Miss Dorothy Blakeney found his help and support invaluable.

Outside the school he served for many years as an examiner in History for the Department of Education Certificate examinations, and Department Inspectors and History teachers in other schools highly valued his deep knowledge of his subject, his high professional standards, and his wise

understanding of both the capabilities and limitations of Leaving Certificate candidates.

For his final three years in the school he was Vice-Principal, and brought to the post the combination of efficiency, dedication, knowledge of pupils and staff, and courtesy that enabled him to carry out all the heavy demands of the job with distinction.

His capacity for friendship with both staff and pupils will be long remembered in High School, and the many links he has made are likely to be continued by friendly encounters on the golf course. We know that even in retirement he will continue to be an ambassador for the school to which he gave thirty-nine years of devoted service.

A.P.R.B.

Mr. Willoughby

To me, Mr. Willoughby was a capstone of the school. I never had him for class but I have heard about his class, and anyone who could keep a first year history class always interested must have been exuberant and his mood seemed to be reflected in his pupils. He taught me rugby from about the age of eight and was always there to encourage and help us in the sport. Not only rugby, he was interested in all games.

He kept up a keen interest in all the pupils he had ever taught, even after they had left the school. He would consistently ask me how I was getting on in both sport and on the academic side of my school career whenever he saw me.

He was a great supporter of the school and travelled to any of the school sports matches whenever he could. When the Junior School was in existence he always took a special interest in it. He taught games to the boys in most of the classes in the Junior School and he would always be there to help any poor soul who had gone astray in between classes.

His presence in the school will be sadly missed by everybody who had ever known him, past and present. The pupils who never knew him missed the company, guidance and advice of a truly unique man.

Hillas Smith (5th).

OBITUARIES

Mr. Jim Malone

Maintenance man and Groundsman of the Diocesan Secondary School and of the High School

One day in 1968, Jim Malone knocked on the Office door of Diocesan Secondary School for Girls in Adelaide Road. He was seeking employment and his application was welcomed — Jim was already known in "Diocesan" and he knew the building from its roof to its drains, as for many years he had been the foreman in Messrs. R.G. Brady & Co. Ltd., who had the contract for repairs and maintenance of the School building and had carried out several extensions, in recent years. Consequently, Jim was a familiar figure to some of us. The firm of R.G. Brady was closing and Jim was in need of fresh employment. The School building would continue to need maintenance and Jim's application was very opportune and welcome.

Just at that time, Belgrave Square Sports Ground was causing some of us considerable worry. As the High School by 1961 had playing fields in Danum, it no longer needed Belgrave

Square Sports Ground. This was then bought by Diocesan School which had urgent need of such amenity. The Sports Ground looked especially green and enticing on long Summer evenings when no "Diocesan" girls were using it. The local children played on it, but also broke down the railings and broke into the Pavilion, damaging property. Local people exercised their dogs on it, and young men came from far and near in their cars to play soccer, with disastrous results to the surface of the hockey pitch. So, the prevention of vandalism and trespass in Belgrave Square was another area where Jim Malone's help was very valuable and most welcome. Very often, at irregular hours and days, Jim would be there, would turn young men off the ground, would replace a stolen or broken padlock, mend a wall or railing, put a new pane of glass in a window and in a variety of ways prevent abuse of the ground, sometimes with help from one or other of his two sons.

The sphere of Jim's work continued to widen in Adelaide Road, as he looked after doors and drains, gates and gutters, roofs and railings and kept all in working order. Finally, when our resident caretaker had to retire, Jim accepted responsibility for keys of the school, opened the doors each school morning and often locked up in the evenings. He gave reliable attention to the buildings, but even greater care to the safety of the pupils. The welfare of the girls was of paramount importance to him and he could always be relied upon to make sure that they were safe. On the occasion of a Prize Distribution in the Royal Dublin Society Hall, Jim would be on duty at the entrance doors, a fine upstanding figure, helping to see that all was in order and looking after both visitors and pupils.

In 1974, when the time came to vacate the building in Adelaide Road, once more Jim was on the job, helping in the moving of equipment. In Danum, from 1974 to 1987, Jim had many duties such as carrier of quantities of supplies for the catering staff, as repairer of an occasional broken window, as the rescuer of balls which sometimes went out of reach of their owners, or as driver of the School bus. However, chiefly he was a full time groundsman and also a faithful champion of the girls. As another good friend and parent writes —

"Jimmy Malone was a man for whom we had the highest regard and respect, and whose many kindnesses and good turns will long be remembered by those who had the good fortune to know him personally". "The young held him in highest esteem, they appreciated his concern for them, they accepted him, they loved him".

A quotation from the *Erasmian* and *Diocesan Times* 1988 states —

"Nobody quite realised how much work Jim did until there was no one guiding traffic at the front gate, and new faces in the tractor cab. I think I can safely speak on behalf of the whole School when I say that we all miss him very much".

Stephen Johnston, Editor.

Throughout his life, Jim gave himself wholeheartedly to his work, which occupied most hours of all week days — whether he was driving Mr Bewley's cows in Danum as a young boy or as a Senior Citizen, driving the Diocesan School motor-mower in Belgrave Square, or the High School bus to bring a team to a rugby match. He was also devoted to his family, he had many memories of his early days and happy home life and was always willing to talk to his friends about his grandchildren.

On 18th October, 1988, a Memorial Service was held in Zion Church, Rathgar, when the Church was filled with past and present pupils, past and present members of Staff, the Headmaster and Mrs. Brook, many friends and a full front pew of Jim's family. It was an Ecumenical Service when the address was given by the Reverend Father S. Carey. We met to honour and give thanks for a man of high principles, a loyal worker, and a kind friend.

M.M. Jagoe.

Jim Malone — A Pupil's Tribute

I do not know anything of Mr. Malone's (Jim's) history before September 1980 when I entered the gates of the High School for the first time. He was there that morning, just as he was to be for seven and a half years more, greeting us, the new pupils and our mothers: a smiling, kindly face amidst all the mystery of the big and rather daunting new school.

Jim, primarily a groundsman, drove the School bus on occasion to and from rugby and cricket matches. Once, he drove the Under 13A team to Raheny where we were to face St. Paul's. With the match over Jim was driving us home when we came to College Green, nothing unusual about that! However, he took a rather sharp turn around the Green to Dame Street and the door at the side of the bus was not fully closed. Suddenly it swung open and a poor unfortunate U13 A was left hanging out of the bus while moving. Jim stopped the bus and, on slamming his door, walked to the side door with a very angry expression painted on his face but on seeing the terrified and stunned pupil it turned to a warm, friendly and reassuring smile. He closed the door and we went on our way. It was typical of a man who at instances like that described above, or at the loss of important rugby or hockey matches, always had the heart warming expression on his face which made us all feel better.

I also remember Jim in his Santa Claus suit going around the Junior School classes, all those years ago, giving out handfuls of sweets to all who had hands, his Christmas present to everyone.

But what really endears the memory of Jim Malone to me, was his "hello" and "goodbye" to each of us, his beloved pupils, rain, hail, sleet or shine, every morning or afternoon of his life in the High School, or the inevitable "I'll send you to the master's office", which every cyclist who cycled on the School grounds was threatened with.

His service to this school was remembered with thanksgiving by the great number of pupils, teachers, past and present, and parents who attended the Memorial Service which was held in Zion Church, in October last.

Jim is sorely missed.

Stephen Douglas (5th).

Miss Nora Richards

Moderator B.A. T.C.D. (1930)

Moderator in Modern History and Political Science

On 6th December, 1988, a small company of true friends gathered at Glasnevin Crematorium to honour the memory of Norah Richards and attended the Service, conducted with dignity and sincerity by the Reverend Sydney Laing. Miss Richards died on 2nd December in Sally Park Nursing Home, where she had received kind professional care from Staff and from Dr. C.M. O'Malley. She was the last of her family in Dublin and for a number of years had been living alone on Kimmage Road West in a substantial house, next door to her doctor and kind neighbours — the O'Malley family. They and Mr. and Mrs. Broad showed her much kindness and concern as her health deteriorated. Finally, through Mr. Ian Broad's action, we were alerted to the situation, and immediately some members of the Diocesan Past Pupils' Association became involved and active.

The last three years of Miss Richards' life were spent in a Nursing Home, with visits from friends of long association. No relatives were near enough to be able to help in any way. Her chief visitor for those last years was a former pupil who visited her frequently — several times a week whenever she could — who did necessary shopping, who listened with sympathy and understanding, and together they often enjoyed amusing reminiscences of days in Diocesan Secondary School. A small

group of four friends belonging to the Old Girls' Association acted in lieu of relatives and also assisted Miss Richards' solicitor and sometimes her doctor, in several practical ways, when possible.

Miss Richards had been associated with Schools and Colleges all her life. Early teaching years had been spent in the High School, Sligo. Later, she taught in Wesley College, Dublin and from 1951 — 1970, she taught Senior History, Religious Knowledge, Junior Geography and finally some Civics in the Diocesan Secondary School in Adelaide Road. While there, she organised a School branch of the Fellowship of International Goodwill and was elected President of the Dublin Branch in 1966. She gave generously of time and thought in looking after the School Library. She encouraged the wider use of standard works available to the girls, as well as building up the Fiction Section. She was faithful supporter of the D.U. Women Graduates' meetings held in Trinity College and was a member of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland. She was always ready to use her car and her time to assist in escorting parties of pupils on visits to places of geographical or historical importance in the vicinity of Dublin.

In Glasnevin, on 6th December, the friends who gathered represented the many facets and interests of her life — Trinity College, the Sligo School, Wesley College, the High School, Dublin, and especially Diocesan Past Pupils and Past Staff.

We remember her with affection.

M.M. Jagoe.

The St. Andrew's International Model United Nations

In June of last year, four 3rd year pupils went to St. Andrew's College to attend the first Irish session of the Model United Nations. Twelve other schools sent delegations of four or five members. Each delegation represented a particular member country of the United Nations — we chose Mozambique. The aim of the M.U.N. was to develop debating skills and to increase the awareness of international affairs of those taking part.

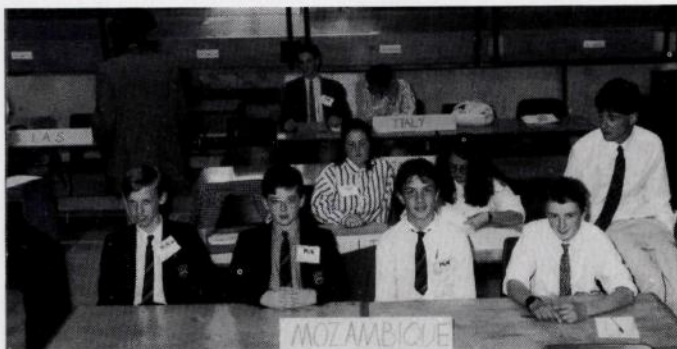
After several weeks of preparation, which involved research into the country we were representing and into the particular issues which would be discussed by individual committees at the M.U.N., we drew up a number of resolutions, i.e. statements of the problems and suggestions as to how they could be solved.

The committees which we took part in were:

<i>Human Rights</i>	— Mark Williamson (Ambassador)
<i>Disarmament</i>	— Clifford Redmond (1st Secretary)
<i>Political</i>	— Simon King
<i>Economic Development</i>	— Matthew Jones

The M.U.N. lasted for four days. The first day was spent lobbying i.e. talking to other delegations in order to get support for our resolutions.

The next day the General Assembly was in session — this



Our delegation from left to right: Mark Wilkinson, Clifford Redmond, Matthew Jones, Simon King.

was the time when the ambassador of each delegation made a welcoming speech to the whole assembly. In the afternoon the individual committees were in session with resolutions being debated and voted on. Those that were passed by the committees were printed in a resolution booklet, a copy of which was distributed to each delegation the next morning.

The morning of the third day was spent in the committee rooms again where more resolutions were debated. In the afternoon the General Assembly was again in session and those resolutions which had been passed by the committees were discussed by all of the delegations in the Assembly.

The fourth day was also spent in the General Assembly continuing to debate resolutions. To liven up the proceedings and to test peoples' reactions, a "crisis" was introduced. A report arrived in the General Assembly saying that a bomb had exploded in Johannesburg and that Cuban troops in Angola had mobilised against South African troops in Namibia. An emergency meeting of the Security Council was called to which the ambassadors of all the front-line states (including Mozambique) were called. Lively negotiations took place in order to prevent a war. Despite some Russian - American aggression, the peace talks were successful.

The M.U.N. was an extremely interesting experience and we would recommend it to anyone who enjoys debating and who has an interest in world affairs.

We would like to thank Mr. Benson for all his help in producing our material.

M. Wilkinson (4A2)

The Debating Society

"Leaving one still with the intolerable wrestle with words and meanings" — T.S. Eliot

The Society began its activities in October when a meeting decided this year's standing committee of Stephen Johnston, Gavin Weaire, Philip Doherty, Stephen Douglas, Mark Wilkinson and David Willis. We decided to stage debates during lunch time to inspire interest and then start evening discussions on political themes. These events have been successes and a fine standard of debating has emerged. The audience participated fully as shown by lively debate caused by questions from the floor. Of the lunch time debates, "This house believes that Christianity has outlived its usefulness" was the best attended (the motion was defeated 7-19 with 3 abstentions), while motions on Northern Ireland and Censorship also produced large interest. The decision to attract those interested in debate rather than arriving by accident during lunch break was fully justified by the year's outcome.

The evening events where an invited outside speaker discussed and then answered questions on topics of general interest were very well attended. The first of these was on Northern Ireland and given by the Journalist, Mary Holland, and there was scarcely space in the Library for the audience. This was followed in January by a talk on the 1992 Single European Act given by Mr. Norman Kilroy of Nokia Ireland, a High School Governor and Old Boy. Mr. Kilroy illustrated his talk by a slide show to help our understanding of this important issue. In February the Most Rev. Dr. Caird, Archbishop of Dublin, spoke on the lives of W.B. Yeats and Douglas Hyde. All of these events were resounding successes. We are grateful to these speakers for giving up time to address us.

The Old Boys' Debate: "That cultural diversity should be sacrificed to European Unity" attracted its traditional crowd and was perhaps the best success of the year. High School Present Pupils were represented by Gavin Weaire (The Society Auditor), Sonya Dowsett, Stephen Douglas and Michael Lunny. The Old Boys fielded a strong side with Mr Gardner, Kenneth Gibson, David Rowell and Jonathan Wright. The debate was keenly fought with very high debating standards throughout.

When the Chairman, Mr Alan Graham, called for the vote, Present Pupils won 22-12.

For the success of this year's activities much credit goes to Mr Wallace, as well as to the committee who guided the Society through a most rewarding year and whose time and encouragement were vital. I also wish to thank Mrs King for her help in organising the evening discussions and to the School Sergeant for all his help.

It was decided by the committee to award the Debating medal for best consistent performance this year to Michael Lunny.

Our performance this year shows undoubted promise for the next academic year's activities. I feel very confident that the Society will prosper and attract even more genuine interest.

Philip Doherty (Secretary)

Junior Debating Society

The Junior Debating Society consists of 1st, 2nd and 3rd year pupils. We meet some Mondays and Fridays in B10 at Junior break. Mrs Conway, who runs the Debating Society and chairs the majority of the debates, is a great source of encouragement and inspiration to us all.

We have enjoyed some lively and entertaining debates this year finishing with a second year debate entitled "That violence in aid of a political cause is justifiable" for which there was a prize. This debate was very exciting and all the speakers were highly praised. We are sadly lacking in numbers, however, and would welcome new members. Our thanks again goes to Mrs Conway for providing us with this opportunity.

Ruth Dowling (2A1)

5th Year Drama Production Juno and the Paycock

Nov. 1988

The choice of *Juno and the Paycock* as the 5th year Drama Production of 1988 came about, firstly, because it was felt a Dublin play would be apt in Dublin Millennium and secondly because it is a terrific play.

As opposed to productions of this kind in the past, *Juno and the Paycock* started its life at the beginning of the school year, with auditions in September and the first rehearsals in the same month. Those auditions seemed so far off as the curtains drew back on the first night of the show.

Having a top-class "sets" crew really got the spirit of the production rolling. Due to the activities of Joxer Daly (Sorley McCaughey), a sturdy set was required of them and the finished result was a tribute to Colin Harris (set design) and a lot of others on construction.



"A Collection of Thespians"

Rehearsals pushed on through the cold evenings of September, October and November and it was interesting to watch the cast improve with each rehearsal. Firstly getting their moves on stage right, then tentatively trying without the text and finally interpreting their lines as they and the director saw them.



"Sit down and have a cup of tae Mary, dear".

Martin Maguire directed once again and during the rehearsals he negotiated a house move and played in *Richard III* with the Dublin Shakespeare Society which entailed a severe hair cut, so a very special thank-you goes to him for all the precious time and talent he put into directing the play.

Jenny Jackson was producer of the play; she did very well in keeping all areas of the production running smoothly throughout, her contribution was invaluable.



Members of the cast in sombre mood.

So as the dress rehearsal approached everything seemed to be coming together very well but for a few dodgy lines here and there. The dress rehearsal and performances on Thursday and Friday went very well and the production finished strongly with the best acted of the three nights on Saturday.

The production had an unifying effect on our 5th year and all involved had tremendous fun.

Many thanks must go to Mr. Benson, Gene Draper, Mrs Larkin, Mr Cryan and Sam Hughes for their tolerance throughout.

Finally, Gene told us after the first night that in all his years at High School it was the best production he had seen from the fifth years. That was praise that really meant a lot to all concerned.

*Ronan Swift (5th)
Stage Manager*



Singing "If I were a blackbird I'd whistle and sing".

Computer Club

The Computer Club is unique in that pupils from all different classes and years participate. There is a very steady membership of approx. 18, very interested and dedicated pupils. This, of course, is due in no small measure to Mr Hilliard's dedication and enthusiasm and our sincere thanks go to Mr Hilliard for giving us this much appreciated opportunity.

Ruth Dowling (2A1)

A Flourishing Library

The High School is very fortunate to have acquired eight thousand five hundred more books. When the school was informed that Cabinteely library was burnt down in the Summer of 1987, Mr Benson, the bursar and myself went to see the remainder of books salvaged from the fire (seven thousand approx.). After a lot of thought and consideration it was decided to put in a tender with the Insurance Company and in due course our offer was accepted.

During last Summer's school holidays six students were employed on cleaning and covering the books and I called to the school three times a week to monitor progress. There was another library fire — this time in a Mobile Library and one thousand five hundred were salvaged. The Insurance Company offered us the chance to purchase these books and after further consideration we decided to purchase these books also.

The majority of the books are in good condition and a very good miscellaneous assortment especially in the non-fiction section. It is now up to me to catalogue and shelve the eight thousand five hundred books. This is a time consuming exercise as the books have to be registered and assessed first and each book requires three catalogue cards hand-written. This work had to be fitted in along with normal library duties.

Hopefully the job will be completed by 1992!

It will be well worth all the work and effort as High School will have a super, well stocked library and as I have quoted before, "Reading is to the mind as exercise is to the body". My thanks to Mr Brook, Mr Benson, and the Finance Committee for making it possible to acquire all these additional books.

The majority of our pupils constantly use the library for checking out books, and also for research purposes etc. — or just for a read of the *Irish Times*. We also have a study area that seats twenty-six students. All day long there are pupils making use of it, especially 6U students. It is a very busy library in a quiet atmosphere (I hope!). It is also open after school for 6th and 6U pupils to study in.

Last year we had a very good Millennium display — the art work was donated by the pupils. This year we have an interesting display to commemorate the Fiftieth anniversary of the death of William Butler Yeats who was a High School pupil.

The Librarian aims to encourage confident use of the resources available, at the same time fostering young readers' interest in reading for pleasure. At the end of the School year a prize is given for the best reader in 1st year. The prize is shared, jointly by Sarah Massey and Jenefer Taylor of 1A1. We also continue with our very informal "Friends of the library": no great advantages or priorities — only a cream egg at Easter.

My thanks again to the Board of Governors who provide the main source of library finance, also to the Parents' Association for their contribution, and to the Parents of school leavers for their generous donations. Thank you again to Mr Wallace who so kindly supplies the library with the much read *Sunday Times* paper every week, also magazines etc., and to the Grandparent of a pupil who very generously donates the National Geographic magazine — needless to say it is widely read and re-read. Again my thanks to you all.

Valerie King
Librarian

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

After a relaxed passage through the notorious customs at Leningrad airport, our group of High School pupils and teachers met our Russian guide, Jane, who was to give the party a brief glimpse of the way of life in Russia, its culture past and present, and more, all within seven days.

We were to spend four days in Leningrad, a very European city with much to remind the tourist of the country's last century of history.

One of our first stops was the spit of Vasilyevsky Island. From here one could see some of the main attractions of Leningrad including the Peter and Paul Fortress, the Hermitage, St. Isaac's Cathedral and the Neva river on which Leningrad is situated. Each one of these has its own unique history and beauty but, for me, The Hermitage was the most incredible.

The Hermitage, or Winter Palace, was once the dwelling of the Tsar and his family. Each room has been delicately thought out and then made up with the finest mosaics, chandeliers, antique furniture and paintings. It has a huge French Impressionist collection along with paintings of Old Masters like Da Vinci and Raphael. It has actually been estimated if you were to give a minute to every exhibition it would take eight

years for you to see them all. One very interesting part of the tour was when Jane brought us through the Hermitage on the same route as Lenin and his Bolsheviks had taken when they captured the Hermitage from Kerensky and the Provisional Government. The beauty and splendour of the Hermitage astounded everyone as did the statistics of the working conditions and death rate of the serfs who had slaved to build it.

Other stops included Nevsky Prospekt, the main street, the cruiser 'Aurora' whose blank shot started the revolution in 1917, Piskarevskoye Memorial Cemetery where thousands of Russian civilians and soldiers are buried due to the Nazi campaign of the Second World War, and the popular Berioska. These are specialised shops who will only accept foreign hard currency in return for Western commodities and Russian souvenirs which are specially produced to cater for the Western tourist. The normal main street shops are very dull and out of date. They hold small amounts of goods all of which were priced extremely high, depending on how rare they were to the Russian consumer. There are, however, shops for the wealthy in the Soviet Union, similar to the Beriozskas, where the



Leningrad: St. Isaac's Cathedral

Communist Party member can buy up-to-date 'Western-style' products.

On the fifth day of our tour we arrived in the capital, Moscow. It is more modern and less pretty than Leningrad, but it does contain some brilliant architecture. The Kremlin is the showpiece of Moscow. It is the oldest and most historical part of the city and on its site of 65 acres it contains no less than four cathedrals, some churches and various palaces. Among other interesting stops was the Tsar's cannon collection which includes the 'Tsar Pushka', the highest calibre cannon ever constructed, and 'Tsar Kokol', the largest bell ever cast.

Our Kremlin guide then brought us around the Kremlin gardens and yet again we managed to find a monument to Lenin. There is an endless supply of statues, busts and pictures to Lenin who seems to be the God of the Soviet Union. I then asked our guide a controversial question concerning Leon Trotsky, his political life under Stalin and why there isn't any statue celebrating him for his part played in 1917? He became quite agitated and continued our tour without giving me a straight answer!

Other attractions we managed to get to were the Moscow State Circus, which was very good, the National Exhibition of Economic Achievements and the Olympic Stadium. We also made a trip to the Moscow University where we learned that all education is free in Russia and that the motto is: The harder you work the better the education you will receive.

Red Square is very popular with Russians as well as tourists. Thousands, every day, queue for hours to be able to walk through Lenin's mausoleum. Luckily, we didn't have to wait too long to pass, in double file, through the marble corridors of the



Red Square, Moscow

mausoleum into the main chamber to see Lenin's embalmed body which was guarded by several armed soldiers ready to shoot if anyone moved out of place.

Thus we left Russia after a very enjoyable and educational trip which had given us all a chance to establish some sort of ideology towards Russia and its people.

For me, Russia today has more disadvantages than advantages for a country that I would like to live in. Apart from the well-known problems of food shortages and freedom of speech, Russia also has its 'Western-style' problems such as drugs, alcohol abuse and crime. I got the impression that people were not satisfied with a state that they work for but which isn't giving them enough in return. People live in high-rise flats which are all government-owned and a lot of people have no job satisfaction, for although there is no unemployment in the Soviet Union there are some cases of five Russians doing the job that one Westerner would do. For example, one morning I saw an old woman on her hands and knees scrubbing the tram tracks and a policeman working a set of traffic lights, which is quite common.

However, on the other side of the fence, Russia has some brilliant public facilities, like its public transport system which is clean, efficient and quick. Russians have a great sense of pride and are well disciplined and cultured, particularly in communism, but today their reform and openness is making them aware of their past (i.e. Stalin) as well as their present. Things are very much on the up-and-up in the Soviet Union. They have a leader who has introduced new policies into a system which now cares more for its people than itself.

Maurice Citron (5th).

The High School Ski-Trip 1988-89

On the 30th of December, 1988, 25 pupils, 4 teachers and one husband (Mr Davin) met at the school to await for the coach that would bring the group on their impending journey to the ski resort of Badgastein in Austria. At about 9.00 o'clock in the morning the coach set off with 30 would-be skiers to Aldergrove Airport where we would catch a plane to Salzburg Airport. However, nearing the end of their flight the pilot overshot the runway twice in fog which meant the 'plane touched down at Linz, which was a further hour's journey from Badgastein than from Salzburg to Badgastein.

After a long coach journey we arrived at the Hotel Landhaus, Bristol, at 1.30 a.m. where we proceeded to go to our rooms and then met back downstairs where we were equipped with our ski-gear for the next week.

The next morning we got the coach (which we got every day if we caught it) to the ski-resort at Badgastein which was less than 5 minutes' journey from our hotel. We were there issued with our ski passes. We were then quickly tested as to our ability on skis and put into groups as to the varying abilities of each one of us and then left in the safe hands of our instructors, Freddie (Kruger), Marietta, Hurta for the rest of the week in which we had 4 hours of tuition and 2 hours of leisure every day at the resort.

At night there was entertainment put on for us. This included swimming in an outdoor spa pool which proved to be surprisingly warm, a fancy dress competition which did not prove to be a success due to the lack of entrants, none! We also went ice-skating and had a disco. On New Year's Eve at midnight there was a fireworks display. The best and most enjoyable entertainment was a sing-song in the bar/dining area over three nights. Songs ranging from *The Wild Rover* and *Molly Malone* to various Beatles and other '60's songs were



Ski Trip 1988-89 at Badgastein

sung by many members of the group plus a school and their teachers from Limerick.

During the days of this most enjoyable trip there were many amusing and unforgettable incidents (too numerous to mention them all) but there was one that stuck in my mind. On the second last day of the trip two male fifth years of similar towering stature (about 5'2" to be exact) derailed a 'T-Bar' (a ski pull) on its ascent and crashed it into a pylon. The 'T-Bar' broke, leaving the two concerned very embarrassed as they were the first of the group to go up on the lift so as the rest of the group passed them, they 'slagged' them and generally made a laughing stock out of them.

However, during all these days of rapture everybody's skiing had improved immensely although most were still being passed out by 3 and 4 year olds, which was very aggravating. One day there was a relay race between 5th and 6th years which the 5th years won convincingly by over 30 seconds. Those brave enough would venture out into the unknown and ski during their lunch-time; others would simply relax in the restaurant and eat (notably S. Sexton).

The final night had arrived and so the presentations of certificates and badges of varying grades to each skier took place. Patrick Barnwell of 5th year obtained grade 2, the best grade of the party. We then bade farewell to all our instructors, who presented the awards, socialized for a seemingly endless time, then proceeded to our beds.

The next day we packed our belongings and started for home the same way as we came, only that we made it to Salzburg Airport on the way home. We arrived at H.S.D. at about 8.30 p.m., exhausted, after listening to Scheffer's Zig and Zag tapes and went home tired, but in high spirits.

On behalf of those who went on the trip, I would like to thank Mrs Mellon for organising the trip and all the teachers, Mrs Davin, Mr McMullen and Mr Quinn for accompanying us and controlling and putting up with us (an almost impossible job) over the week. Thanks again.

M. Vincent (5th)

Armagh Planetarium Trip



On Saturday, 3rd of December, 1988, the school's annual trip to the Armagh Planetarium took place. The three-hour journey went quickly with no problems at the Border. We stopped at a large shopping centre to avail of "The North's" cheap goods and then went on to the planetarium where we had our packed lunches.

The reception area of the twenty-year-old Armagh

Planetarium, "The Hall of Astronomy", consists of a row of twelve computer consoles and a shop selling anything associated with space. The computers were all part of the observatory's "Encyclopaedia Galactica" which is, as the name suggests, an onscreen encyclopaedia with over 600,000 images of planets, spaceships, satellites, constellations, etc., each terminal having a different group of topics. The shop sold anything from satellite pictures to books on Einstein's Theory of Relativity.

When we finally went into the star theatre, we sat in a ring around a complicated projector under a massive dome on which the pictures of the night sky etc. were shown. The show was called "The Star of Bethlehem" and it explained all the possibilities of the origin of the mysterious star, from planets being in conjunction with each other to a Supernova (the latter being most probable). We got an excellent idea of the extremities and mysteries of the Universe.

After the show we shopped in "The Space Shop" and then headed for home. Special thanks are due to Mrs Geoghegan and Mr O'Connor for organising the trip and to Mr Gardner just for being there.

Stuart d. Kinsella (3A1)

Co-Operation North

On the 6th of April, over twenty 5th years awaited with some trepidation the arrival of a coachload of students from Dungannon, Co. Tyrone. They were greeted, claimed and generally chatted-up in the canteen over a meal generously provided by the school and, despite the fact that there weren't enough of them to "go around", most of us managed to meet a number of new people.

The next day, we piled into a coach and set out on a day-long tour of Wicklow, stopping off at such tourist attractions as Glendalough, Mount Usher Gardens and Parnell's House. That evening, we had a small party in the school which proved to be very enjoyable with mountains of food made by ourselves.

On Saturday most people went into town, drifting together and apart in small groups throughout the day. Here, we had a small mishap when one of our visitors, Paddy Flahoon, broke his ankle due to an unfortunate frolic in St. Stephen's Green. However, it could not have happened to a nicer person and he lapped up the attention, thoroughly enjoying being carted off in an ambulance!

Later Alan Montague kindly put his house at our disposal for a farewell party. This was good fun and a good time was had by all (except Alan!).

The departure of our visitors the following day was fairly cheerful as we began looking forward to our return trip the next week.



Mrs. Larkin and Mary Carty - "Haute cuisine by the haute twosome"



Co-operation North – "in action"

The following Thursday we met at Connolly Station and caught trains and a coach to Portadown. Here we were met by a bus from the Boys' school which they fondly informed us later was nicknamed the "Bread Van", wonder why? Once at the school we were bombarded with enthusiastic welcomes and, later, plied with food. Shortly after eating, we departed to our respective homes. That evening we went out to a party and became reacquainted with the northern students.

Next day, we joined up at the Boys' school and left for Tyrone Crystal to witness the making of this famous product. After lunch, we were taken to Armagh where we visited the Planetarium and the Cathedral, altogether an interesting and worthy trip, with good weather to enjoy it to the full. Most people went out again that night and although we didn't *all* meet, everybody seemed to have a good time.

On Saturday, we made a day trip to Belfast. This was thoroughly enjoyed as many of us had never been there before. It was another stunning day, which really showed the city off to an advantage. On this our last night we went out together to an already crowded disco, and despite the fact that most of us were beginning to show signs of fatigue, we had another pleasurable and amusing night out.

In the morning we met at 2.30 to say our goodbyes before departing once again in the "Bread Van". A nice touch on the part of the two schools was to present Mrs Larkin with a piece of Tyrone Crystal. Then, more than the normal run of tears, promises to write, keep in touch and re-unite were made. We caught the train from Portadown, changing at Newry and again at Dundalk, and although conversation was distinctly lacking on the way home, everybody looked well pleased with their weekend.

This was the first year that High School has participated in such an exchange and I think it may be said that it was an enormous success. In the light of this, I hope the school will give the same opportunity to more pupils in the future.

Finally, on behalf of all the 5th years involved in the Dungannon/Dublin Exchange, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Larkin for organising us and Miss Parle for chaperoning us.

Sarah King (5th)

**BEST WISHES TO
ALL OUR READERS**

The High School Christian Union

— Yes, we're still here!!

Venue: The room behind the stage.

Time: Senior lunch break.

Days: Tuesday and Thursday.

Numbers at C.U. have fluctuated throughout the year but a nucleus of seven people attend regularly. The C.U.'s activities have varied greatly. We have had Bible studies on a wide range of topics and have also had several visiting speakers. We have had some quizzes and singing accompanied by piano or guitar. From Easter on we intend to show several documentaries from the 'Fact and Faith' series. At Christmas the C.U. and friends went carol singing and raised £100 for Tear Fund.

The activities of the C.U. are open to all on senior lunch break and new members would be very welcome.

The C.U.

The School Orchestra

During the school year the Orchestra performed at several events. We gave a remarkably pleasant performance at the Prize Distribution in November; all present commented on the professionalism of the group. The Carol Service in December was well attended, although I am not certain whether the music or the mince pies provided the main attraction. We received a good mark and very favourable comments in the Department of Education exam in March; the examiner even commented on how well in tune the brass were! The orchestra also gave the usual concert for the Parents' Association.

The orchestra has been in existence since 1984 and has earned a place as a feature of High School. This has been endorsed by the School Governors who will be offering two Entrance Music Scholarships of 50% of School Fees. We have had several good applications and the examination will take place in May.

Since its foundation the orchestra had depended on a number of dedicated musicians who have attended practices regularly. The next year is going to be a crucial one as we will lose several 6th form members who have been very faithful, so it is essential that there is a concerted effort to ensure the orchestra's survival and indeed expansion. During the year we were joined by Nicola Veale and Janet Craven, both in 1st year. Susan and Linda Coote, Nicola and Brenda Slack dropped out after Christmas due to other commitments on our practice afternoon. I thank them for their support over the years and I hope to be able to welcome them back next year. As a school we are fortunate to have so much musical talent available and, with a real effort by everyone, we could expand and develop the good foundations which have been laid.

<i>Violins:</i>	Melanie Brown Damien Harris
<i>Viola:</i>	John Senior
<i>Violin, cello:</i>	Mark Wilkes
<i>Flutes:</i>	Nicola Veale Janet Craven Caitriona Armstrong
<i>Oboe:</i>	Trudi Goldberg
<i>Clarinet:</i>	Michael Blythman
<i>Trumpets:</i>	Duncan Foster Conor Sweeney Trevor Jobling

Malcolm Wisener



At the Pink Elephant (left to right): Selena Darby, Simon Kennedy, Robert Shaw, Gillian Hare, Neil Hewson.

6th Form Dance

This year's annual 6th form dance was held in the Country Club Hotel, Portmarnock, and was attended by 190 6th year pupils and friends, including some 14 teachers. After sundry pre-dance gatherings, a glamorous 6th form and their respective partners assembled at the school to take the hired coaches to Portmarnock.

The recently opened function rooms at the Hotel afforded a lovely setting for what was to be a great night. At about 9.15 the dinner was served, which all enjoyed. This was followed by a variety of spot prizes and the lively entertainment of the resident band who enticed pupils and not a few teachers, to show off their talents on the spacious dance floor.

Eventually at 1.30 a.m. the coaches drew up once more to pilot a jolly 6th form in the direction of the Pink Elephant Night

Club in South Frederick Street. By 2.00 a.m. the final bus left the Hotel with the few stragglers reluctant to leave.

On arrival at the Pink Elephant those still with energy danced into the small hours while others draped themselves over seats laughing and chatting amidst various yawns. Finally at 6.00 a.m. those who felt peckish trekked off to a post dance breakfast in various locations in the city to prolong a most enjoyable night.

Thanks must be conveyed to all those who kindly donated spot prizes and the committee wishes to thank Mr Wallace and Mr Benson for their hard work and effort. The dance committee deserve special mention for their energy and enthusiasm: Peter Johnson, Sharon Dalgetty, Dawn Hildebrand, Tara Bell, Simon Kennedy, Simon Meldrum, Michael Taylor, Trudi Rothwell and Robert Shaw.

Trudi Rothwell (6th)

Careers Library

The Careers library in Room C12 is open to all pupils at Break Times. Here they may consult and borrow folders giving information about careers, prospecti giving details of courses in different educational centres — in fact, as much printed information as we can get about the options open to all school leavers.

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

CAREER TALKS

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

SUMMER TERM 1988

Acting: Mr R. Smith, Team Theatre Company.

Insurance: Mr E. Nevin, Sun Alliance Assurance Group.

Travel Agent: Mr B. O'Beara, D.L.S. Travel.

Defence Forces: Capt. P. Kelly, Irish Army.

Biology: Mr C. Duggan, Fisheries Research Centre.

Psychology: Ms. M. Kenny, St. John of God Family Centre.

Forestry: Mr B. Lacey, Forestry Service.

Hotel Industry: Video Shown.

Going for Interview: Mr R. Miller, High School.



Trudi Rothwell (Head Girl), Robert Shaw (Head Boy) and Mr. Benson.

WINTER TERM

Going to University: Mr A. Kelly and Mr R. Miller, High School.
F.A.S.: Mr G. Meenan, Jervis St. Training Centre.
Law: Mr G. Richards, Matheson, Ormsby and Prentice.
Secretarial College: Mrs. Y. Canavan, Alexandra College.
D.I.T. Colleges: Mr. A. Kelly and Mr. R. Miller, High School.
Banking: Ms M. Morrissey, A.I.B., Rathgar.
Nursing: Ms H. Marchant, Irish Nurses' Organization.
F.C.A.: Capt. J. Murray, Defence Forces.
Engineering: Mr R. West, T.C.D.
Modelling: Mr I. Epstein and Mr E. White, Links and Co.
Business Studies: Mr G. McHugh, T.C.D.
Management Accountancy: Mr F. Guilfoyle, H.R. Holfeld Ltd.
Music Industry: Mr K. Donald, Arts Council.
Occupational Therapy: Mrs O'Keeffe, Association of Occupational Therapists.
Horticulture: Video Shown.

SPRING TERM 1989

Medicine: Dr. S. Smith, Rotunda Hospital.
Chartered Accountancy: Mr. R. Ensor, Richard Ensor & Co.
Journalism: Ms C. Murphy, Irish Times Ltd.
Computers: Mr P. Faull, Computer Learning Centre.
Physiotherapy: Mrs S. Nichols, Sandycove.
Cordon Bleu Cooking: Ms D. Davis, Terenure.
Your Future: Fr. M. Cleary, Harolds Cross.
Electronic Engineering: Mr M. Rice, Kevin St. College.
Insurance: Mr T. Steedman, Abbey Life Assurance Co.
Garda Siochána: Supt. D. Mullins, Garda Press Office.
Trade Unions: Mr J. Roche, I.C.T.U.
Young Ireland: Ms S. Mulhall, Oatlands.
S. America Week: Mr A. Gleeson and Fr. Andre.

The High School, Dublin, Parents' Association

The Annual General Meeting was held in October and the following members were elected to the committee: Joyce Brownell, Kay Brosnan, Audren Craven, Alan Foster, Gerard Moody, Gloria Robinson, Olive Bean uí Mhaolchoille, John Timlin, Trevor Wynne and Clodagh Veale.

The November meeting was most enjoyable as some of the teachers who are involved with extra-curricular societies spoke about their activities. Mr. Swan spoke about canoeing, Mr. Hilliard about the Computer Club, Mrs. Faull on hill walking, Mr. Blackmore on rock climbing and finally Mr. Wright told us about the Caving Society. Unfortunately, owing to very heavy commitments, none of the parents could accept Mr. Wright's kind invitation to lead a Parents' Caving Expedition!

In February the annual Beer, Wine and Cheese evening took place. Once again, the numbers were slightly down on the previous year and once again wine consumption was up. Despite these anomalies, a modest profit was made and the event was a social success.

The parents played two hockey matches against the staff, coincidentally both drawn. Both teams displayed great skill and ingenuity, bloodshed was avoided, and the Coronary Care Unit remained on stand-by.

Tennis and cricket matches are currently being organized. Many thanks to those parents who completed and returned their sports questionnaire. You will be notified of dates and teams in due course.

C.V.

International Mathematics Olympiad

In December last year (1988) Mr. Kelly informed us about the International Maths Olympiad to be held in Germany in July. Hillas Smith, Colm Harris, Eoghan Casey, Timothy Hawkins, Julia Nielsen, Julian McCrea and Andrew McMurray went to the first two training sessions in University College, Dublin, in January and entered for the first Elimination Competition.

Julian McCrea and Andrew McMurray were selected from High School to continue training. Every Saturday we went to these in U.C.D. At the end of April the Irish Olympiad was held. Andrew McMurray came second in this and was chosen to be a member of the Irish I.M.O. team, 1989, to travel to Germany in July for ten days.

Andrew McMurray (5th).

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1st XI 1988-89 LEAGUE WINNERS/CUP FINALISTS

Standing (left to right): Wendy Keatinge, Joy Warner, Diane Lowe, Kinny Bolton, Sarah Dawson, Trudi Rothwell, Leanne Campbell.
Seated: Katherine Heaney, Avris Harris, Dawn Hildebrand (capt.), Sarah Lamb, Nicki Kilroy, Mrs. G. Mellon.

SPORTS REVIEW

Girls' Hockey 1988-'89

1st XI — League Winners, Cup Finalists.

Irish Schoolgirls — Nicki Kilroy. Leinster Schoolgirls — Nicki Kilroy, Sarah Lamb, Trudi Rothwell. Leinster Reserves — Joy Warner. Leinster Under 16 — Avril Harris (Vice Captain).

2nd XI — Quarter Final of the Intermediate A League.

3rd XI — Tied with Wesley in their Section of the league, lost on replay.

Junior A — Tied with Killiney in Section of the League, lost on replay. Leinster Under 16 — Pascale Caillabet, Captain; Leanne Campbell.

Junior B — Tied with Mt. Anville in their Section of the League — lost on goal difference.

Junior C — Quarter Final of the Junior B League.

Minor A — Cup Winners.

Minor B — Quarter Final of the Cup.

Minor C — 2nd round of the Minor B Cup.

1st XV

The 1st XV hockey team had a very successful season in 1988-89 under the captaincy of Dawn Hildebrand, winning the Senior League and reaching the Senior Cup Finals. Of a total of 31 matches, we won 25, drew 3, lost 3 with 89 goals for 18 against.

In our section of the League, we beat Our Lady's Grove 1-0, Rathdown 7-0 and Holy Child, Killiney 6-0.

We beat St. Columba's College in the quarter-finals 3-0 and then we met St. Andrew's in the semi-finals, beating them 3-0.

The Final was played at Serpentine Avenue against Loreto College, Beaufort. After a close contest and even after extra

time the score remained 1-1. The replay was an extremely tense match for both the players and spectators. Two excellent goals were scored by Kinny Bolton and Sarah Lamb. Great defensive play by Sarah Dawson and Avril Harris kept the pressure at bay but the score remained equal at full time.

Extra time produced another goal, by Dawn Hildebrand, but unfortunately Loreto also scored. Thanks to some excellent work in goal by Trudi Rothwell and some superb flicking, we won the well deserved Trophy.

In the 1st round of the Cup we beat St. Gerard's; next we played Dalkey and beat them 1-0. In the Quarter Finals we played our old rivals, Loreto, Beaufort. We beat them 3-2, going on to play Alexandra College in the Semi-finals. After extra time the score remained 0-0. The replay produced some excellent hockey and great team play and we had a decisive win over them 3-0.

In the Final we played Santa Sabina. They scored early on while we were having problems starting. We put on all of the pressure in the second half and were unlucky not to score a couple of goals. In the last minute of the game we managed to equalise. In extra time, Santa Sabina scored a lucky goal and so went on to win 2-1.

Congratulations to Nicki Kilroy, Sarah Lamb, Trudi Rothwell, Sarah Dawson, Joy Warner, Dawn Hildebrand and Avril Harris who all received Leinster Trials. Joy Warner went forward to play for the Leinster Reserves. Nicki Kilroy, Sarah Lamb and Trudi Rothwell then played for Leinster in an Inter-Provincial competition. Nicki Kilroy also played for the Irish schoolgirls' hockey squad.

Avril Harris from the 1st XI and Leanne Campbell and Pascale



1988-89 MINOR A CUP WINNERS

Standing: Cheryl Keatinge, Andrée Warbuck, Dara Leighlin, Janet Moffitt, Rebecca Gageby.

Seated: Patricia Conway, Diane Wright, Fiona Campbell (capt.), Shireen Lloyd, Rhonda Jenkinson, Mrs. G. Mellon. (Absent: Elaine Boli).

Caillabet from Junior A played on the Under 16 Leinster team in an inter-Provincial competition in Belfast, with Pascale as Captain and Avril as Vice Captain.

We went to Shrewsbury for our annual tour and we played one match, which we won 4-2. Unfortunately our other match against Shrewsbury 6th Form College had to be cancelled because of torrential rain. Thank you to our supporters and subs, who turned up consistently at every match, and to Mrs Mellon for her continual coaching and encouragement throughout the season.

Dawn Hildebrand

2nd XI

The 2nd XI had a very enjoyable and successful season this year, with plenty of hard work. They won their section of the League — beating Killiney 1-0, Mount Sackville 2-0 and drawing 0-0 with Alexandra College in a very exciting match. They then beat Loreto, Mullingar, 2-1 to earn their place in the Quarter Final against Cabra. Unfortunately, luck was against them and they lost 1-0. However, out of a total of 25 matches played — they won 11, drew 7, losing only 7. Up front, Amanda Dixon was the leading goalscorer while goalkeeper, Gillian Hare, often provided spectacular heroics at the other end.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. Walker for all his expertise, help and encouragement this season. I would also like to thank all parents and supporters for their support throughout the season.

Adrienne Wynne (Captain)

3rd XI

The 3rd XI this year had a successful and most enjoyable season. They won 8, drew 6 and lost only 4 out of 18 matches. After beating their other opponents decisively in their section of

the league, it came to a play-off versus Wesley, in which they lost 1-0 in a close match.

The team would like to thank Mr. Walker for his work and encouragement throughout the season.

Heather Robinson (Captain)

Junior A XI

The Junior A had a very good season this year. Of a total of 25 matches we only lost 4. We had a good start in the League beating Arklow and Columba's easily. We drew with Cluny, Killiney, 1-1. In the replay we had numerous chances to score but unfortunately we did not score. Cluny scored in the last few minutes of the game. In October we had a very enjoyable trip to Cork where we drew our game with Bandon Grammar School and beat Ashton Comprehensive. This year we were lucky to have two of our team members chosen for Leinster Under 16 — Pascale Caillabet and Leanne Campbell. They played in the North of Ireland and won the Inter-Provincial tournament. Pascale captained the team.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for arranging the Cork trip and for her support and coaching throughout the season.

Tanya Hempenstall (Captain)

Junior B XI

The Junior B hockey team had a very successful season. Out of our thirty matches we lost only five. We reached the final of our section in the league in which we played Mt. Anville in a very exciting match. We drew two each, but Mt. Anville won the section on goal difference. Mt. Anville went on to the final and lost on penalty flicks against Alexandra.

We would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for all her help. We would also like to thank our supporters.

Aileen Strachan (Captain)



INTERMEDIATE A 1988-89 QUARTER-FINALISTS

Standing (left to right): Alison Blackmore, Alison Jacobs, Sarah Willoughby, Sandra Mahon, Karen Sloan, Vicky Singleton, Andrew Walker.
Seated: Gillian Hare, Suzy Fahy, Andrienne Wynne (capt.), Amanda Dixon, Carol Ann Veale.



1987-88 JUNIOR A

Standing (left to right): Wendy Moffett, Karen Dawson, Pascole Cillabet, Vanessa Barcroft, Leanne Campbell, Sharon Moore, G. Mellon.
Seated: Jackie McCoy, Debbie Walsh, Tanya Hempenstall (capt.), Ruth Boyd, Janet Hicks.

Junior C XI

The Junior C had an excellent year, winning and drawing 20 matches and only losing 4 matches. We were in the Junior B league and were knocked out in the quarter-final after losing a hard match, one-nil, to Loreto, Dalkey.

Thanks to Mr. Walker for coaching us and congratulations to the team for doing so well.

Annalee Fennell (Captain)

Minor A

The Minor A had a fantastically successful season — so successful that we won the Cup!

Our season started with wins against Manor House, Loreto, Dalkey, which brought us to the Quarter Finals against Alexandra College. We had home advantage and beat them 1-0.

We played Mount Anville away in the Semi-Final. We beat them 2-0 with goals by Patricia Conway and Andrea Warbrick. We then faced Wesley College in the Cup Final and although they had never beaten us in three friendlies, we did not become over-confident. The Final was played at Serpentine Avenue and we took the lead through a penalty flick, superbly taken by Patricia Conway. Wesley equalised before half-time and the score remained 1-1 after extra time.

The replay was played two days later at Mount Anville. High School went on the attack from the start with the front line of Shireen Lloyd, Patricia Conway causing problems for the Wesley defence. The winning goal came from a short corner with a beautifully struck ball, yet again from Patricia Conway.

Our defence of Cheryl Keating, Diane Wright, Rebecca Gageby, Dara McLoughlin, Rhonda Jenkinson and especially Elaine Ball in goal absorbed all that Wesley could throw at us and we emerged the worthy winners.

On behalf of the Minor A, I thank Mrs. Mellon for all her help and support in guiding us to the Cup. Thanks must also go to all the parents and supporters.

Fiona Campbell (captain)

Minor C

The Minor C had a very enjoyable season. They were entered in the Minor B Cup and won the 1st round against Cluny, Killiney Bs, 4-0. In the 2nd round they had a very exciting match against Mount Anville. Mount Anville scored in the 2nd half, winning the game 1-0.

First years enjoyed several matches this season. Some of the First years have made encouraging progress and they look forward to more competition next season on the Minor Teams.

Rugby Report 1988-'89

Senior XV:

The season of 1988-89 was one of contrasting fortunes. It was started in great style with some outstanding results up to half term. These results were all wins: Newbridge 28-9, St. Columba's 26-3, Wesley 30-0, Templeogue 27-3, St. Mary's 16-0, Bristol 20-0, C.B.C., Cork, 13-0. The total scores are 160 for and 15 against. A truly remarkable achievement.

These wins were mainly due to the outstanding scoring ability of our back line. Our half-backs Dermot Brosnan and Paul Allen worked extremely well together with Paul's vision and perception being a joy to play with. This enabled the pace and ability of our two centres, Alan Duffy and Simon Moore, to produce an abundance of excellent tries. Stephen Sexton — right wing, Alan Shaw — left wing and Hillas Smith at full back rounded off this 'Magnificent Seven'. The front row of Duncan Cole, Barry Woods and Andrew Greenlee provided a solid base

to the pack. Guy Molyneaux at 2, Brian Spendlove at 4 and Colin Harris at 6 gave the line-out great height and won some excellent ball; Mark Hildebrand was our 'tail-gunner' and pulled off many good covering tackles. Simon Meldrum at 'blind side' always made his presence felt. Anybody who unfortunately did not see any of these matches missed a truly great period of High School rugby.

The second half of the term was interrupted by trials for seven of our players. Nevertheless, we managed some fine wins over Castleknock 12-0, Gonzaga 22-10, and Pres. Bray 9-8, losing 6-13 to Blackrock College — the outstanding team of the year. Paul Allen, Simon Moore and Steve Sexton of the backs were given trials. Paul went on to play for Leinster and Ireland while Simon gained a place on the Leinster panel. Duncan Cole, Brian Spendlove, Mark Hildebrand and Guy Molyneux of the



SENIOR RUGBY XV

Standing: Mr. D. Wright, G. Walsh, S. McCready, R. Shaw, S. Meldrum, G. Molyneaux, S. Sexton, H. Smith, A. Greenlee, A. Shaw, C. Dunne.
Sitting: D. Brosnan, B. Spendlove, S. Moore, D. Cole, P. Allen, M. Hildebrand, B. Woods, Mr. D. Cole.



Leinster Interprovincial Rugby Team: Duncan Cole, Paul Allen, Simon Moore.

forwards gained trials, with Duncan going on to play for Leinster and Ireland. This is the highest representation ever and congratulations are due to all the players concerned.

At the end of the term we went on our tour to Edinburgh. Our first game was against Stuart's Melville, a public school of about 2,000 boys, whose 1st XV is trained by Brian Lewis. Brian is a former High School captain and also captained Leinster Schools. The game took place at Inberleith, the home ground of Stuart's Melville F. P's. This is the club of the captain of the Lions touring party, Finley Calder. The ground we played on was at one time the Scottish International ground and is considerably bigger than Donnybrook. We had a memorable game on a beautiful sunny day which, with a try in the last minute, we won 9-6. Having enjoyed the sights and sounds of Edinburgh we set off on our luxurious coach to the Border Counties. Here we played Berwickshire High School. While the game was keenly contested we ran out easy winners 30-4, scoring some excellent tries in the process. The only danger was from low-flying aircraft as the R.A.F. training base was nearby! Having been regally entertained by Berwickshire High, the normal exchange of gifts and pleasantries took place. Andrew Dunne accepted "The Mug" on behalf of the High School 1st XV and I am suggesting that it should become the perpetual trophy for the annual match between 5th and 6th.

A team with this record should have faced no difficulty in a first round cup match against St. Gerard's, even though they were reputed to have one of their best teams for a long time. The game, played in windy conditions, which militated against our usual open play, did not go according to plan. A misunderstanding between two players led to an easy try and we turned over 7 points down. Even though the wind which was supposed to favour us in the second half dropped, we pulled back to seven all with a drop-goal and a try by Paul Allen. A momentary lapse of concentration in injury time gave St. Gerard's a drop-goal with no time for us to come back a second time. It was the classic Cup defeat of the fancied team.

At this stage I would like to congratulate Paul on gaining international honours this season. I hope that sometime in the near future the selectors will take the risk of playing an 'Allen-Cole' combination on the same day.

The next big event in Schools' Rugby is the Leinster tour to Zimbabwe in July. Let's hope that the selectors will keep the three High School Leinster players in mind when picking the team.

Finally, as this is definitely my last year in High School, I want to take this opportunity to thank Dad for all the effort and enthusiasm he has put into High School Rugby over the last few years. The team and I wish him, David Wright and all the School's coaching staff all the best for the coming season.

Duncan Cole (captain)



Irish Schools Rugby Internationals: Paul Allen, Duncan Cole.

2nd XV

This year's 2nd XV was a team with an ability to play great rugby sometimes and average rugby at other times. It was only an average year for the team due to lack of commitment and interest from the team and others. We lost more matches than we won, but when we won we had good ones against St. Columba's 24-0, King's Hospital 14-6, Newbridge 13-10, Castleknock 19-8, and Gonzaga 8-6.

The best match of the season was against Wesley, 15-18, with a good all-round performance and the worst was against Blackrock in which we lost count of the score but it was higher than 40-0 at half-time.

We had good players in Stuart McCready, Stuart Gibson, Sorley McCaughy and Julian McCrae. All should make the first team next year and I wish them all the best.

Andrew Dunne (Captain)

3rd XV

The third fifteen had a most enjoyable season, winning five of the thirteen matches played, with significant victories over King's Hospital 22-7, Terenure 28-4, and C.B.C. Monkstown 22-0.



JUNIOR RUGBY XV

Standing: K. Richardson, G. Govender, E. Loane, G. Hanan, D. McKeever, M. King, B. Hildebrand, P. Clements, S. Good, C. Wynne, G. Farrell, B. Hanley, S. Rowan.

Sitting: Mr. K. Mills, J. Caird, A. Allen, W. Bell, J. Walker, G. Jacobs, S. Swift, L. Shane.

In the League, although unable to produce a victory, the team played with great spirit against much larger sides from Blackrock, Terenure, Kells, C.B.C., Monkstown and St. Columba's.

Finally, the team would like to thank Mr. McClure for an enjoyable season.

G. Walsh (Captain)

J.C.T. Rugby

Players showed great commitment to the team by their regular attendance at training and their tremendous work rate at matches. The captain, Joshua Walker, led by good example and provided inspirational leadership both on and off the field. His defence was excellent through some tremendous cover tackling. The forward leader, Matt King, shaped his forwards

into a tight and mobile unit. Towards the end of the season they were a match for any team.

The quality of their display when losing 10-0 to Gonzaga in the Cup can be seen from the fact that Gonzaga reached the Leinster Junior Cup Final.

After this Cup defeat their performances improved with a 6-4 victory over Castleknock in the Plate Quarter Final — surely the highlight of the season. Andrew Allen scored an opportunist try in the dying seconds making himself the hero of the hour. Warren Bell coolly slotted the conversion, emphasising High School's superiority on the day.

In the Semi-Final they were narrowly defeated 7-0 by St. Mary's. Stephen Swift, at full back, had an excellent game, coping very well in very windy conditions.

Some other players whose performances throughout the season are worthy of mention: Gary Hanan for his technical



UNDER-14 RUGBY XV

Back Row (left to right): P. Kearns, N. Kelly, I. Young, T. Cains, Mr. B. Walsh, R. Govender, C. Richardson, G. Carroll, S. Robinson.

Seated (left to right): D. Walsh, S. Rowan, B. Harley, C. Wynne (capt.), R. Staunton, R. Price, T. Farrar.



UNDER-13 RUGBY XV

G. Jones, A. Thompson, G. Murphy, R. McCrea, Mr. Fennell, A. Norris, S. Lipson, N. Fennell, K. Kinch, G. Harris, B. Dodd, N. McMurphy, R. Timlin (capt.), J. Carson, D. Harris, D. Micks.

excellence as a prop; Glen Farrell and Reuben Govender for their speed and alertness around the field as wing forwards; John Caird and Garrett Jacobs for their determined and elusive running as backs; and Elgin Loane and Simon Good who toiled relentlessly in the 'engine room' of the pack.

The J.C.T. 'B', under the firm guiding hand of Mr. Irwin, had some fine victories in the latter half of the season. The organisational resourcefulness of Captain Steven Moody is to be commended. The team's best performance was in the away victory over Castleknock in January.

Finally, I would like to thank my assistant coach, Albert Manifold, for his technical expertise and commitment to the forwards.

K. Mills

Under 14

This was a fairly satisfactory season. We found it difficult to field two teams but managed to give some opposition with the help of Under 13's, in particular Rory Timlin. We had a good win in the A's against C.U.S., whom I can't remember having beaten before. That day, of course, we had all our players from the J.C.T. They were understrength but lost by very little. I am thinking of the St. Mary's match in particular. We lost Ross Staunton after he fractured his knee against Terenure College. He is happily running again.

Brian Walsh

Under 13: 1988 - '89

	P	W	D	L	Points for	Points against
A	21	25	2	5	295	113
B	16	8	2	6	273	101
C	3	2	-	1	42	16

The above statistics will show that 1988-'89 was a very successful season for the Under 13 group as a whole. In 32 years coaching rugby at High School I have not had a more pleasant or keener group of boys before me. Their willingness to learn and co-operation in all aspects of the game was outstanding.

The A team, after an uncertain start, improved rapidly as the season progressed. The forwards played with great fire and courage, often against bigger and heavier opponents. They attacked strongly at the slightest opportunity and covered splendidly in defence. The backs showed a great willingness to run with the ball and their defence was always first class.

The B and C teams played with great enthusiasm and a fair amount of skill. Their matches were always very sporting and enjoyment abounded.

Some of the high-lights of the season for the A XV were the following games: St. Mary's 10-6, Terenure 16-18, St. Andrew's 32-4, De la Salle 42-0, Gonzaga 18-0, King's Hospital 17-0, Wesley 15-0, Willow Park 18-0, Castleknock 16-0, Belvedere 20-0, and Caterham College 16-12.

This report has deliberately refrained from singling out individual players for special comment, for the outstanding quality of the A XV was its team-work and team-spirit. A brief tribute must, however, be paid to Rory Timlin, the captain, whose leadership inspired his fellow players with a determination and fighting quality which should be an example to all High School teams.

Finally, I would like to say "thank you" to Mr. Irwin and Russell Fennell for all their help during the season.

R.H.F.

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Cricket Report: 1988 Season



S.C.T.

Back: Mr. Prendergast, S. Rance, S. McCready, N. O'Broin, D. Finnegan, S. Gibson.
Front: J. Walters, A. Hood, D. Marshall (capt.), M. Citron, D. Sheahan, D. Harris.

1st XI

In spite of an encouraging opening to the season, there were signs that the side was short another player of quality and experience. We began with comfortable victories over Cambridge House and Sandford Park, friendly matches in which David Marshall, Darren Sheahan, Stuart McCready and Maurice Citron made significant contributions. The annual Leprechauns match ended with team captain Marshall steering his side to a creditable draw against a powerful and experienced XI.

The League campaign also began in promising style with a decisive victory over St. Columba's, Darren Sheahan and Maurice Citron recording scores of 53 and 32 respectively. The limitations of the side, however, were in clear view against Wesley's interprovincial bowling attack. In spite of an exceptionally accurate spell of bowling by Alan Hood, for which he was rewarded with excellent figures of 5 - 26, Wesley emerged winners by 30 runs.

A facile victory over King's Hospital resulted in our needing maximum points from the Belvedere match to obtain a place in the Final. Determined and responsible efforts from Sheahan, McCready and Marshall brought us within sight of a considerable Belvedere total, only to fall short by 23 runs. This game offered another clear indication of how we needed another experienced player.

While the season may have ended in disappointing fashion, it was encouraging to see David Marshall and Darren Sheahan being rewarded for fine individual performances with selection on the Leinster XI.

P.P.

Senior 2nd XI

Once again the Second XI had a most successful season only losing one friendly to Wesley and losing in the Semi-Final to Wilson's Hospital. The first League match was against Sandford Park who got a total of 68. High School reached this score easily with a good innings by S. Henry (42).

The second League match was against Belvedere, who put up a large score at 92 but good batting from M. Taylor (45 not out) and S. Rance (28) gave High School a good victory.

In the semi-final we were closely defeated by Wilson's Hospital, even though the bowlers did well — S. Gibson 5 for 18 and S. Heany 3 for 14. Wilson's Hospital went on to defeat Wesley College in the Final that **same afternoon** which was an unique occurrence in Leinster Schools' cricket.

The team would like to thank Mr. McMullen for all his help and coaching during the season.

M.T.

J.C.T. XI

Last year's J.C.T. cricket team went out with plenty of confidence to retain the Junior Cup which Michael Taylor's J.C.T. side won the previous year. Alas, it was not to be, as the side were beaten in the League semi-final by Belvedere College in appalling conditions.

The team's first match of the season was a friendly against Sandford Park at Danum on the 23rd April, 1988. High School A batted first and made 88 for 4 wickets in 20 overs with Stuart McCready getting 20 runs and Jason Kilroy ending not out on 29. Then, excellent bowling from S. McCready and G. Clarke caused a major collapse in the Sandford batting which resulted



J.C.T.

Back: A. Taylor S. Swift, M. Harris, G. O'Meara, Mr. M. Kirby.
Front: N. Hillis, S. McCready, J. Kilroy, M. Vincent (capt.), G. Walsh, G. Clarke.

in Sandford being bowled out for 7 (S. McCready 6 for 2, G. Clarke 3 for 5).

Their next match was against Terenure at Danum. Terenure, batting first, were bowled out for 41 with G. O'Meara taking 3 for 15, J. Kilroy 3 for 4, and J. Molins 3 for 2. High School reached this total for the loss of only 3 wickets with J. Kilroy getting 23.

Wesley were High School's next opponents. They batted first making 82 (G. Clarke 3 for 16, N. Hillis 4 for 16, J. Kilroy 2 for 20). High School were then bowled out for 73 (G. Walsh 22, A. Greenlee 21), thus losing by 9 runs.

The team's first League match was against St. Columba's, who batted first, making 88 (S. McCready 4 for 35, G. O'Meara 2 for 8, G. Clarke 4 for 15). High School replied with 89 for the loss of 4 wickets with S. McCready on 53 not out and G. O'Meara 22 not out. The next League match was against King's Hospital at Danum. High School bowled out King's Hospital for 50 (S. McCready 5 for 15, G. Clarke 4 for 16). High School reached this total for 1 wicket with S. McCready blasting his way to 47 not out, out of 55, with 6 fours and one six.

With this win High School qualified for the League semi-final against Belvedere. Batting first, Belvedere made 112 with C. Clarke taking 4 for 34. High School failed to reach this total by 12 runs. High School 100 (S. McCready 23, G. O'Meara 34). High School were very unlucky in this match due to appalling conditions which meant that it took well over 3½ hours for only 36 overs. Stuart McCready topped the batting averages with 143 runs at an average of 71.5. He also headed the bowling averages with 17 wickets at an average of 4.9, followed closely by Gordon Clarke, the leading wicket-taker, who took 18 wickets at 5.3. Wicket-keeper, Grahame Walsh, took 1 catch and made 10 stumpings and Mark Vincent took the most catches in the field, 5.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Kirby and Mr. Fennell for all their encouragement and coaching throughout

the season. I would also like to thank Mr. Hughes, one of the unsung heroes of cricket in High School, for keeping the square and all the outfield in immaculate condition. Thanks again.

M. Vincent (captain) (5th)

Under 14 XI

1988 was again another good year for the Under 14 XI. Because of poor weather conditions early in the season, three friendly matches were cancelled and also the Tour to Cork was not possible. Yet seven matches were played, all won comfortably and the Cup was retained.

In the League the team had good wins over St. Andrew's, King's Hospital, Sandford Park School, until we played our old rivals Belvedere College. Having won the toss, Belvedere batted first and good bowling by W. Bell (3 for 25), A. Taylor (3 for 11), and G. Murphy (3 for 0) had them all out for 61 runs in 36 overs. The High School fielding was of an excellent standard and an unique result was achieved in that all ten Belvedere batsmen were all out to catches — D. Plummer (3 catches), D. Walsh (2), M. King (2), S. Swift (1), J. Molin (1), G. O'Meara (1).

In reply, solid batting from J. Molins (27) and G. Murphy (10 not out) saw High School safely home for the loss of 4 wickets. This was High School's 12th Under 14 Cup win since 1955.

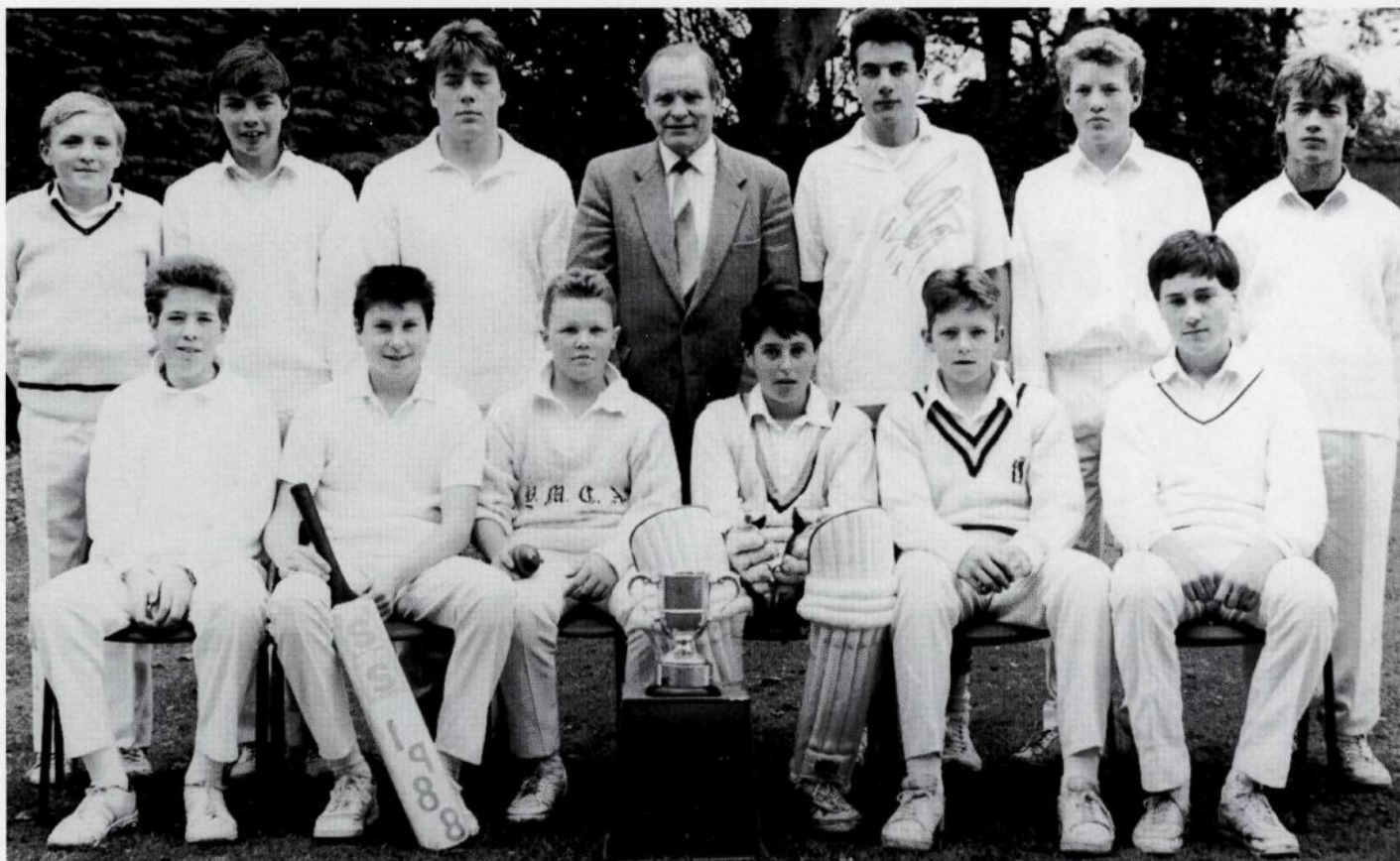
The Under 14 XI had only 3 matches, won two and lost one. An enjoyable year was had by all the group.

M.T.

Under 13 XI

Under 13 XI played 9 matches, won 8 and lost 1 (by 2 wickets to Belvedere).

The season began with a game against Sandford Park. High School, batting first, hit up a massive total of 173 for 2, J. Molins 75 not out, D. Walsh 51 not out and G. O'Meara 23. In reply, Sandford were always struggling against good bowling by G.



UNDER-14

Back: J. Walshe, M. Johnston, M. King, Mr. Fennell, W. Bell, S. Swift, P. O'Leary.
Front: D. Plummer, D. Walsh, A. Taylor, J. Molins, G. O'Meara, G. Murphy.



UNDER-13

Back: D. Micks, B. Murphy, S. Robinson, N. Fennell, B. Jackson, J. Carson.
Front: Mr. Quinn, R. Timlin, G. O'Meara (capt.), D. Walsh, R. Govender, Mr. Fennell.
Insets: J. Molins, C. Wynne.

O'Meara (3 for 2), D. Walsh (2 for 8) and J. Molins (3 for 1), and were all out for 29. The second game was equally as convincing against Terenure. The third game had an exciting finish against Belvedere — High School 79, Belvedere 80 for 8. The fourth game was a 4 wickets win over Gonzaga.

In the first round of the Cup, High School batted first and made 156 for 1 — J. Molins 68 not out and G. O'Meara 62 not out. In reply, Terenure could only make 63. In the Quarter Final, King's Hospital made 80 and High School replied with 82 for 4. The semi-final was a non-event as C.U.S. had only 6 players and were all out for 4 runs. High School made 6 for 0 off 3 balls. So to the Final against Belvedere at Wesley College. High School won the toss and batted first, making 123 for 4 in 25 overs. J. Molins (39), G. O'Meara (3 for 10), J. Molins (3 for 16).

This Under 13 Group proved to be a very sound group in batting, bowling, fielding and should develop into an excellent team as they move up through the school.

R.H.F.

As you have read in these notes, 1988 was a successful season again for High School. I would like to congratulate all of the teams, their captains and my colleagues, who did the coaching and the organising of games. Also congratulations to David Marshall and Darren Sheahan who played for the Leinster Schools' XI during the season.

The award winners for 1988 were: *De Vere Shortt* (batting) — D. Marshall; *Jacobson Cup* (all-rounder) — D. Sheahan; *Hanly Cup* (fielding 1st XI) — A. Hood; *J. Dawson Cup* (2nd year) — G. O'Meara, and the *Davies League Cup* (1st year) — D. Walsh.

Finally, sincere thanks to Mr. S. Hughes for the many hours he spent in careful preparation of the grounds and to Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Fennell and Annalee Fennell for the excellent teas, which were much appreciated by all.

R.H.F.

Girls' Cricket Report 1988

1st XI:

The Girls' Cricket Team was this year captained by Diane Lowe. In all, we played 4 League matches, of which we won 4. Our four League matches were enjoyable and exciting until the last ball of each match. The first game was against Wilson's Hospital (away), from which we collected maximum points. Our next match was against Santa Sabina who, unfortunately, took advantage of one of our off days, but we rose again to beat Mt. Temple and our most exciting tie against Mr. Anville. Due to our one loss we missed going through to the final by literally, just a few points.

Congratulations to Dawn Hildebrand and Diane Lowe who were selected to play for the South Leinster Girls' team and to Diane who was selected for the Leinster team for the fourth year in succession.

I would like to thank the team for playing in such good spirit and to Mrs. Mellon for her help throughout the season.

Diane Lowe (Captain)

Girls' 2nd XV:

The 2nd XI had a short but nevertheless enjoyable season. They nearly won their section of the league, being knocked out by a strong Mt. Anville team. The standard of play was very high with good batting and bowling averages.

The team would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for all her help and coaching.

A.B.

Under 15 XI

The under-15 team had an incredibly successful season. We had two friendly matches at the beginning of the season, losing to St. Andrew's College and beating Rathdown easily. We won our first two league matches and found ourselves facing King's



UNDER-15 FINALISTS 1988

Standing: Andrée Warbrick, Leanne Campbell, Pascale Caillabet, Claire Dowling, Niamh O'Sullivan, Annalee Fennell, Mrs. G. Mellon.
Seated: Wendy Moffett, Rachel Crebbin, Vanessa Barcroft, Tanya Hempenstall (capt.), Debbie Walsh, Janet Hicks.

Hospital 'A' in the quarter-final. The team played very well, getting the needed two runs in the final over. Our next opponents in the semi-finals were the King's Hospital 'B' team, whom we beat easily, Rachel Crebbin and Tanya Hempenstall each taking four wickets. Then we faced Rathdown in the final.

We were unlucky to lose in this close match but the team tried its hardest and fought till the end.

We would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for her coaching and encouragement during the season.

Tanya Hempenstall (Captain)



1st XI 1988

Standing: Carol Ann Veale, Leanne Campbell, Alison Blackmore, Sandra Mahon, Joy Warner, Sarah Lamb, Jenny Coleman, Sarah Willoughby.
Seated: Mrs. G. Mellon, Dawn Hildebrand, Diane Lowe (capt.), Wendy Keatinge, Karen Sloan, Avril Harris.

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SENIOR TENNIS 1988

Standing: Carol Ann Veale, Leanne Campbell, Alison Jacobs, Vanessa Barcroft, Tanya Hempenstall.
Seated: Avril Harris, Kinny Bolton, Karen Sloan, Pascale Caillabet.



MINOR TENNIS TEAM 1988

Standing: Mrs. G. Mellon, Fiona Campbell, Debbie Finnie, Carol Moore.
Seated: Andrée Warbrick, Wendy Moffett, Debbie Walsh, Janet Veale.

Girls' Tennis 1988

All of those taking part in girls' tennis during the Summer of 1988, thoroughly enjoyed the season.

The Senior Team, captained by Karen Sloan, and the Junior Team captained by Leanne Campbell, played well, but despite some skilful play, neither progressed to any of the higher stages of the championship.

The Minor Team captained by Charlotte Harrison gained valuable experience in the section, although they failed to make further progress.

In the school tournaments, Leanne Campbell beat Karen Sloan in the Senior Final and Charlotte Harrison beat Fiona Campbell in the Junior Final.

Finally, I would like to thank on behalf of all the players, Mrs. Mellon for her encouragement and support throughout the year.

Karen Sloan (6th)

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Boys' Tennis 1988

Rathgar Tennis Club allowed us to use their courts during games days; we have more courts with a good surface at our disposal.

The Senior team this year was very young and inexperienced and they made an early exit from the Cup competition, losing to St. Michael's. Graham McElhinney proved to be an enthusiastic captain with John Caird the outstanding player on the team. We played several friendlies and a match against the parents which was very enjoyable.

We entered a Minor team into the B section of the Cup and they distinguished themselves by going on to win the competition. The games were tense and a play-off was needed before we emerged from our group. We went on to beat Gormanston and C.B.C. Monkstown before meeting St. Mary's in the final. This was hotly contested but we eventually won 3-2. Warren Bell and Ross Staunton were the backbone of the team, winning consistently, and the doubles pairings were very steady. I would like to thank the parents and Mr. Benson who helped with transport on away trips.

In the school tournament there was again a big entry and Paul Allen won the Senior Boys' Singles title, with Warren Bell winning the Junior.

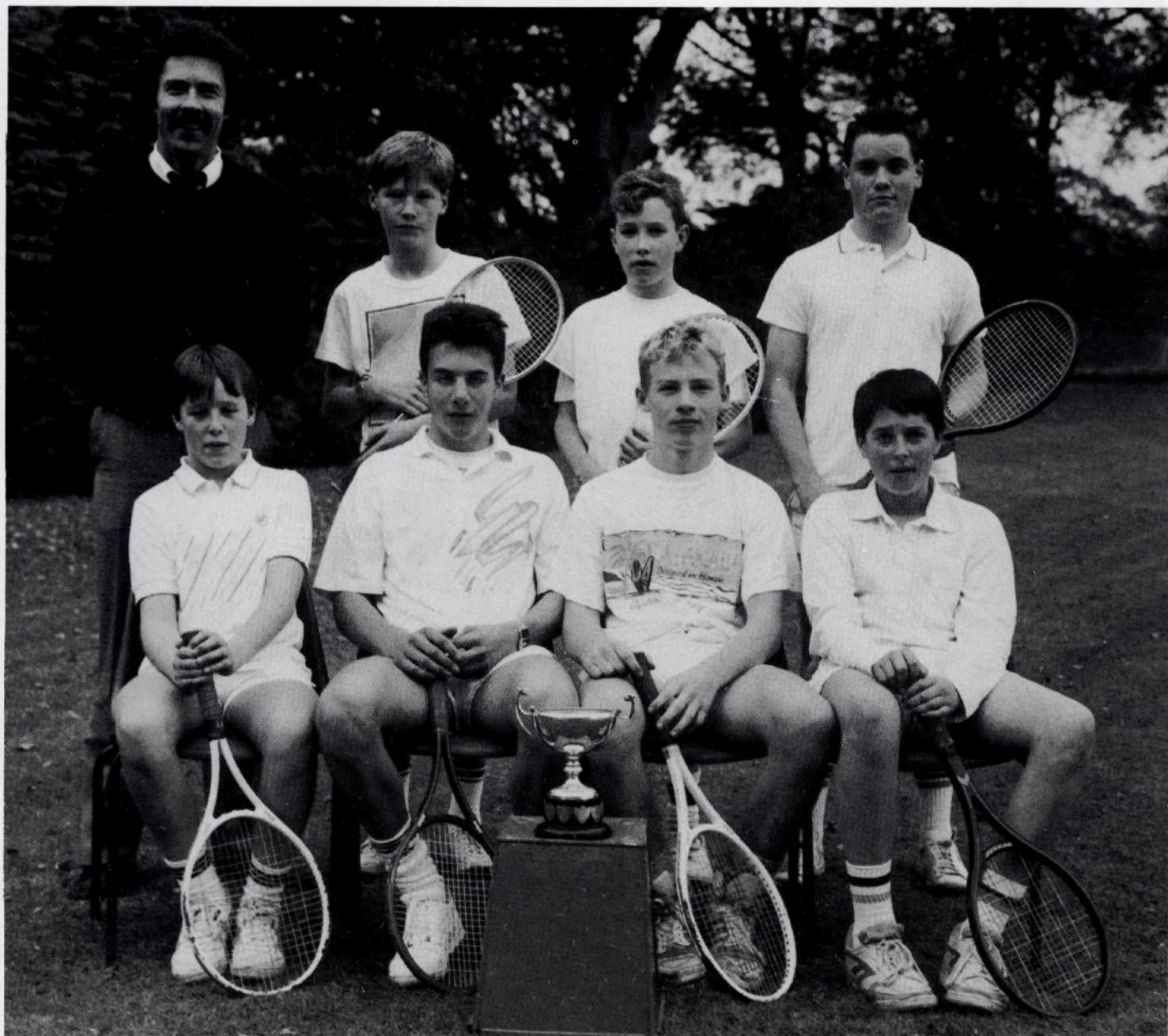
L. McClure



SENIOR BOYS TENNIS 1988

Back Row (left to right): Matthew King, Mr. L. McClure, Stephen Morrison.

Front Row (left to right): Mark Vincent, Graham McElhinney, John Caird, Derek Harris.



MINOR BOYS TENNIS 1988

Back row (left to right): Mr. McClure, R. Timlin, R. Staunton, K. Moynihan. Front row (left to right): R. Price, W. Bell, A. Allen, J. Molins.

Boys' Badminton 1988/'89

The boys' Badminton teams had a disappointing year, as the competition was very good.

The u-14 team (J. Carson, captain; S. Lipson, D. Micks and C. Lyons) were drawn in a difficult group with such teams as Terenure College and Carmelite College, Moate. This team shows promise for the future.

The u-16 team was captained by A. Florides and included Mark Johnston, Mark Wilkinson and Jeremy Dickson. Once more the competition was of a very high standard which included Belvedere College and Wesley College.

The u-18 consisted of N. Prendergast (Captain), Christopher Sykes, Stephen Morrison and Julian McCrae. The team drew with Wesley, Belvedere and Ballymun and unfortunately lost to Terenure.

On behalf of all the badminton players I would like to thank Mr. Sheridan and Mrs. Turpin for all their help throughout the season. We hope for better results next season.

Christopher Sykes (Boys' Secretary)

Girls' Badminton

Keen interest was shown this season in the School for Badminton. The numbers playing have increased once more this season and we had 4 teams entered in the Leinster Schools' League.

The Under 14 team played very well. The team comprised of Gillian Dowling, Sandra Johnson, Ruth Coakley and Janet Moffett.

The Under 16 team captain was Karen Johnson. Emma Wilkie, Aisling Campbell and Jennifer Dowling were the other members of the team. They reached the Quarter Finals of their League when they were only beaten by 8 points.

The Under 18 1st team, Tanya Hampenstall, Alison Blackmore and Janet Wilkie, were captained by Meriel Huggard. They won their section, bringing the Leinster League Division 3 Shield back to the school again this year.

Janet Wilkie (5th)

Girls' Badminton Secretary



U-18 BADMINTON TEAM: LEINSTER LEAGUE WINNERS

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SENIOR CUP TEAM 1988-89

Back Row (left to right): Mark Harris, Scott Shaw, Stuart Gamble, Christian Scheffer, Nigel Jenkinson, Jonathan Pratt, Mark Risely, Mr. Blackmore.
Sitting (left to right): Neil Hillis, Mark Vincent, Stuart Fox (capt.), Jason Stuart, Anthony Ryan, Derek Harris.

Boys' Hockey: Senior 1988-89

Last year's impressive performance in the 'B' League entitled us to line up in the prestigious 'A' League this season, the strongest league in Leinster and hence probably in Ireland. Unfortunately we found it hard to consolidate our position. Perhaps our best performance was against the eventual runners-up, St. Mark's. Although we ended up losing 1-0, we had much of the possession and dominated most of the match with more corners and shots at goal than they had. We went out of the Cup to Sandford at the quarter-final stage 3-1. Again the match was much closer than the scoreline suggests, but we seemed to give away a lot of goals as we neared the end of a

number of our matches. The 'A' team this year was very similar to that of last year and it was pleasing to see how much the team has improved.

Congratulations to Stuart Fox, Mark Risely and Nigel Jenkinson, all of whom gained Leinster Trials, and to Stuart Gibson, Rory Miller, and Mark again, our joint top scorers this season.

The team would like to thank Mr. Blackmore and Mr. Harris for their coaching again this season and also all those who supported us during the year.

Stuart Fox (6)

Boys' Hockey: J.C.T.

The 1988-'89 season proved to be quite a reasonable one for the Boys' Hockey J.C.T. The team scored some notable victories and played consistently throughout the season. The team played in the Leinster Schools' Junior 'B' League. The season started in mid-September where an understrength team were beaten by King's Hospital 4-2 with Stuart McCready scoring both High School's goals. The team then hit a purple patch, winning three games on the trot, two of them away from home. The first of these was against Sutton Park, which was won convincingly 4-1 (S. McCready (2), D. Stephen, M. Vincent).

The team's next match was against Dundalk Grammar and was won by 2-1 (M. Vincent, N. Hillas). The following match proved to be the team's most impressive, scoring a 6-1 victory over arch-rivals Wesley (M. Vincent (4), N. Hillas, G. Morton). They lost both their next matches without scoring (Mount Temple 3-0, St. Gerard's 2-0) before winning their second last

match of the season against Drogheda by 3-1 (G. Morton (2), G. Clarke).

In the Cup they were knocked out in the Quarter Final by the eventual League and Cup double winners from the 'A' League, King's Hospital, by 4-0, but only after a spirited performance which meant that the score with five minutes to go was only 1-0. Players deserving special mention include Mark Harris and Des Armstrong. At the end of the season, four members of the Junior Cup Team were presented with their Senior Cup colours; the four were: Mark Harris, Neil Hillas, Mark Vincent and Gordon Clarke.

Many thanks to all who supported the team during the season, to Mr. A. Harrison from Corinthians for helping Mr. I. Blackmore with the coaching and especially to Mr. Blackmore for his coaching and support throughout the season, which proved to be a most enjoyable one for all concerned.

Mark Vincent (5)



JUNIOR CUP TEAM 1988-89

Standing (left to right): Geoffrey Needham, Andrew Moffett, Simon Rooney, Desmond Armstrong, Grant Morton, David Beere, Mr. Blackmore.
Sitting (left to right): Mark Vincent, Neil Hillis, Mark Harris, Gordon Clarke (capt.), Gareth Lyoyd, Michael Hamilton.

Caving



O.K., here is the 1988-89 Mad Cavers' report:

This year kicked off when a few select members of High School were turned loose on Yorkshire over Hallowe'en. We stayed in Sedburgh with Mrs. "All things bright and beautiful" Lambe. The two caves on the trip were the most challenging of the year. At Browgill cave, we had to S.R.T. down a 30-foot pot (Non Cavers: Abseil down a big hole!) into extra cold and very wet water. No one was killed.

On the second day we went out to attempt Long Churn, along with three other minibuses full of potholers and two truck loads of soldiers just back from the cave. This cheered us up — if they could do it, so could we! The hardest part of this cave was the hike across the moors to get there, clambering up one mountain after another, and forcing our way through vast flocks of Aran sweaters. It was worth it when we got there though; there was a Disneyland style waterfall to slide down, and things which looked like puddles turned out to be much deeper!

At the end of Long Churn there is a thing called Alum Pot. Suffice to say that when you shine your light down you don't see the bottom!

After Yorkshire, those of us who thought it might come in handy, went to Newpark School's open day to practise going up and down ropes. Even our faithful and reliable Cave Leaders, Cockey Wright, Collie Webster and Steve Spur came along to learn. Collie went for the enthusiastic approach, and shot up a rope, where he proceeded to demonstrate all sorts of technical gyrations. He was still hanging there when we went home.

The rest of the speliological year went with the usual visits to the Burren caves — Pollnagollum, Poll Dubh and Faunarooska (not forgetting the second years, who did Ailwee cave). We took many beginners on these trips — some of whom have not forgiven us yet!

While in Clare, some of us were lucky enough to visit the Dig. The Dig is a hole in the side of a hill, discovered by our heroic Cave Leaders, which may (or may not) turn out to be a cave. We took turns to lie on our faces shovelling muck into a sack. This was great fun but it would have been less tiring if we had not gone there straight from Pollnagollum.

Well, I suppose that is about it, really, except to thank everyone who organised and took part in the caving trips, to encourage all you cowards who have not tried it yet, and to BEG for a new minibus!

Juliet Nash (6th)

Rock Climbing



Rock climbing had a successful season and a number of pupils looked very promising as leaders of the future. Last year we again relied heavily on the goodwill of past pupils — John Armstrong, Niklas Price and Colin Kirkham (to whom many thanks) to help with the instruction of present pupils. These have all left school some time ago yet we have not produced any climbers since who could take over from them.

The difficulty of rock climbing in school is the difficulty of finding enough instructors for all those who wish to try out the sport. We like to have no more than two pupils per instructor, if we can, to allow as much time as possible actually climbing rather than waiting for one's turn. There are four instructors on the High School staff (including Mr. Gardner, who may have left officially but who can hardly be called an outsider). We can, therefore, take 8-10 pupils at any one time. Once pupils have been introduced to the sport, however, it is now time for them to try more difficult climbs and for these we need the services of instructors who are active and enthusiastic climbers who have developed skills beyond the capability of our teaching staff at present. At one time it seemed that one year's crop of pupils would be the next year's bunch of instructors but this happy situation has not pertained for some years. If there are any past pupils out there that we do not know of and who could assist as instructors, we would be very glad to hear from you!

The idea of a climbing wall mentioned in *Erasmian '88* has been shelved for the moment while consideration is being given to wide-ranging and expensive improvements to the general sporting facilities.

Ian Blackmore

Canoeing

This year, as usual, has proved very successful for the High School Canoe Club. Trips for beginners on the Dodder in Autumn have resulted in greatly increased numbers on the Liffey Trips during the summer term.

All competitors in 1988 schools' races were very successful, notably Susan Harris, who came 2nd in the u-18 girls' schools' Liffey race. Three pupils, Alan Nixon, Sarah Dawson and Susan Harris, also competed in the 15-mile Jameson Liffey Descent in August, definitely an experience not to be missed if at all possible. Sarah Dawson won the canoeist of the year award. Alan Thompson the Form 1 Canoe Cup, and Robert Wilkes the Liffey Perpetual Trophy.

Many thanks to all the staff and parents involved and especially to Mr. Swan, who spends so many free weekends paddling around after us — it is much appreciated.

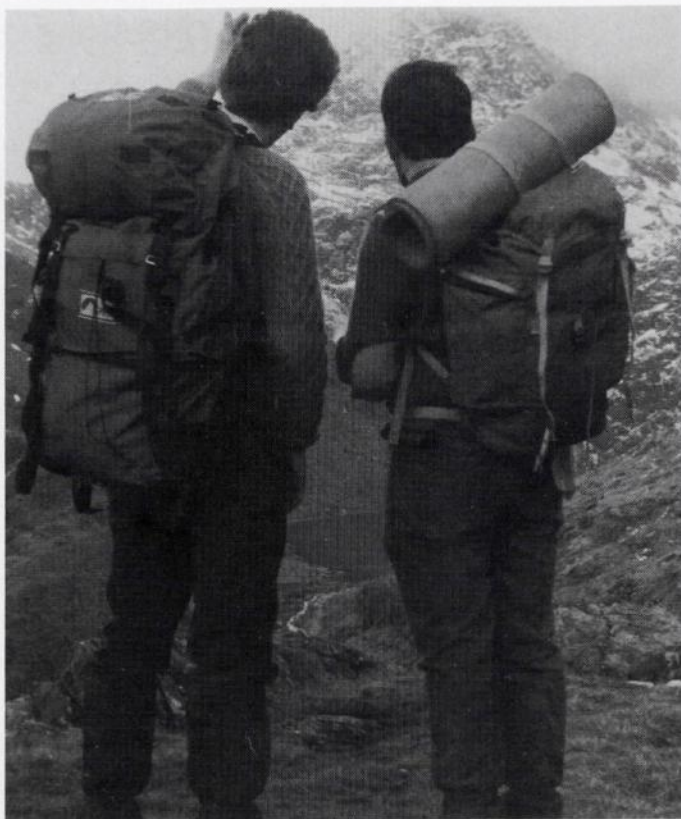
Sarah Dawson (6th)



Hillwalking

Hillwalking got off to a good start this year with the traditional ascent of Lugnaquilla in September. Since then we have enjoyed several other fine days in the Wicklow Mountains — and some wet ones, too. However, what the weather lacks, the group makes up for in its enthusiasm and there has been no shortage of participants. We are delighted to number in our midst pupils of all years and it is especially good to see the enthusiasm of some of the younger ones.

Last year's trip to the Mourne was very enjoyable. We stayed in Kinnahalla Youth Hostel, aptly named 'Gateway to the Mournes' and were pleased to have it to ourselves except for the final night when we shared it with a group of Belfast school pupils. We started the weekend's walking with an afternoon ascent of Slieve Donard, the highest of the Mourne peaks at 2,796 feet. The views of the peaks were magnificent; so was the weather until we crossed the Mourne Wall to start our descent when it suddenly turned very cold. From tee shirts to balaclavas and mittens in two minutes — a salutary example of the fickleness of mountain weather! However, this time the rain started off.



The leaders

We were not so fortunate the following day when we attempted Sliever Binnian. It was very wet and windy and although we achieved our objective no one wished to prolong the walk. Fortunately the hostel had a good drying room. The trip was rounded off by a quick ascent of Hen and Cock — two interestingly named smaller mountains just beside the youth hostel.

This year's trip took place just before Easter when 21 of us headed further afield for Wales. Accommodation was provided in the very well-equipped Pen-Y-Pass youth hostel in the heart of the mountains. Time was short, so we made the most of it and having eaten our lunch en route set off up the Glyders just behind the hostel on the afternoon of our arrival. The group put up a good pace and the stupendous views on all sides only served as an additional encouragement. We were very fortunate to see a snow-capped Snowdon in a cloudless sky and to be able to appreciate the full extent of the Welsh mountains. Geographers in the group waxed enthusiastic about "real-live" examples of corrie lakes and ox-bow lakes. We climbed the rocky summits of Geyder Fawr (999 metres), and Glyder Fâch (994 metres), and posed for photos on the famous cantilever rock on the latter peak.

The next day we set off up the Pyg track for Snowdon (1,085 metres) and were fortunate to have reasonably good views until quite near the summit when it started to snow. Frozen snow made for delicate footwork but we reached the summit safely and descended in much the same way.

Our final walk took us over to the next valley when we ascended the spectacular Tryfan (915 metres). This well-known peak is famous for its cap of enormous boulders, necessitating some dexterous scrambling. Again the weather was glorious and we took our time in the sun before continuing over the Glyders to Y Garn where we made an interesting descent off the snow-capped peak down into the valley. All were in agreement that it had been a marvellous three days' walking. Suggestions for next year are already being made.

Thanks go to all involved in making the hillwalking trips safe, successful and extremely enjoyable.

J. Faull.

Athletics Season, 1988-89

The focuses of the year's Athletics activities in H.S.D. were the Sports Days and some traditional Inter-school races.

Due to bad weather the Sports Day 1988 was postponed to early September. The competition was keen and Jack Slattery eventually won the War Memorial Cup (presented to the senior boy with highest number of points from all events).

The performance of the season was recorded by Mark Hildebrand who set a new school record for the 100m with a time of 11.1 seconds. He qualified for the final of the Leinster Schools' Championship in Belfield.

As for the outside 'inter-School' events: in the Autumn 1988 the school team ran a 3-mile race against Scoil Eanna and St. Columba's. High School ran a respectable second. Later when the school ran a 4-mile race at St. Columba's against St. Columba's, the school was narrowly defeated.

The school was placed in the East Division of the Leinster Championship. They performed creditably but it was unfortunately not enough to progress. However, the team has a very good base of Junior talent from which to improve.

P. Doherty (Captain, Athletics Teams)

High Jump

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Travers for coaching us in high jump on Wednesday afternoons. We started out with about 20 people (only 2 girls) but after a couple of weeks it had dwindled to 12. As Mrs. Travers herself reached a very high standard in the sport, she was able to help us improve our styles no end.

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President's Letter

Dear Member,

As you all know, this is my second and final year as your President and I have enjoyed carrying out my duties even more so than in my first year. I have wondered during the year if we as past pupils should not have a President-elect like the Old Boys, as it would make life a lot easier since one would know in advance what one's duties would be.



Iris S. Beatty.

I started out my year once again going to the School to speak to the leaving students to encourage them to join the Association. Once again the question of a joint Past Pupils Association was raised.

Our Charity Show last month was again a great success but I sometimes wonder do the majority of members realise what a tremendous amount of work goes into this and I would like to see some offer of help in the future for this event.

I again had the pleasure of presenting the Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl at the Prize Distribution. It was won by Fiona Shiel.

As is usual, my husband and I were invited to the Parents Cheese and Wine Evening, which again was very well attended and we had a very pleasant evening chatting to 'old' friends.

May I take this opportunity to thank each and every one who has supported us over the past year; also on behalf of our committee and association I would like to express our gratitude to the School, Mr. Brook, Mr. D. Benson and to all those in our School who help prepare for our evenings.

Iris M. Beatty.

Secretary's Report 1988 — 1989

President: Mrs. Iris Beatty

Chairwoman: Mrs. Ethni Seymour

Hon. Treasurer: Miss Judith Wilkinson

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Ruth Farrell

Committee: Mrs. Hilary Armstrong, Miss Carole Barden; Asst. Sec., Mrs. Daphne Bell, Mrs. Ethel Caird, and Ms Patricia Guard.

The season opened in September with a most interesting and informative cooking demonstration by Miss Frances Wilson, our School's home economics teacher, and afterwards we were all able to sample the cook's delights. The evening was most popular and enjoyed by the many members present.

As we are so often asked by our school leavers, why we don't have an evening where the Old Boys are included — we decided to hold a Wine and Savoury night inviting the 'boys' along. It was a great night for those who did attend with plenty of excellent food prepared by our committee, and lots of good wine which was completely looked after by the four 'Old Boys', who did a marvellous job and for which our committee were very thankful. Alas, not many old boys turned up and even though we ran this night at a loss, we are hopeful if ever we organise another evening like this — we would have many more girls and boys who have left school only a short while ago.

Our November meeting was a make-up demonstration by Mrs. Jean Good — inner beauty and outer beauty being the main theme, after this we all enjoyed a supper of mince-meat slices and cream!

We held no meetings either in December or January as requested — due to weather conditions usually being bad, so on we come to February when we had a 'Fun Quiz'. What a lively evening it was with a packed staff room, and a super supper afterwards.

In March we held our Fashion Show in the Reynolds Hall, and this time we were kindly lent the clothes by Jean Henri, Rathfarnham Shopping Centre, Collections of Rathfarnham Village, Sportique — Swan Centre, Noel Reid from Dundrum, and Lady-in-Waiting also from Dundrum. Again our models were chosen from our members, and also some of the members' children took part in it too. Our compere was Mrs. Heather Boate, and all thanks must be given to each model, shops, and Heather for the excellent job they did. This evening was held in aid of the D.S.P.C.A. and also for the Gascoigne Home.

Our Annual Dinner was last Thursday — once more we held it in Old Wesley Rugby Club, and because of numbers we had to hold the function in the larger room, which was tastefully decorated for us by the caterers — Ian and Cecily Pratt. The Guest Speaker was Ald. Dr. Carmencita Hederman who delighted us all with her friendly personality and interesting talk on life in the Mansion House as she found it. Our entertainers were again Yvonne Russell and Vivienne Sainsbury, and all our members and friends enjoyed the evening very much. We were delighted to welcome Trudi Rothwell to our Dinner.

Our last meeting of the season is in May — our A.G.M. with a Fork Supper to follow, and we really look forward to a large gathering as there are no more meetings till the autumn. Once again when you read this report you will see we are a very active association, so do come and join us, we love to see new faces especially our school leavers.

Ruth Farrell.

Diocesan Hockey Club 1988/89 Report

Chairman: Mrs. Ethni Seymour
Hon. Secretary: Miss Sue Lacey
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Carol Scully

Four teams competed in last season's Leinster League. The firsts, seconds and fourths all finished high up in their respective leagues and the thirds after a bit of a struggle held their own in Junior A.

We were delighted to receive several new members at the beginning of the season. In particular we welcomed three recent pupils, Tracey Conway, Jane Fahy and Gillian Needham, and also Julie Ingram Burleigh who left school a few years ago. We lost several players too, due to "increases in the family", emigration, injury and career moves. Shauna Fahy took a job in Kerry and Valerie Needham went to work in Limerick. We wish them every success.

Our indoor team won the Intermediate cup for the second year running and also won the League. Next year we hope to go up to Senior and perhaps enter a second team in the Junior League.

In September we held our fun seven-a-side mixed tournament and barbecue to which the school senior hockey players were invited. We were disappointed that only one of the girls turned up but were delighted to have three of the boys taking part. Come on, girls — we hope to see many more of you at our next one in September '89. Watch the notice board for details.

We held our annual Christmas party in Steers restaurant and ran a very successful Table Quiz in March. Among the other social events held was a most enjoyable three-legged race around the licensed premises in Ranelagh and Donnybrook organised by the First XI.

One of our junior members, Wendy Seymour, played for the under-16 Leinster team which won the Interpro tournament at Lissnagarvey in February. Lorraine Moore and Sara Jordan got a trial for the Intermediate squad and Patricia Stirling played in goal for the indoor under-19 Leinster team at the tournament in Belfield.

Finally, a plea to all school leavers who play hockey, to come and join us next season. This is *your* club and we need *you*. From the end of August we will be training on the all-weather pitch every Monday and Wednesday from 6—8 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Ethni Seymour.

A "Diocesan" girl works in Armenia

Early in March 1989, Vivienne Moffitt, a physiotherapist, travelled to Moscow, with an Irish nurse, and three large boxes of Red Cross supplies. The two women arrived at 10.00 p.m., knowing no Russian, with very few roubles and found nobody to meet them. There were many problems and a long delay. Finally a young man persuaded the off-duty driver of a 60-seater bus to drive them to the airport. They did without food

and sleep, but were in time for the plane to Yerevan in Armenia, their destination. At Yerevan, they were met by a Canadian Red Cross representative who took them to the Red Cross League Headquarters. They were welcomed and included in an International Women's Day party and given a delicious meal — the first since leaving the plane the previous day.

Vivienne writes from Yerevan that people are very friendly and "almost embarrassingly kind". Much of Armenia was devastated by the recent earthquake. Many people lost their relatives, their home and their livelihood, many others lost their lives and supplies of food are scarce and exorbitantly expensive. The whole Armenian nation is in mourning and there are many disabled people in need of help. Vivienne is working in an old convalescent clinic given over to the Red Cross workers — 4 physiotherapists, 10 female nurses — (2 Irish, 2 Canadian, 3 Americans, 1 French, 1 German, 1 Japanese) and an Australian doctor — all getting on well together. It is hoped soon to build a purpose-built rehabilitation centre to treat spinal injuries and amputees, and it is expected that the Dutch Red Cross will send out much needed equipment. Vivienne is looking forward to expanding the work more, in terms of in-service training and splinting and finding out what useful equipment can be made in Yerevan. "The patients and their relatives are an absolute delight to work with", and the relatives give much assistance in nursing care and cooking.

M. M. Jagoe.

Records and Recollections

Members of the High School and Diocesan Old Girls' Association will be pleased to know that in 1988 the proceeds from the sale of *Records and Recollections* enabled the Editorial Committee to give a gift of £500 (five hundred pounds) to be invested by the High School, and the interest accruing used to provide two music prizes each year. Consultation in March 1988 with the Headmaster and the Music Master resulted in the decision that the prizes should be awarded for contribution to Music. To date, one such prize was awarded in November 1988, a little more than six months later, and entitled "Diocesan School Music Prize".

During the past year, some more copies of the history have been sold and the money lodged in a deposit account by the Treasurer, Mrs. Ethel Caird. This will enable the Committee to make a further donation to the School.

Copies are still available in The Resource Centre, Mount Argus, and also in the High School by applying to Miss Jane Williams.

M. M. Jagoe.

Best wishes
to all
our
Readers

THE HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION

President's Letter

Dear Members,

Warm greetings and best wishes to you all, wherever you may be, at home or abroad.

For those not already aware of it, the High School Old Boys' Union was formed sixty years ago in October, 1928. I am, therefore, particularly proud that you have elected me your President in this, the Diamond Jubilee year of the Union, and I thank you for that honour.



William F. Wilson

When originally formed, the objects of the Union were to establish and maintain close links with the School, and help it in a practical and positive way whenever it could. This we have done over the past sixty years, through gifts of books and equipment, and with financial assistance for special projects.

Perhaps of even more importance in these difficult times we have endeavoured to assist in finding employment for High School boys leaving school. I think this would be as opportune a time as any to ask again all Old boys in a position to do so, to think of the School when looking for staff.

This year sees a larger than usual number of changes in the Officers of the Union, in that we have, in addition to a new President: a new Patron — Harry Booker; a new Honorary Secretary — Robin Miller; a new Assistant Honorary Secretary

— Wayne Sheridan; a new Honorary Registrar — George Keegan.

I'm sure we all wish them well in their new responsibilities, and are grateful to their predecessors in office for the way they have looked after the Union's affairs in the past.

We are particularly fortunate to have been able to retain the services of Ernie Frith as Honorary Treasurer, and George Keegan, the former Honorary Secretary.

As a result of the Governors' agreement to allowing the entrance fee/subscription to the Union to be included in pupils' final year school fee bills, the Union has gained 64 new members in the past two years. This is very heartening indeed, and we are very grateful to the Governors for this facility.

One of the ways in which we can stimulate interest among the senior boys in the School in joining the Union is by our support of those events organised in conjunction with the School, such as the annual Debate, the Rugby and Cricket matches against the School, and other special events organised from time to time.

It is often depressing to see how badly these events are supported by members of the Union.

The Annual Dinner was held in the School on Saturday, 28th January, 1989, when 290 members and their guests attended. By all accounts it was a very successful event and I am greatly indebted to the various speakers and members of the Dinner Committee who made it so. I was particularly delighted to see so many of our younger members present.

The annual debate against the School took place on Monday, 6th February. The Union came second! I am grateful to Mr. Alan Graham, an Old Boy, who chaired the debate.

The annual rugby match against the School was played on Monday, 13th March, and I am pleased to report that the Old Boys won. Modesty forbids mention of the final score, but it was very flattering to the Old Boys! My sincere thanks to Wayne Sheridan who organised this enjoyable event, and to all those other people in the School and Union who helped in many ways.

At the time of writing I am almost half-way through my year of office, and enjoying it thoroughly. By the time you read this, three further events will have taken place. These are:

1. Ladies' Night at the Hibernian United Service Club on Friday, 19th May.
2. The annual Golf Outing at Rathfarnham Golf Club (by kind permission) on Friday, 26th May.
3. The annual Cricket Match versus the School — date not fixed at time of writing.

You will already have received notice of these events, and, hopefully, participated in one or more of them.

There is, however, one further major event planned specially to mark and celebrate our Diamond Jubilee. All Old Boys and their wives and friends are cordially invited to this special event, which will be held early in October, and takes the form of a formal dinner, followed by a musical evening with professional artistes. A special sub-committee has been formed to plan and arrange this event, and you will be receiving further more detailed information about it very soon.

My reason for telling you about it so far in advance is to ask you all to make a note of it in your diaries *now*, and tell all your friends about it so that they, too, can note it in their diaries.

Finally, I would like to record my sincere appreciation and thanks to all Officers and Committee Members of the Union who continue to work so hard on your behalf, and who make the President's job such an easy and enjoyable one. Also, my thanks, again, to you, the members of the Union, for electing me your President in this special year.

Yours sincerely,

W. F. Wilson.

Report of the Hon. Secretary 1988-89

The Diamond Jubilee year of the Union began with the Annual General Meeting on Friday, 21st October, 1988. The President, Mr. David Rowell, was in the chair, and there was an attendance of twenty members. The resignation of the Patron, Mr. W. S. Cunningham, was reluctantly accepted, and he was thanked for his many years of support to and interest in the Union. The nomination as Patron of Mr. W. G. Booker, another long-serving and hard-working member, was unanimously accepted. Mr. George Keegan resigned as Hon. Secretary after nine years of loyal service in this office. The Union is most grateful to him for the efficient organisation of so many events during those years.

The following officers and committee were elected:

Patron: W.G. Booker; President: W.F. Wilson; President-Elect: J.D. Ridgeway; Vice-President: A.P.R. Brook (Headmaster); Honorary Secretary: R.J. Miller; Honorary Treasurer: E.W. Frith; Honorary Registrar: G.W. Keegan; Assistant Hon. Secretary: W.M. O'L. Sheridan; Honorary Auditor: D. O'Maolchoille; Honorary Sports Secretaries: J.D. Ridgeway (Cricket); W.M. O'L. Sheridan (Rugby); B. Priestman (Golf); Committee: J.K. Bailey, M.G. Brambell; D.B. Haine; W.A. Ingram; N.H. Kerrison; M.F. McDonough; A.N. Miller; J. Wright; T. Gaidoni (Old Boys' Cup Winner).

The Annual Dinner was held in the school on Saturday, 28th January, 1989. Two hundred and eighty-eight members and guests attended. The principal guest was Mr. Gerard Harvey, Chief Executive of An Post, who replied to the toast proposed by Mr. Harold Wann. The President, Mr. Bill Wilson, proposed the toast of the school, and the Headmaster replied. The musical guests included Maurice McDonough, Brendan McShane, Fred Graham, Maurice O'Sullivan and, of course, Bob McCullough. The toast of the Musical Guests was proposed by Mr. Jim Murray, Director of Consumer Affairs. It was a most successful evening, and it is a measure of its popularity that twenty-five names were on a waiting list for places.

The School team was successful in the annual debate held on Monday, 6th February, 1989. The motion "That cultural diversity should be sacrificed to European unity" prompted good speeches from both sides and led to some lively discussion. The Old boys won the annual Rugby match played on Monday, 13th March. It was a most entertaining game and both sides are to be commended for their approach. At the time of writing, forthcoming events include the Ladies' Night, the annual Golf Outing, and the annual Cricket match. To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee a special Dinner is planned for early October.

Details of events and a copy of the *Erasmian* are sent to all members whose names are on the Mailing List. The Mailing List consists of those who pay an annual subscription of £6 (or £25 for five year). So if you know of members who are wondering why they do not get any more notices about Union activities, perhaps they have forgotten to renew their subscription. The Hon. Registrar has agreed that a reminder will be included with the *Erasmian* for those whose subscription is about to come to an end.

The year will end with the Annual General Meeting at the School on Friday, 20th October, 1989. We look forward to your support at this and other events.

Date for your Diary — The Diamond Jubilee Year Dinner will be held on Friday, 29th September, 1989, in the School.

Robin Miller.

Going to College in Britain

For those of you who feel you may not obtain a place on the course you want due to the unreasonably high grades required in Ireland, England may prove a wise alternative.

At first the idea of leaving home and setting off to England to college may be a little daunting but the main thing is that you are doing the course you want which will lead to the career you want.

In Britain nearly everyone who goes to university leaves home, therefore everyone is in the same boat. You are all away from home, so if you feel a little bit homesick you won't be alone. Talking about being homesick — it is very unlikely that you will be, you'll be too busy enjoying yourself — and doing all that hard work, of course!

Most colleges in England guarantee accommodation in a Hall of Residence for the first year anyway. The cost will depend on where you are at college — London being more expensive than other places.

After the first year it is usually up to you to find your own accommodation, most people rent a house/flat with two or three friends to keep costs down as you still have to pay travelling expenses, bills, buy food, etc. But remember your University fees are paid thanks to E.E.C. regulations.

Living in halls has its advantages and disadvantages. The food generally starts off fairly good, but don't be fooled, it gets worse. You soon learn which dishes to avoid and which ones are fairly safe.

The bedrooms in general are small but more than adequate and you soon get used to the chipboard furniture. Then, of course, there are the television rooms, computer rooms, kitchens and, not least, the bar where everybody congregates in the evening after they have done their four hours studying, and written home. By the way, University alcohol is very, very cheap because of its being subsidised (maybe I should not have put that in!).

Being away from home for the first time can be a bit of a jolt to most young people. You suddenly have to manage your own money, see to it that you are eating properly, dressing warmly and getting enough sleep and all of the other things your Mum is always going on about.

Of course there is the good side of living in Hall: you have plenty of company, make great friends and you are not far from lectures so you can have a bit of a lie-in in the morning. Then there is the joy of having to get up at 6.30 on a Monday morning and stand out on the street in the rain in your pyjamas due to a fire drill — bring a dressing-gown!

One thing you will notice when looking at University prospectuses for Britain is that there is a much wider range of courses available than in Ireland. As anywhere, the standard and content of each course varies from college to college. For courses such as medicine and the para-medics, some colleges place a strong emphasis on the academic work and tend to neglect the practical side while others concentrate on practical experience. The advantage of going to London for University is that for medicine, business courses, engineering, accountancy, etc. there are plenty of opportunities to gain practical experience.

Certainly if you do decide to go to England to college you will not regret it, indeed you will be amazed at how quickly you settle in and make friends, and when it comes to returning home for the holidays you probably will not want to leave.

Hilary Phillips.

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Scholarship Winners 1988



From left: Jonathan Wright, Mr. Brook, Janet Dawson, Andrew Pierce.

EXAMINATION NEWS

Trinity College Dublin

Scholars elected in May, 1988

ABRAHAM, Leonard Ian (Philosophy).
DAWSON, Janet Caroline (Natural Science).
PIERCE, Andrew Robert (Biblical and Theological Studies).
WRIGHT, Jonathan Hetherington (Business and Social Studies).

This remarkable achievement of Four Scholars has only been matched by us twice in the last fifty years, in 1955 and 1965.

Moderatorships

REMEDIAL LINGUISTICS — Class II, Second Division, Sara L. Jordan.
THEORETICAL PHYSICS — Class II, First Division, Feargal Supple; Second Division, D.L. Sheahan.
GENETICS — Class I, M.G. Hampton. (He was the only student in Class I).
GEOLOGY — Class I, G.E. McAulay.
BIOCHEMISTRY — Class II, First Division, Rhona P. Sloane; Second Division, Nicola S. Tyrrell.
HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY — Class II, First Division, G.A. Forrest.
BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES — Class III, T.R. Garrett.

Other Degrees

B.A. — M.L. Gueret, P. Hodgins, A.G.W. McCracken, R. Maltby, A.C. Marshall, Ruth Milofsky, P.B. Murdoch, Linda C. Sisson, Angela M. Skuce, Woo Kiang Tan.
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS STUDIES — Class II, First Division, B.L.E. Dierckens; Second Division, R.M. Elliott, Stephanie P. Free, Mary E. McCaughey.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL STUDIES — Class II, Second Division, M.J. Wilson. (Qualified for CQSW).
B.A.I. — A.G. McCracken, R. Maltby, P.B. Murdock, Woo Kiang Tan.
M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. — M.L. Gueret, P. Hodgins, A.C. Marshall, Ruth Milofsky, Linda C. Sisson, Angela M. Skuce.

Junior Sophisters

COMPUTER SCIENCE — Pass, R.C. Boyle.
EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS — Class II, Second Division, G.P.P. Davey, P.N. McLaughlin, J.F. Pheifer; Class III, J.L. Malkinson.
PHARMACY — Class II, First Division, A.J. Killeen.
ECONOMIC & SOCIAL STUDIES — Class II, First Division, N. Williams (M.P.); Second Division, B.K. Adams (M.P.), P.I.H. Lew (M.P.).
PHYSIOTHERAPY — Class II, First Division, Lynn Morrison.
HISTORY — Class II, First Division, C.S. Shiel; Second Division, O.D.A. Clarke, G. Jelly, E.M. Flanagan, Beverley J. Thompson; Class III, R. A. Sweetman.
LEGAL SCIENCE — Class II, First Division, D.J. Fish.
TWO SUBJECT MODERATORSHIP PATTERN A, A/B, B —
(A) N.M. Dawson — Geography Class II, Second Division, Economics Class III.
(B) J.R. Caskie — English II, Class II, First Division.
(B) Rosalyn S. Dixon — English II, Class II, First Division.
(B) A.M. Tackaberry — French, Class II, Second Division.
NATURAL SCIENCE — Class II, First Division, Carolyn A. Passmore; Second Division, Samantha J. Marsh.

Senior Freshmen

MUSIC EDUCATION — Class II, Second Division, Caroline E. Senior.
PHYSIOTHERAPY — Class I, First Place, Estelle R. Kronn.
NATURAL SCIENCE — Class I, Janet C. Dawson; Class II, First Division, A. Blackmore; Second Division, A.G. Flood, Deborah J. Jacob, P.K. Lyons, Jane E. Findlay; Class III, Suzanne R. Flanagan; K.G. Jordan, A.I. Middleton; H. Page; A. Redlich, S.G. Walshe, G.M.P. Webb.
ECONOMICS & SOCIAL STUDIES — Class I, J.H. Wright; Class II, First Division, R.T. Flynn, P.E. Harford; Second Division, C.H.E. Butler, T. Markham.

HISTORY — Class II, First Division, J.K. Shankey.
 LEGAL SCIENCE — Class II, First Division, Hilary R. Hunter.
 PATTERN A/B — Susan M. Chambers, Mathematics, Class II,
 Second Division; French, Class II, First Division.

Junior Freshmen

NATURAL SCIENCE — Class II, First Division, A.G. McDonald,
 I.T. O'Brien; Second Division, M.V. Bryan, T.S. Gill, P.C.
 Heaney.
 PHYSIOTHERAPY — Class II, First Division, Margaret A.B.
 Hanlon, Adrienne E. Huggard.
 HISTORY — Class II, Second Division, W.S. Powell.
 ECONOMIC & SOCIAL STUDIES — Class II, Second Division,
 M.W.P. Foley.
 (B) D.C. Dunbar — Mathematics, Class II, First Division; French,
 Second Division.
 (B) Sheena H. Brown — French, Class II, Second Division;
 Spanish, Class II, Second Division.
 (B) Mair M. Davies — Geography, Class II, First Division;
 Psychology, Class II, First Division.
 HIGHER DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION — Anna M. Conerney
 —Pass.

School of Physics (Medical School)

SIXTH MEDICAL YEAR — M.L. Gueret, P. Hodgins, A.C.
 Marshal, Ruth Milofsky, Linda C. Sisson, Angela M. Skuce,
 A.C. Marshall was awarded the Arthur Ball second prize, the
 Fitzpatrick Scholarship, the G.B. McHutchison Bequest, the
 Reuben Harey Prize, the National Children's Hospital Prize,
 the Professor's Prize in Paediatrics.
 FIFTH MEDICAL YEAR — P.R. Boles, D.F. Kronn.
 FOURTH MEDICAL YEAR — D.H. Dockrell, Second Class
 Honours; P.E. Killeen.
 THIRD MEDICAL YEAR — Ann B. Caird, Chie W. Fan, A.D.
 Fraser.
 SECOND MEDICAL YEAR — J.F. Donohue.
 FIRST MEDICAL YEAR — J.D.D. Caird, Catherine A. Harden,
 Sie Haur Law.

School of Dentistry

SECOND DENTAL YEAR — Sharon E. Cole.
 FIRST DENTAL YEAR — E.D. Fleetwood.

School of Engineering

JUNIOR SOPHISTERS — C.J. Hautz, M.C. Heaney, J.D.
 McNeilly, G.M. White.
 SENIOR FRESHMEN — Tin Wai Chan.
 JUNIOR FRESHMEN — J.R.A. Hayes, R.A. Fennell, S.D.P.
 Florides.

Diploma in Theology

A. Bruce Pierce — Second Year, P.I.

Prizes

ABRAHAMSON, Leonard Ian — John Isaac Beare Junior
 Freshman Prize in Philosophy.
 DAWSON, Janet Caroline — Joint Arthur Lyster Prize.
 PIERCE, Andrew Robert — The 1983 Prize in Biblical Greek.

Nottingham University

Lana G. Citron — History, Class III.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland

SEPTEMBER 1988 — Final Admitting Examination, Keith D.
 Poole (A.C.A.).
 SUMMER 1988 — Professional Two Examination — David G.
 Douglas.

The Institute of Accounting Technicians in Ireland

SEPTEMBER 1987 — Admission Examination, Derek R. Boate.

News of Past Pupils

SAM DARBY (1964-70) is now Software Department Manager
 (Research and Development) with Hell Graphic Systems in
 Port Washington, New York.
 PHILIP DAVISON (1969-75) has published his third novel, "The
 Illustrator" (Wolfhound Press, 1988).
 STEPHEN W. DOAK (1978-1986) has obtained Grade II,
 Second Division, in Natural Science at T.C.D.
 JULIAN D.D. ENSOR (1975-1981) is Manager of Smart Bros. in
 Arndale Centre, Manchester.
 REV. CECIL FAULL (1939-1941) had the degree of M.A.
 conferred by T.C.D. at the June commencements 1988.
 ERNEST W. FRITH (1930-1941) is President of Rathfarnham
 Golf Club for the season 1989/1990.
 KEITH GAMBLE (1980-1986) won the 1988 Beta Scholarship
 Prize for his year, in Engineering in Bolton Street.
 MERVYN G. JOHNSON (1952-1964) who was appointed a
 Referee by the Leinster Branch of the I.R.F.U., has retired
 after eighteen years' service with the status of Grade I.
 ERNIE KANE (1981-87) has taken up a position as an Assistant
 Manager with the Grand Metropolitan Berni Restaurant
 Group. In last year's 'Valete' Ernie was wrongly described as
 working with Blooms Hotel instead of with the Banqueting
 section of Jury's Hotel, for which our apologies.
 NOEL H. KERRISON (1942-46) is captain of Rathfarnham Golf
 Club for the 1989-1990 season.
 KERRY KIRKHAM (1980-87) won two Intermediate singlets for
 Ireland in the 400m hurdles in 1988.
 EDDIE LAYCOCK (1973-1977) won the 1000 c.c. race at the
 Ulster Grand Prix, setting a new lap record at 121.39 m.p.h.
 VEN. GORDON LINNEY (1952-1956) has been appointed
 Archdeacon of Dublin.
 REV. MERVYN McCULLAGH (1956-1962) is to be Rector of
 Baltinglass in the Diocese of Leighlin.
 MAURICE F. McDONOUGH (1952-1955) was Captain of
 Rathfarnham Golf Club for the season 1988/1989 and is
 Vice-President for 1989/1990.
 T.W. ROLAND (ROLY) MEATES (1943-1954) was Rugby Coach
 for the Leinster senior team and also for the T.C.D. 1st XV.
 MAEVE MOYNIHAN (1986-88) has represented Ireland on
 many occasions in Senior International Badminton.
 ANDREW NOLAN (1975-1981) has obtained a Class 2 Grade in
 the Ordinary National Diploma in Nautical Studies.
 DAVID NOLAN (1974-1980) has obtained a Class 1/2 Grade in
 the Higher National Diploma in Nautical Studies.
 JOHN O'DOWD (1979-1980) is a member of the staff at the
 Department of Pathology at St. James's Hospital.
 KENNETH PRICE (1958-1964) is Secretary to the St. Paul's
 Area Development Enterprise (S.P.A.D.E.).
 ALAN J. SHATTER (1960-1969) has won a mighty struggle to
 get his 'Separation Bill' into law, despite every possible
 obstacle being put in his way.

DEREK SPENDLOVE (1973-1975) took 1st Place at the International Catering Olympics, Germany.

PHILIP A. STERNE (1969-1976) is a Research Scientist at Livermore, California.

JANETTE TYRRELL (1974-1980) is a House Officer in St. James's Hospital.

NICOLA TYRRELL (1976-1984) is now with B.P. Chemicals (Ireland) Ltd.

COLM WEBSTER (1966-73) has been elected Chairman of the Speleological Union of Ireland for the year 1989-90.

ROXANNE WHITE (1974/79) has moved from SERK to IBM and lives in London.

SHANE WHITE (1971-1978) is on a post-graduate course in U.C.L.A. and holds a Lectureship in Prosthodontics.

STANLEY WOODS (1915-1920) was a guest on the "Late Late Show" recently. He was acclaimed, with justice, the greatest motor cycle rider of his era.

Deaths

CHARTERIS, FREDERICK BADEN (Barr) — August 13, 1988, of Cyclamen Road, Swanley, Kent, formerly of Shankill, Co. Dublin.

KINLAN, DESMOND GEORGE (1969-1975) — November 2nd, 1987, at home in Dublin.

JOLLEY, WILLIAM HANLEY — February 22, 1989, at home in Dublin.

Marriages

We congratulate the following former pupils on their marriages and wish them every happiness.

ALAN KEITH CORMACK (1968-1975) to Helen F.M. Nolan on 3rd August, 1983, in Trinity College Chapel.

DEREK E. DOCKRELL (1965-1975) to Sara M. Quinn on 23rd March, 1985, in Trinity College Chapel.

SUKDIP SINGH GILL (Suki) (1977-1979) to David Harrison on 25th March, 1988, in Whitechurch.

ALAN W. GRAY (1969-1975) to Caroline A. O'Donovan, on 2nd October, 1987, in Trinity College Chapel.

JOY ELIZABETH HAMILTON (1977-1983) to Mark Felton, on 27th April, 1988, in Harold's Cross Parish Church.

DESMOND S. KING (1966-1975) to Tilia Boussios on 22nd April, 1985, in Edinburgh.

CLAYTON R. KINLAN (1963-1969) to Avril M. Kidd on 13th June, 1986, in Rathfarnham Parish Church.

DAVID REDMOND LOWE (1968-1976) to Bernadette Egan on 12th September.

WESLEY EDWARD O'BRIEN (1972-1979) to Patricia Coleman on 2nd April, 1988, in St. Michan's Church.

JOHN STERNE (1969-1973) to Eileen Boyle on 16th March in Dublin.

GEORGE SAMUEL WILLOUGHBY (1968-1975) to Sandra Johnson on 18th July, 1987, in Rathfarnham Parish Church.

PAUL MOORE WILLOUGHBY (1971-1978) to Amanda J. Wilson on 2nd April, 1986, in Rathfarnham Parish Church.

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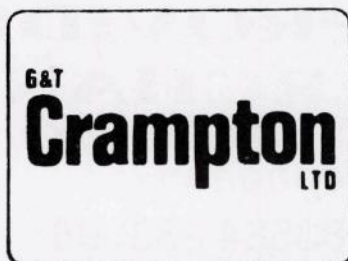
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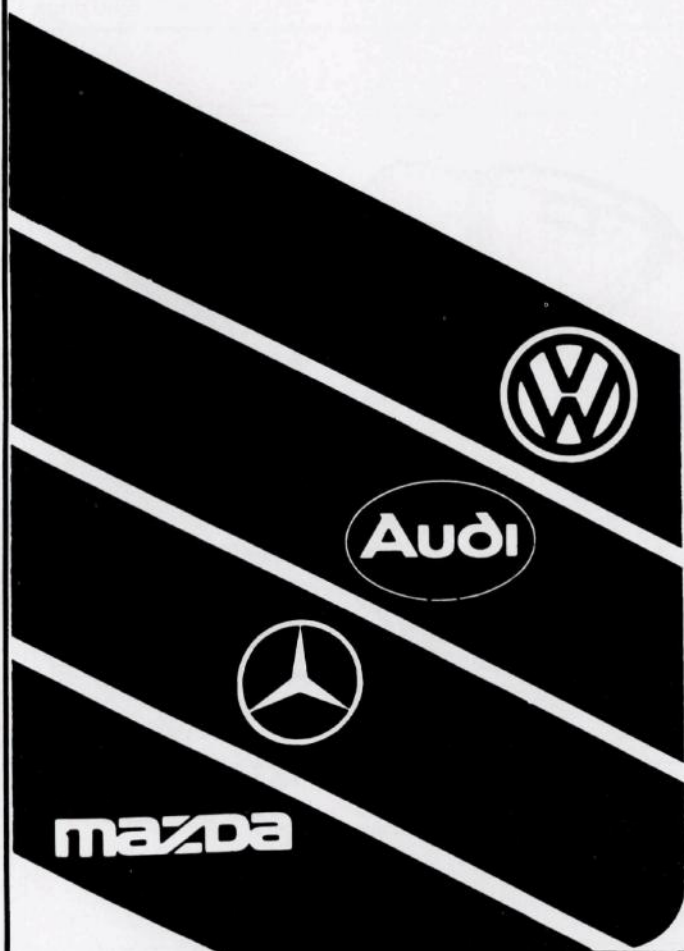
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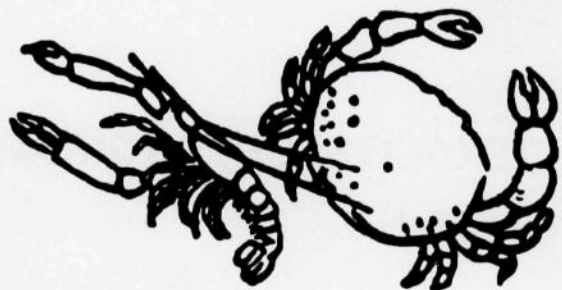
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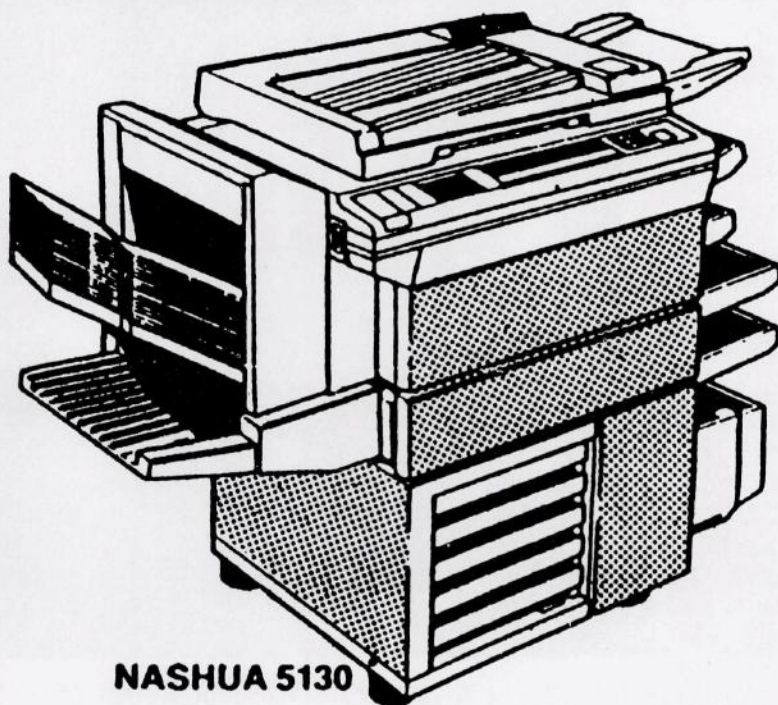
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