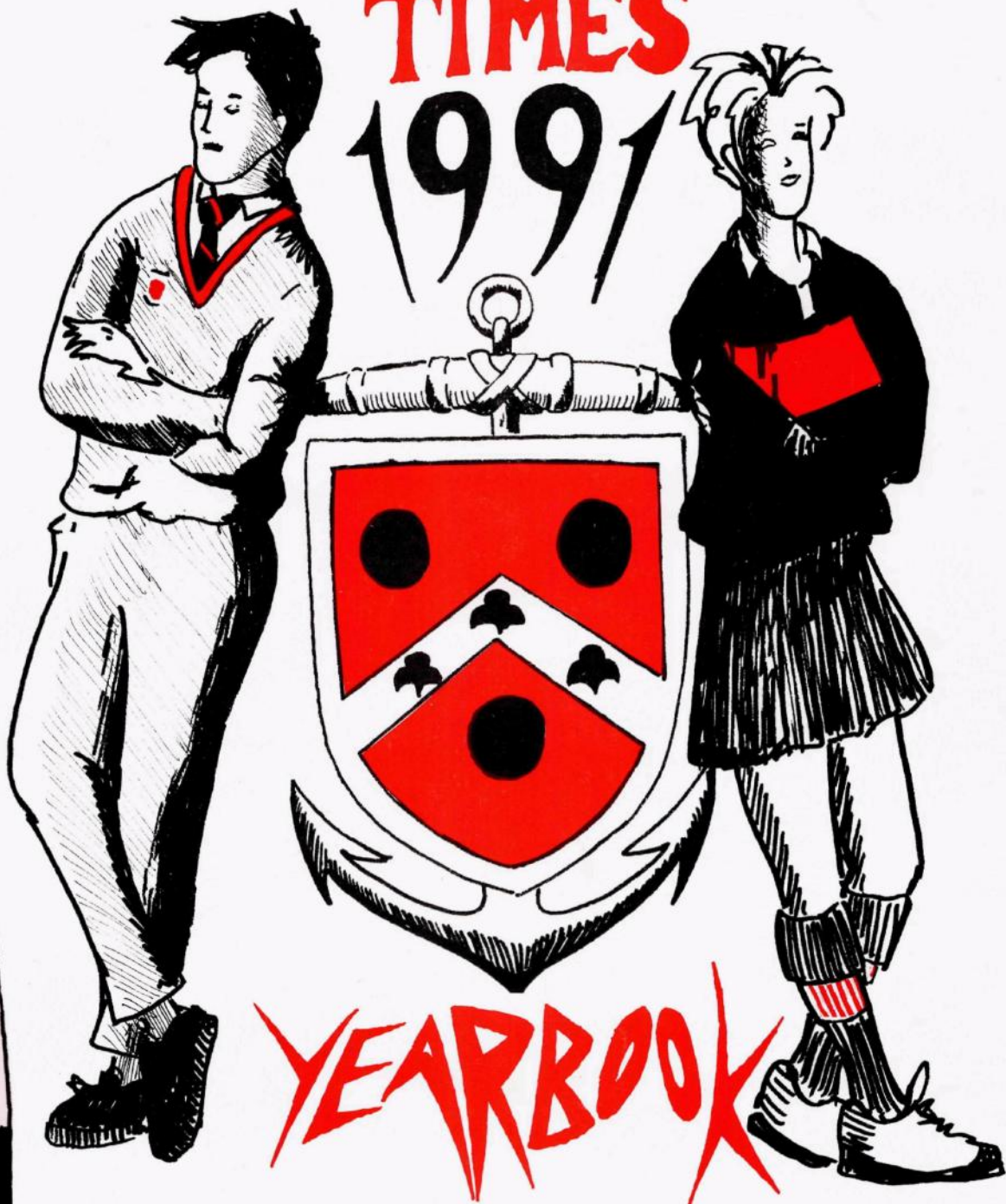
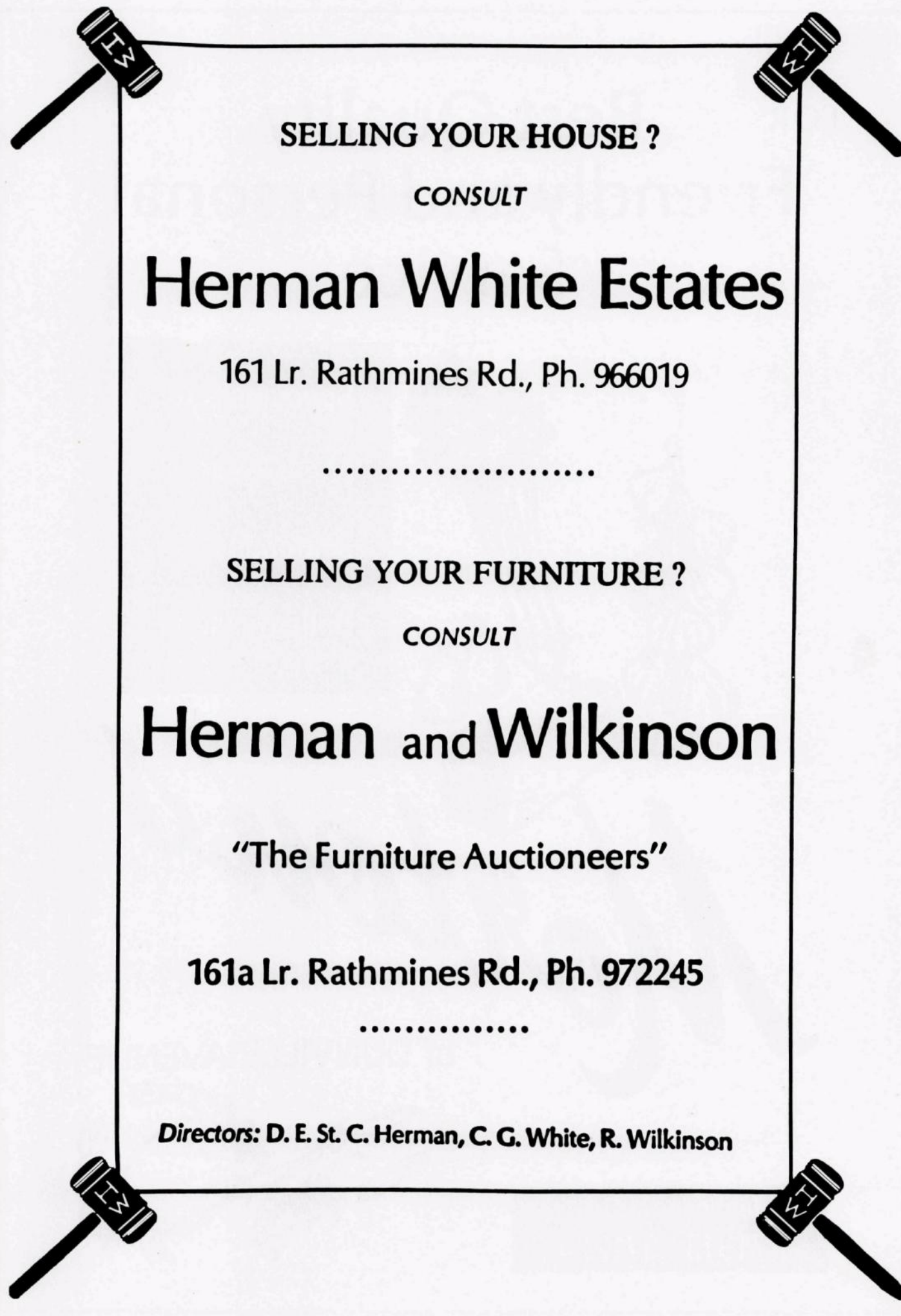


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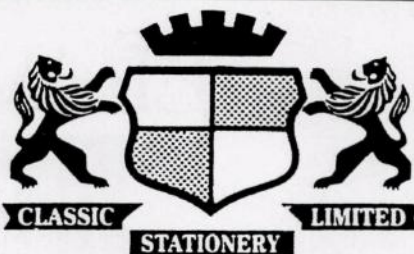
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EDITORIAL

As everyone should, by now, be aware, Dublin is the European City of Culture for 1991. Unfortunately, we Dubliners do not appear to be taking advantage of the opportunities the title offers us. From the outset, there has been little publicity about the year's events: this may be due to the fact that there is a disturbing absence of major cultural events to publicise. Rumour has it that somewhere in Dublin there lurks a committee whose responsibility it is to see that 1991 is a special year for the city. While not wishing to be over-critical, I am afraid that our lack of advance preparation may lead us to spend our year of office planning our year of office. I have heard it said that the unfortunate events in the Gulf stole much of the fuel out of the engines of the committee's publicity machine: I personally think that the 15th of January was too late to begin the publicity campaign anyway. The committee's plans should have been publicised many months in advance in order to allow for adequate preparations for the year's events.

I come now to the role of our schools and, more particularly, that of The High School, in promoting Dublin as 1991 City of Culture. The question must be asked: "What has The High School done to mark Dublin's year of office?" The answer, apart from a debate in which the motion that "Dublin does not deserve to be the European City of Culture" was carried, and the exhibition in the school Library, is that High School has made no effort to recognise the city's cultural status. For High School, 1991 is only the year following 1990.

But to be fair, the High School is not alone in apparently ignoring Dublin's year of culture: most, if not all, of Dublin's schools are doing the same thing. However, I do not think the fault lies solely with the schools themselves but rather with our educational system. Our syllabuses are too exam-orientated with classes, especially those in exam-years, having no time to pay attention to such trivialities as Dublin's culture. I feel that by not exposing their pupils to their cultural heritage, our schools are failing in their duties. If young people are not brought into contact with what is, in fact, their own culture while they are at school, many will continue through life oblivious of its existence.

Time now for a slight change of subject. Next year, 1992, is another important year for Ireland, and of course for Europe. Everyone has heard about 1992 and everyone, including our schools, has been preparing for it in his own way. The High School deserves praise for its foresight in preparing its pupils to face the challenges of Europe. The school now offers French, German and Spanish as Leaving Certificate subjects and plans to put more money into the language department to provide facilities for the use of language tapes, along with the foreign language newspapers already available in the library. The school also supports the foreign language exchanges which many pupils

take part in each year and during the past two years, High School has become involved in the European Youth Parliament Organisation.

The High School cannot be accused of ignoring Europe – its response to 1992 reflects the general feeling that 1992 is Ireland's big chance and that we must be ready for it. European unity presents Ireland with a challenge to go out and make its mark on Europe and in the High School we are laying the ground work for our response.

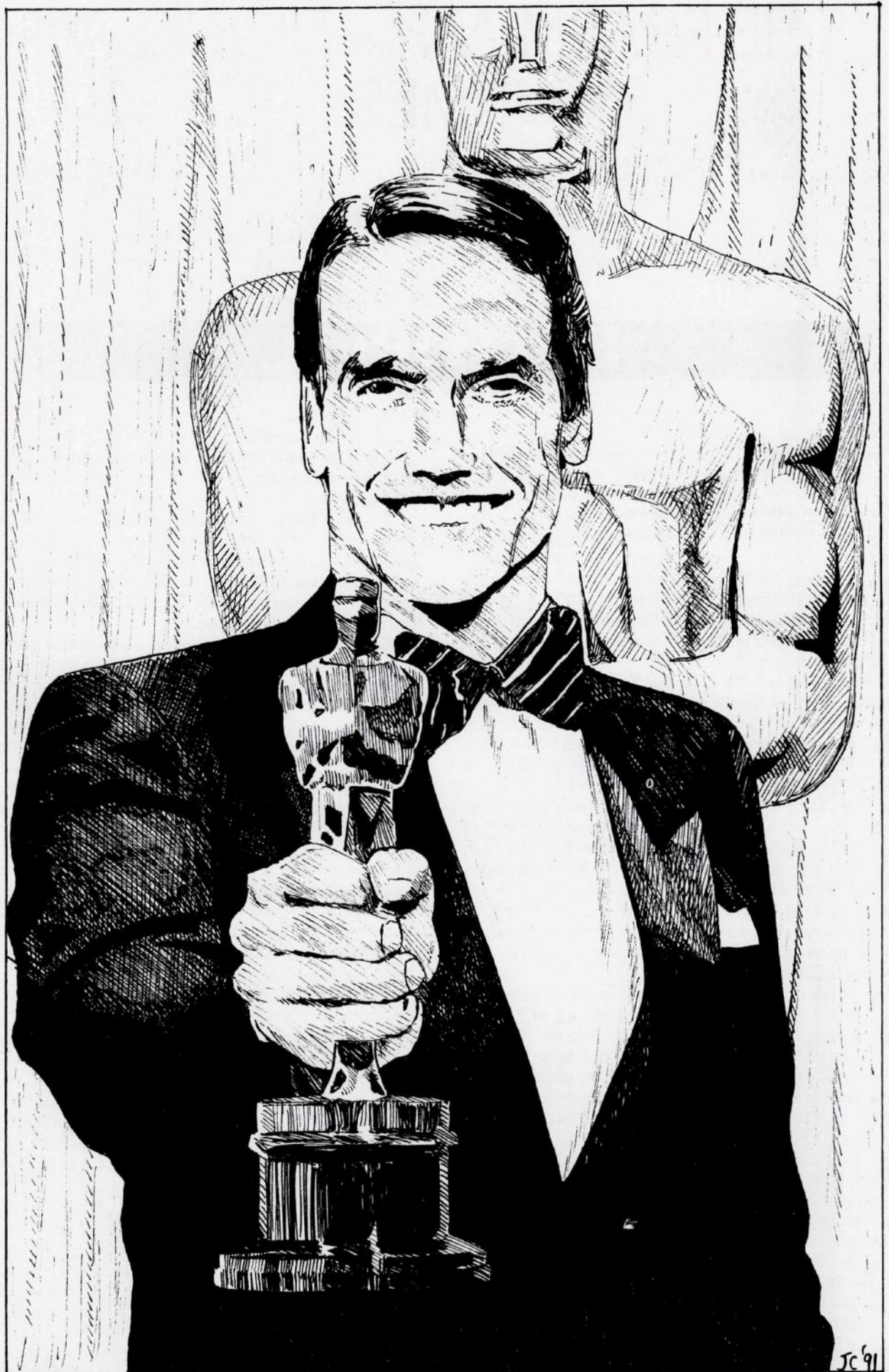
But European unity also presents difficulties for Ireland, as we all know. A fear which, in the mid-1980's was widespread but now appears to have gone out of fashion, concerns the threat to our national identity – our "Irishness". We have been warned that a nondescript "Euroculture" will develop and many people have stressed the need to keep our cultural individuality. In my opinion, the picture of an Ireland trying so hard to be accepted by the larger states of Europe that it forgets its own culture is not only very disturbing but very possible. This is why I feel the failure of our schools to celebrate 1991 as a year of culture is very worrying. 1991 should be a year when we, in Dublin, evaluate our cultural heritage and find out exactly what it is that we are meant to be protecting. Even if the cultural threat from Europe proves to be imaginary, a little introspection before we jump into Europe with both proverbial feet could not be a bad thing. And yet even the High School, so far ahead in its preparations for 1992, seems to have forgotten about those for 1991.

I hope that I have jogged its memory.

Mark Wilkinson

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The Gulf War

This edition of the *Erasmian* comes out in the aftermath of a major conflict in the Persian Gulf. The other day I overheard two individuals commenting upon the situation with such exclamations as "Sure that auld war never achieved anything – isn't yer man still in power and isn't Kuwait in ruins!" At first I dismissed this statement, laughing it off as a piece of idle conversation, but as I thought about it. I myself began to wonder if the bones of the argument were, perhaps, not so far from the truth?

So, what did the whole billion dollar military production actually achieve? Well, firstly, it got Saddam Hussein where the West wanted him, namely out of Kuwait; secondly it destroyed his nuclear and chemical weapons capacities; thirdly and most importantly it emphasised the United States' power to dominate world proceedings wherever and whenever it wants to. This final point it is clear, was the deciding factor in turning so many people against the Gulf war. True, they all thought that Saddam Hussein had to be stopped, but not, they said, by that malicious, capitalist, armoured vehical, that champion of the un-suppressed, the bad-boy United States! "Oh no!" they said, "that would be imperialist. It would be morally impertinent", and morals, they said, were what ultimately mattered. Do you think Saddam cared about morals? Oh yes, he was really going to pull out of Kuwait and destroy his own army just because he heard some do-gooder left-wingers shouting about international decency! Besides, he had not finished laughing at the 'alternative' peace proposal: "United Nations Sanctions".

The United Nations, what has it done? I didn't see it sorting out the Pol-Pot holocaust, the Palestinian situation or the previous Iran – Iraq war, Oh, and didn't it do a fine job in expelling apartheid in South Africa or straightening out Afghanistan or restoring the peace in Nambia? No, it didn't because the United Nations is run by European countries whose initiative to solve problems reaches a standstill at "I think we should take this very seriously" or "we must start looking into a negotiated settlement". No, Saddam Hussein didn't care about that, in fact Saddam knew that his one-way ticket to Kuwait was valid as long as the United Nations dithered. That dithering lasted for five months, five months in which Kuwait was brutally raped, ransacked and horribly destroyed – then, mercifully, the United States stepped in.

Simon King (6th)

Pussy Surprise!

The cat crept along the ground
As if she were a moving mound
Her stomach was bulging
From over-indulging,
She looked ill
And was very still.
We went to bed
And feared she'd be dead
But in the morning,
Without warning,
There she lay in all her glory.
Then we knew the full story:
She was no longer a moving mound,
There were eight fuzzy bundles
on the ground.



If life was a clock or a good swiss watch,
Would the hands be destiny or the mainspring love?
Would the cogs be the neurons carrying the motion;
The message and the motion, as did Noah's dove?
The face of the clock would be life's panorama,
The numbers of the face would be all our years,
Time would be our land in a new dimension,
The past and future countries far away as fears.

Neville Cobbe (5)

Havana!

The sun arises, makes golden the world;
Makes warm, makes dry,
On this grey soil stand I, bathed in gold.
Rain, the water flows red –
Red as rubies, red as dead.
And on this world live I.
The fish they float; bloated and blind–
Or so I'm told, but I don't mind.
No, not me, I don't mind.
I pray to God, but still I find –
The trees around me whisper cries
Of agony and pain, silently weeping,
Silently mourning.
Black eyed boy says "famine again",
Black skinned boy says "don't hit me again!"
White skinned boy says "go away!"
"Day off today, hip hip hooray!"
The dog, it has no skin, poor thin thing
Its head is held in glass, space dog, astro dog ..
Smokes cigarettes!
The wines register his thoughts,
Like Laika, except paws on the ground,
Poor thing drowned, well we held him down.
My lungs are big and nicotine full.
My fella loves me well, he's swell!
This wine is good; and so's the food;
What wealth, what health "Boys were laughing"
Big man with the Havana cigar; black screened car,
Don't come too close! stay away! far . . . far . . . behind.
Havana man? He's straight and kind,
Greatest in the average mind –
Represents our nation (that's me Dad and Mom)
Say's we need some atom bombs
To hit Havana two on the head – knock him dead –
And mother, father, daughter, son
Oh that country of Havana too is strange,
Animals they are, all deranged!
That's what I heard anyway.

Lucinda Hickson (6th)

My First Dig!

It was a fine Saturday morning in early March, the perfect weather for the archaeological dig which my father and I were going to take part in. The site was on Castle Street in between Christ Church and Dublin Castle.

On the way to the site I wasn't very excited because I didn't think there was much chance of my finding any thing of interest.

When we drove down the street towards the site, I was surprised to see a mechanical digger but when I arrived I discovered this was only to dig the first ten feet of the hole to get

down to Viking Dublin, and that the archaeologist was already down the hole digging by hand.

He told us that he thought he had found a Viking house because there were wooden stakes making an angular shape with a hearth in the middle. The archaeologist told us how important sea food was to the Vikings. We found evidence of this when we came across shells such as cockles, oysters and mussels. There were also many bones. Later we recovered leather cuttings which he explained were probably left over from leather shoes which they would have made themselves.

I was very interested in this site because we had just learnt about the Vikings in History. My favourite artefact was the pig's jaw which included his teeth. The archaeologist explained that the pigs were more like our modern greyhounds than our modern pigs, and that they were banned from the village because they killed small children. We noticed that the pig whose jaw we found must have been eating corn before it died, because there was corn in between the teeth.

Kindly the archaeologist told us we could keep the artefacts because there were so many. I decided to give them to the school because when I saw them it made me more interested in Viking Dublin.

The site cannot be built on until further archaeological excavations have been carried out. This is stated, in the planning permission.

Jilly Hamilton (1a1)

Life's Blunders

*I wakened up and silence called,
Silence called upon me.
Remembering all the days of love,
The days of love he brought me.*

*Those days of love were filled with fun,
Filled with fun and laughter,
The happy smile of cheerful Niall,
Will shine for ever after.*

*Twelve years old, ahead of Gold,
His eyes full of wonder,
Reaching high to touch the sky,
But life would bring a blunder.*

*A childish game brought so much pain,
Attempts to save him were in vain,
Grief and sorrow left for all,
Goodbye my son, you've had your call.*

Jonathan Murphy (1A2)

The Lizard King

This year is the 20th Anniversary of Jim Morrison's death. He was the lead singer of the Doors. Morrison was born in Melbourne, Florida on 8th December, 1943. Morrison was a rebel against his upbringing; he was new, unique, and very original, a singer who invited you to peer inside. Morrison was a hero decidedly before his time, a hero who got out just in time.

He was Lizard King and he would do anything. This guy pushed himself to the limits exposing his dark heart to a young audience who had only recently recovered from the onslaught of Bob Dylan and The Rolling Stones. His ambitions were to make films. Morrison said once that he liked alcohol because you can go down to any corner store or bar and it's right across the table, ... it's traditional. The drink, the drugs and the endless supply of women were the prize for knowing that he could never really win.

He had several career options open to him but none seemed to be the answer.

For Morrison the Doors were mostly a blur. Morrison's hair started to thin, his face puffed up from booze. Morrison was already losing his looks and the band played on. During his last concerts he would taunt and squirm at the girls in the front rows with screams and torrents of abuse, often spitting at his astonished audience. By the end of 1969 Jim Morrison had a beer belly and a beard. He was fat, drunk and unhappy. Towards the end, Morrison was drinking three bottles of Scotch a day. During the recording of "LA Woman", their last studio LP, Morrison didn't care any more, his mask was beginning to drop. His eyes told it all.

Sadly on Saturday, 3rd July, 1971 in Paris in his flat, he was found dead in his bathtub from what looked like an overdose of heroin. Jim Morrison is buried in Paris in one of the most famous cemeteries there called Pere-Lachaise. Morrison is buried in Poets' corner beside Oscar Wilde. The graffiti is overwhelming and the bottle tops and cigarette butts are littered all over his grave. At night when the cemetery is closed, it's the place to hang out beside Morrison's grave even if you're not a fan. Only thing is that it's checked by Police patrol every 10 minutes for people who haven't got the message.

If you're ever in Paris go see his grave; it's an experience. And because of the Anniversary of The Doors and Jim Morrison in May, The Doors film comes out directed by Oliver Stone. If you don't hear about the Doors this year you'll never hear about them.

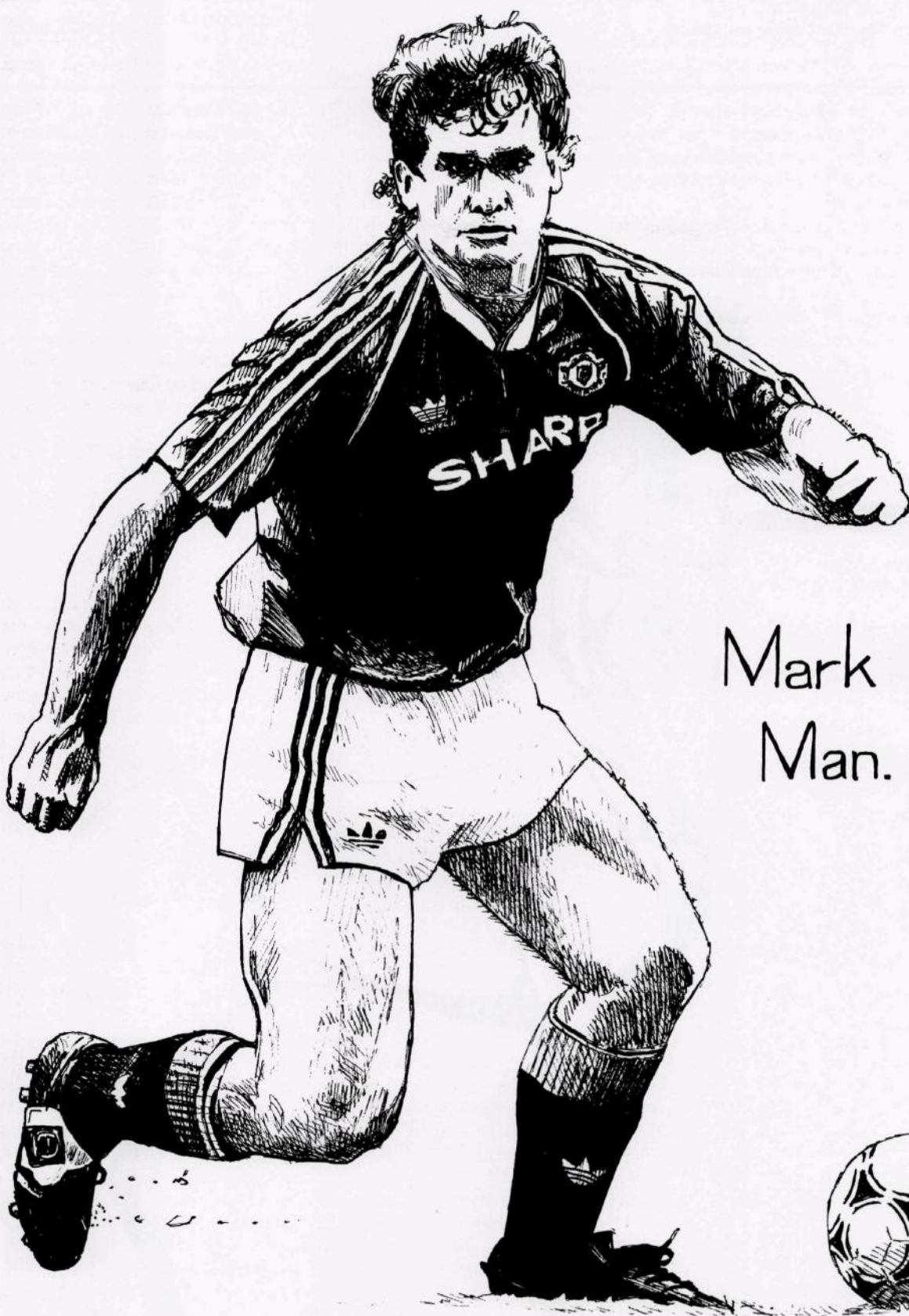
James Quinn (2B2)

Day One

September the third has finally come. I am to start High School today. Dad drove me to school and wished me good luck as I got out of the car. As I walk into the driveway of High School and look up at the huge building, I finally realise that I am at last a first year pupil. My knees knock as I walk in the main entrance. I am both excited and nervous. I had been waiting for this day since my last day in primary school. As I wonder what to do and where to go Miss Graham, my Form and Year head, comes around the corner. I heave a sigh of relief as she comes over to me. She gives me a timetable and tells me to put my schoolbag at the room I will be going to for my first period. I am then to come back down and go to the Reynolds Hall and wait for the rest of my form. I thank her, examine my timetable and discover that my first period is double science with Mr. Davies in room A1.

After I put my schoolbag outside the correct room, I run back to the hall, full of excitement. Miss Graham is in the hall with some other members of my form. I soon join up with some of my friends from my primary school who are also in my form. We all talk excitedly about the day to come. Miss Graham shows us where to stand in Assembly. The Head Boy comes on stage. When he rings a bell the whole hall becomes silent and all the forms stop talking. Mr. Brook comes in to the hall and stands at the centre of the stage. The head boy reads a passage from the Bible and Mr. Brook says a prayer. We all say Grace together. Mr. Brook then gives out the announcements and tells us which teachers will not be attending school today. After assembly Mr. Fennell tells us when to leave the hall. Every year goes out separately; however Miss Graham keeps the First year behind to talk to us. She makes sure we know the basic rules, what classrooms we are going to and that everyone has a timetable. When she allows us to go, all of my form go to Science. As I reach the Science classroom I look forward to the days in High School which I have ahead of me.

Trudie Carroll (1A1)



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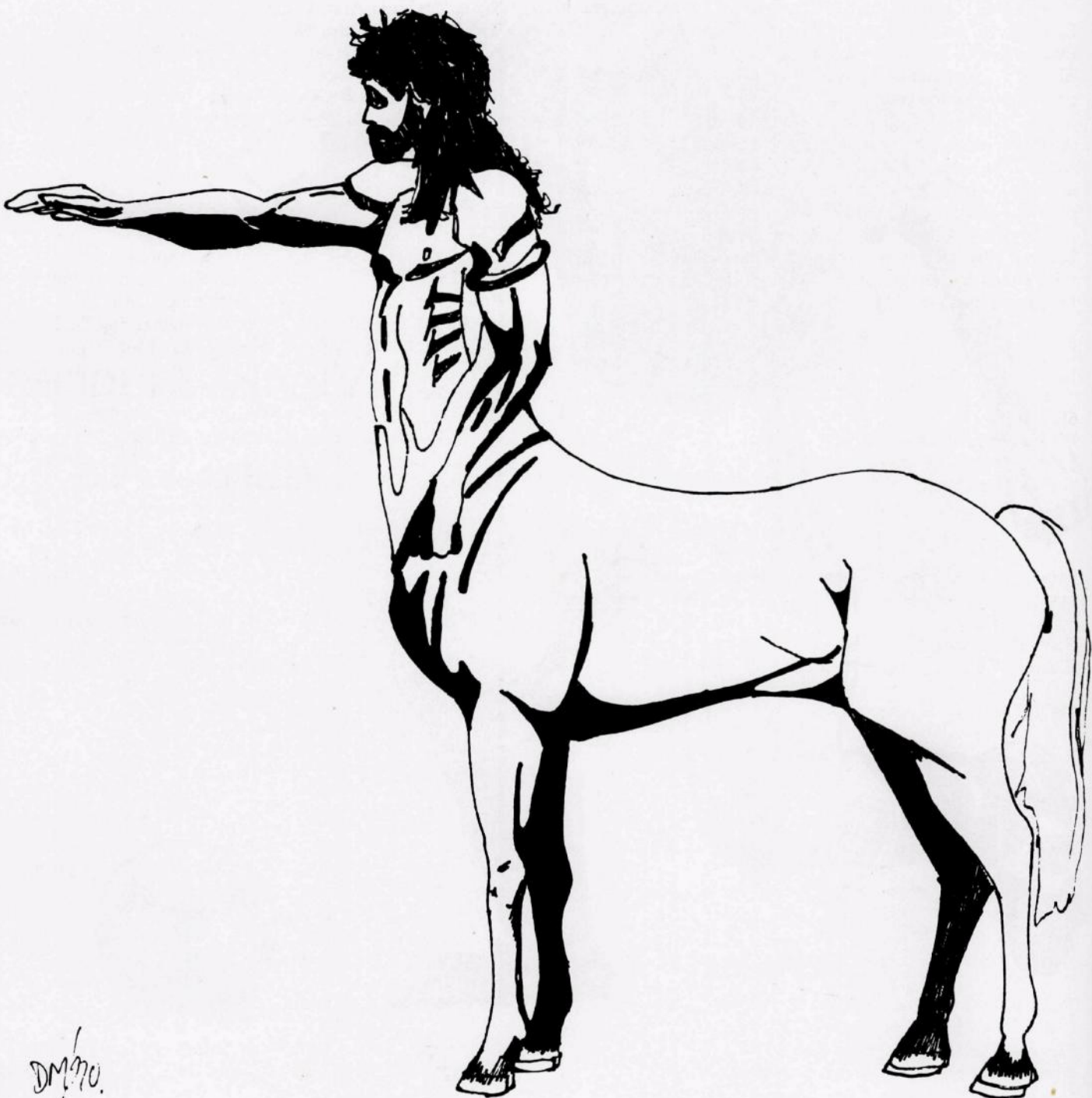
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Humiliation – a Sonnet

My eyes are like two great wide empty pits
And into them all of the people stare,
I have been stripped of all my pride and wits
And crouch beneath the cruel and damning glare,
Illuminating all my faults and fear
And any foolish action I have made.
I wince and wish that I could disappear
(The unknown thoughts they think leave me afraid).

I rend my face with writhing hands of flame
And tear apart my body unawares,
I try to hide away my naked shame –
Oh earth! Come swallow me and my nightmares!
And yet, the mind of God thinks not as men,
If humble like a child, you'll live again.

Neville Cobbe (5)



SCHOOL RECORD

SCHOOL NEWS

Miss Jane Williams retired in June 1990 from the positions of Senior Lady Teacher and Mathematics Teacher. Appreciations of her work and contribution to Diocesan and High School appear later in this section of the magazine. In her place Miss Eithne Cummins was appointed Senior Lady Teacher, to whom we send congratulations and best wishes. Mr. Richard Davies was appointed as a full-time teacher of Mathematics and Science.

Mr. Martin Maguire (English), Miss Frances Wilson (Home Economics) and Mr. Brendan Quinn (Modern Languages) are away on career breaks. Their replacements are Ms Mary Milne (English), Miss Patricia Bergin (Home Economics), Mrs. Orla Purdy (Modern Languages) and Mrs. Ann Harrow (Spanish). Mrs. Davin has been away from school since Christmas, due to illness. We send her our best wishes for a complete recovery.

This year marks the end of the Intermediate Certificate. In September Fourth Year will become Transition Year. Mrs. Deirdre Larkin has been appointed Head of Transition Year. She and a committee of staff have been busy planning the programme for the year.

The Board of Governors have launched a Development Appeal to provide funds to develop and extend the facilities and work of the school. Already work has begun on the laying of a new all-weather ("astro turf") hockey pitch and the development of a fully equipped computer room.

Congratulations to Mark Wilkinson (6) and Brian Bird (5) on being selected for the second round of the Festival of Languages (improvised sketch category). The festival is organised by the Linguistics Institute of Ireland.

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Stuart McCready: Dundrum Vocational School.
Graham McElhinny: Banking and Finance, St. Peter's College.
Darren McGeeney: Control System Engineering, D.I.T.
Andrew D. McMurry: Theoretical Physics, Balliol College, Oxford.
Brian McNeilly: History, T.C.D.
Saul Marcus: Rock Management, Ballyfermot Senior College.
Alan Montague: Rathmines Senior College.
Stephen Morrison: Gurten Agricultural College.
Linda Murdock: Leinster Secretarial College.
Julia L. Nielsen: Applied Languages, D.C.U.
Dara M. O'Brien: Year off prior to Philosophy at T.C.D.
Julie L. O'Callaghan: L.S.B.
Karen D. Pelley: L.S.B.
Gemma M. Phelan: Greenhills V.E.C.
Noel B. Prendergast: 6u H.S.D.
Clare M. Quick: Psychology, Goldsmith College, London.
Scott Rainsford: Architectural Technician, Waterford R.T.C.
Stephen G. Rance: 6u H.S.D.
Niall J. Rennicks: Working for father.
Mark W.J. Robertson: Sales Intern, Woodfab Ltd.
Tessa Robinson: French and History of Art, T.C.D.
Simon Rooney: Education Centre.
Maria M. Ruiz: Private Study, Madrid.
Antony J. Ryan: 6u H.S.D.
Rachel A.C. Scott: 6u H.S.D.

Stephen P. Sexton: Law, T.C.D.
Scott C. Shaw: 6U H.S.D.
Aileen J. Sheridan: The Education Centre.
Donald B. Siggins: Rathmines Senior College.
Eva R. Slack: German, Spanish, Information technology, Wolverhampton Polytechnic.
Hillas S. Smith: Mathematics, T.C.D.
Hannah E. Smolenska: Rathmines Senior College.
Alison D. Stevenson: Secretarial and Computer Studies, D.I.T.
Niamh Supple: Arts, U.C.D.
David J. Swift: College of Commerce, Dundrum.
Ronan P. Swift: Education Centre.
Christopher M. Sykes: Rathmines Senior College.
Colm J. Vambrech: Rathmines Senior College.
Frances K. Vickers: 6u, H.S.D.
Mark J. Vincent: 6U H.S.D.
Janet E. Wilkie: Au pair, Germany.
Antoinette K.L. Wills: Psychology, Brunel University.
Gavan H. Woods: Rathmines Senior College.
Timothy Wright: Business Studies and Computers, Rathmines S.C.

T.K.

Miss Jane Williams

AN APPRECIATION

Miss Williams joined the Staff of the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls in September 1967, and was in charge of the Mathematics Department from then until our amalgamation with the High School in 1974. She taught all age groups and all differing abilities with patience and understanding, being ably supported by the Assistant Staff. During those seven years, a high standard was maintained throughout the school, and Honours in Mathematics achieved by some girls in the State Examinations.

The teaching of mathematics must have occupied most of her hours in School, but there were many other ways in which Jane contributed to "Diocesan's" very full programme. During Summer holidays, she used her knowledge and skill to work out a smooth-running class time-table for the next school year, ensuring that each subject had its correct number of hours and that all members of Staff had their adequate length of class times, suitably spaced in the week.

The Diocesan school was situated in Adelaide Road, Dublin 2, without any spacious ground around it. Our sports grounds were valuable, but at some distance; many pupils lived in the widely spaced suburbs of Dublin, but these are, in most instances, built up areas. Consequently, we felt that there was a special need for the extra-curricular activities, introducing the girls to many outdoor interests, and also availing of our proximity to Museums and Galleries. In pursuit of this aim, Jane Williams excelled. During those years in Adelaide Road, she was mainly responsible for the planning of a six year programme of Environmental Studies, so that all girls, who went through the School, enjoyed a good variety of expeditions and interest, some within the city precincts and others at considerable distance. For all outings, Jane made very careful preparation, very often going over the route herself first, some days beforehand, making sure that times and distances were suitable, and ensuring that each participant knew what she had to do or to bring.

Prior to Jane's appointment to the Staff, the School became a member of the Young Ornithologists' Club, and in 1967, she undertook all organisation of outings and meetings. One very popular expedition, when some parents and Staff assisted, was to Ireland's Eye in Spring. A boat trip from Howth to the island, a walk along the cliffs or strand, carefully avoiding birds' eggs or chicks, introduced many girls to a variety of seabirds. Visits to the North Slob in Wexford, to Booterstown Marsh, to Bull Island, or

the counting of swans nesting on the Grand Canal, indicate the variety of outings arranged for Club members. Jane was able to introduce many girls to the pleasure of hill-walking in several parts of the Dublin and Wicklow mountains. She arranged visits to Dunsink Observatory, to the Port of Dublin, to Kilmainham Jail, to Dr. Weingreen's valuable collection in Trinity College – by his kind invitation – and to the Boyne Valley. These are only some of the expeditions which were under her guidance.

Jane gave generously of her time and energy when an extra escort was needed, as when the First Elven hockey team was invited to play Ballycastle High School in Co. Antrim, and she accompanied the team and Games Mistress. For several years, she went with the "Geography" Staff and groups of Fifth formers for a three-day visit to the Burren in Co. Clare, sometimes bringing her own car, and helping beforehand with preparations for the catering arrangements. An excellent photographer, she took a series of snapshots, producing a very fine record of the School's activities, both indoors and out, throughout the year, before we left Adelaide Road in 1974.

Thus, in so many ways, Jane contributed splendidly to the wider education of the girls in our care, without neglecting their examination successes. Many of our past pupils and their parents will join with those of us who bore the responsibility, in expressing our appreciation of all her good work and our sincere thanks.

M. M. Jagoe

For many teachers their most important contributions to the life of a school are made as they teach their subjects in the classroom or as they are involved with games and extra-curricular activities. In the sixteen years she was a member of the High School staff after its amalgamation with the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls in 1974, Jane Williams continued to give excellent service as a classroom teacher, primarily of mathematics but also in later years of religious education, but it was outside the classroom she made her greatest mark.

The increase in size of the school following the amalgamation made it necessary to introduce a year teacher system in which a single teacher would take major responsibility for overseeing the academic progress and personal needs of a whole year group of boys and girls, and for relating with their parents and with teaching colleagues over any difficulties that arose. In this area of work Jane found real fulfilment for her many talents with people and her great interest in them, and over many years many pupils and parents benefited from the tremendous amount of work she put in. Worried and anxious pupils received reassurance, the daring, disobedient and discourteous received rebuke, and the deserving received praise and encouragement. Many parents found her a superb confidante and counsellor when problems arose, and even found themselves turning to her for advice and reassurance long after their children had left the school. For her last six years she was also Senior Lady Teacher, and in this role was most effective in quiet support of her colleagues and in guarding the interests of girls in the school.

Her own upbringing had given Jane Williams a deep interest in the world of nature, and those who over the years accompanied her on visits to the Burren or to the Wexford Slobbs learnt to share her enthusiasms. She was a mine of information, and opened the eyes of many of her pupils and colleagues to the treasures of our Irish heritage. Her meticulous planning ensured that school off-site expeditions went like clockwork and that in her final years her holiday expeditions to far-off places were resounding successes.

To all she communicated by her example, her integrity, enthusiasm, loyalty, dedication and concern for people and nature. She opened the eyes of many to the beauty around us and to the value of simple things in the complex world in which we live. We miss her presence and thank her for her friendship and her many contributions in High School.

A.P.R.B.

Prize Distribution

The annual Prize Distribution and Parents' Evening was held on Wednesday, 24th October, 1990. Mr. Norman Kilroy, presided and the prizes were distributed by Mr. Philip Orr. The following is the text of the Headmaster's Report:

Mr. Chairman, Your Grace, Staff, Parents, Pupils and Friends of the High School.

Before I commence my formal report I would like to express my thanks to our new Chairman of the Board of Governors for taking on the responsibility of chairing our proceedings this evening. For many years Mr. Kilroy has been a very active member of the Board, making available his expertise unstintingly at various times in the Finance, Sports and Staff Committees of the Management Committee. He has felt that in chairing this evening's function, and in adding a few comments of his own at an appropriate stage, he would be making a sufficient commitment, and so he has invited one of our most distinguished Old Boys, Mr. Philip Orr, to present the prizes tonight. I am also particularly pleased that His Grace, the Archbishop of Dublin has been able to join us and will close our proceedings.

Before presenting my verbal report on the 1989-90 school year I would commend to you the reading of my formal report in the Prize Booklet, and of the detailed account of the full activities of the school so ably chronicled by pupil contributors in *The Erasmian and Diocesan Times*.

And so to work, with praise first, formal report items next, and the worries left to the end.

The first group of people I would like to single out for praise is the Examinations Branch of the Department of Education. The scale of the operation mounted annually is daunting, with about 60,000 candidates for examination at Leaving Certificate and 2,000 at Senior Certificate, well over 70,000 candidates through examinations like the Intermediate and the Day Vocational Certificate examinations, and some thousands more in technical examinations. That involves the printing, processing and marking of close on 1.5 million examination papers. Over the past two years this operation has been changed over from a completely manual system to a computerised one, with remarkable smoothness as viewed from the schools. Working a new system under extreme pressure the Examinations Board produced in August 1989 the results of Leaving Certificate candidates as a very simple computer print out with the results of two candidates shown on each quarto page of the continuous sheet. For each candidate all that was recorded was their examination number and the grades obtained in each subject with the subject title printed only in Irish. Before they could be issued to pupils we in the school office had to write on by hand each candidate's name, add the information that these were Leaving Certificate 1989 results, sign and add the school stamp as authentication, and finally guillotine each page in two. The results were messy and unofficial in appearance at the very best. But this year candidates' provisional results were supplied on a superbly designed carbonised sheet which between back and front contained all the information any employer or third level education admissions officer would want to know, and printed to a standard that would excite favourable comment in any country in the world. Well done by the faceless men and women of the much maligned Examinations Branch.

Over many years one of the greatest strengths of High School has been Mathematics teaching. Under Victor Graham's tuition a steady stream of mathematical entrance scholars proceeded to Trinity College, and many of these have achieved prominence in various walks of life in later years. As the school has grown so have the resources for teaching the very demanding high level Leaving Certificate Mathematics course, and the stream of good mathematicians has continued. Some of these now turn their gaze further afield than Trinity College, and the most recent of

these is this year's very deserving winner of the Victor Graham Prize, Andrew McMurry, now a student at Balliol College, Oxford, and so unable to be present in person to receive his prize tonight. In the summer of 1989 Andrew was one of the six members of the Irish team competing in the International Mathematics Olympiad held at Braunschweig, West Germany.

The standards in this contest are extremely demanding, with many countries putting tremendous resources into the training of their teams over a period of many months, while Ireland is stretched to find the resources just to send a full team. In spite of his youth Andrew performed best of any of the Irish team. This year he and fellow Sixth-former Julian McCrae were picked in places four and five of our national team, but had the initial disappointment of learning that there were only sufficient funds to send the first three members of the team to the Olympiad in China. Then the McCrae and McMurry parents stepped in, and did the hard work necessary to generate the considerable sponsorship for three more members to go and make a complete team. Again Andrew was the best of the Irish contestants and reached the high standard of answering required to qualify for a personal Bronze Medal. With Julian also performing soundly High School helped the Irish team to their highest placing yet in the contest. This fine performance further strengthened the conviction of Andrew's teacher, Mr. Kelly, that Andrew obtained full marks in his Leaving Certificate Mathematics examination last June.

Mention of generating sponsorship to enable Andrew and Julian to go to China brings me naturally to two of the most praiseworthy achievements of groups of pupils in the school in the last few years. As anybody with a long involvement with charity or parish fund raising knows, raising £1,000 takes effort, the next £1,000 needs a miracle. In my formal report I mentioned the fine effort of a large group of our Fifth Year pupils in organising, publicising and carrying through a highly professional Fashion Show that raised £2,500 for Oxfam. (In passing I should also express my thanks to the various Oxfam personnel who lent a hand at times but were pleased to discover the strains for them were not great because of the high level of professionalism of our pupils). This fine effort on its own was excellent, but when later it was followed by a team of enthusiasts from all levels of the school organising a sponsored Bear Push from High School to Phoenix Park that raised £2,000 for the Dublin Zoo, one could feel very proud of the pupils of the school. Fine efforts by all involved.

From matters for praise to matters of straightforward report. In my written report in October 1989 I commented on the decision by the Board of Governors to make a commitment to the growing Protestant population of the West Dublin area by introducing a bus service servicing the Palmerstown, Lucan, Clondalkin and Tallaght areas of great Dublin. A number of pupils from these areas decided to continue making use of car pool arrangements that had served them well over several years, and so support for the bus was less than potential during last year. However, things changed dramatically this September, and currently there are about forty pupils using it for journeys to and from school with several others interested in using it for one way journeys. Numerous parents in West Dublin have commented favourably on our decision to introduce it, not least because it brings access to our good facilities at a cost they can afford.

The second matter is to indicate the success of our decision to introduce Spanish as a third mainland European language in our time-tabled arrangements for the Leaving Certificate. With seventeen pupils doing it in Form 5, eighteen in Form 6 and about twenty indicating they would like to take it up if offered in Transition Year in September 1991, Spanish has already secured a firm place in the curriculum.

As you entered the school tonight you may have noticed a large poster on the notice board near the staff-room bearing the slogan "Save our Schools". It advertises a major meeting at the

Presentation School, Terenure, on the Presidential Election night, one of a country-wide series of public meetings at which speakers from the Association of Secondary Teachers, Ireland will seek to draw the attention of the nation to the way in which provision for our secondary schools is lagging far behind need. Three years ago the Joint Managerial Body, overseeing the management side of the voluntary secondary school system, made common cause with the ASTI and parent bodies under the umbrella of Partners for Education to press the needs of the schools at a time of extreme financial stringency. On this occasion Management and Union are running separate campaigns which complement each other in the objectives being highlighted. But common themes are the need to make more staff available in the classrooms, to provide adequate in-service training and resources at a time of continuing major curriculum change, and to provide sufficient direct funding through capitation grants to enable schools to remain financially viable.

Let us look at High School to see examples of the problem areas. I spoke of the introduction and growth of Spanish in High School. Demand for German has also grown so that in each of the last two years we have had two German classes in first year where formerly we had only one. This means that, between Spanish and German, we need twenty-nine more class periods of language teaching in September 1991 than we did in September 1981. This widening of the curriculum can only be sustained with a better pupil teacher ratio than the 20 to 1 that has been the norm for the past few years. For a school of our size the change to a 19 to 1 ratio would bring us two more teachers paid by the State and halt the high cost growth in the number of part-time teachers required.

The demands of providing nation-wide in-service training for most teachers as the new Junior Certificate courses are proceeding towards first examination in June 1992 have proved to be beyond the scope of the Department of Education and its inspectorate to organise on a satisfactory basis. Far more finance is required so that groups of schools can work together to develop their own in-service programmes. As the Minister for Education has pointed out we lag behind most of our partners in the European Community in provision of school based assessment, and a clear aim of the Minister and her Department is to change this position. The organising and implementation of such assessment would inevitably shorten the amount of teaching time available to teachers in the school year. In High School our teachers are working to the maximum, and we are using a considerable force of full-time and part-time teachers, paid out of fee income, to maintain the breadth and depth of curriculum and the level of pastoral care necessary to meet the aspirations of the parents who choose the school. In our case more staff would be essential to share out the loads, so that the extra time required for in-service training and assessment could be taken on without reducing the present level of time available for teaching.

An increase in direct funding through capitation grants figures is on the agenda of every management meeting with the Minister for Education or the Secretary to her Department. Fuel costs, repair costs for buildings as they age, cost of providing essential secretarial services, cost of adequate insurance have all shown considerable increases, and the small increase in grant given last year has not done anything to make up for the nil increase position of the preceding few years. In High School our insurance costs have risen from £14,000 to £31,000 in the last five years, and recent roof repair and window upgrading costs on the gymnasium were about £20,000.

A campaign to alert the Minister for Education, the cabinet as a whole, and the electorate who make use of education services, is very understandable and thoroughly necessary if a fine second level education service is not to wither through starvation.

In the final section of my report I would like to draw attention

to what I feel is the most worrying aspect of two recent developments in the rapid educational change of the last three or so years – what I refer to as “ad hocery”. The media hype in August 1989 as the Leaving Certificate results were closely followed by offers from the Universities, Colleges of Technology and the Regional Technical Colleges showing higher than ever points requirements for a very wide range of courses on offer provoked a reaction from our very pupil-centred Minister for Education. She publicly indicated that large numbers of extra places would be available in the colleges both in 1990 and in 1991. The promise was made, and, so far, kept. And in a number of areas points requirements have responded by dropping. My worry is that a number of young people may now be embarking enthusiastically on courses, only to find no jobs at the end of them. At relatively low cost, intake to a number of existing courses can be expanded at short notice, for many others the cost of facilities for expansion is too high. The energies required for the extra administrative load in expanding faculties diverts resources from the process of developing new courses required to match the changing demands of international business and industry. It is the graduates of these new courses, and of a number of courses in which short notice expansion is impossible, whose career prospects are particularly bright. The “ad hoc” decision to expand rapidly and, possibly unsuitably, under pressure is likely to result in a growing number of disillusioned graduates.

The second recent development is the process connected with the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment consultative paper entitled “Senior Cycle: Issues and Structures”, issued in May but only widely available in September. The responses to this were expected by October so that a very overworked N.C.C.A. Council could consider these in November and advise the Minister of its conclusions before it went out of office at the end of 1990. I fail to see how any body, let alone one so pressured by a multiplicity of detailed issues as the N.C.C.A. currently is, could come to valid conclusions in such a short time scale. And the time scale is short because Senior Cycle revised courses should be in place by September 1992 when the first Junior Certificate pupils move into Senior Cycle. The time scale is short because as soon as the decision to introduce the Junior Certificate was taken there was the need to appoint a working party of experts to examine Senior Cycle provision in depth and bring its recommendations to the N.C.C.A. by June 1990 at latest. But all we have had is an emergency “ad hoc” response when the background problem has been obvious since 1988.

“What is all the fuss about?” you may well ask. “Surely the good old Leaving Cert. only needs a few nudges to bring it back on course?”. “Why bother about outlandish ideas like Vocational and Preparation Training Programmes and Senior Certificates? High School never needed them”.

My response is that High School has never used them, and is not likely to do so until pupils following these courses can have nationally recognised certification that will have a reasonable prospect of recognition on the international scene. But that High School has never needed them is a proposition I find harder to accept. If nationally 20,000 students are following V.P.T.P. or Senior Certificate courses, and if research shows that at least 20,000 of the 120,000 following Leaving Certificate courses are not benefitting fully from the curriculum, then a well thought out and nationally accredited alternative pathway to Leaving Certificate is essential. But the danger is that haste to show results may lead to acceptance by the Minister of an unsatisfactory “ad hoc” answer to a problem affecting the well-being of a large sector of our school population for many years to come.

So while High School sails on over a seemingly smoother sea than three or four years ago, there are hidden dangers below the surface. I hope that we shall be able to avoid them until the new, and I hope accurate, chart is ready.

LIST OF PRIZES

Old Boys' Cup: Sorley McCaughey
Jean Scott Trophy: Rosemary Garth

Form

6 Upper

Simon Eppel Prize for Science: Guy Molyneux
Class Prizes: John Armstrong; Linda Byrne; David Falconer; Louise Geoghegan; Colm Houlihan

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High School Exhibition (£250): Stephen Sexton
John Thompson Scholarship (£200): Julia Nielsen
Glorney Exhibition and Cup (£160): Julian McCrae
Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize (£100): Colin Harris
Victor Graham Prize in Mathematics (£1,000): Andrew McMurphy
Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize (£120): Susan Coote
John Bennett Memorial Prize (£50): Timothy Hawkins
Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize (£70): Gareth Lloyd
B'nai Brith Scholarship (£150): Chie Lee Fan
Alan Peters Memorial Prize: Maurice Citron
Bessie Bury Prize for English: Timothy Hawkins
Casserley Memorial Prize for English: Sarah King
German Government Prize: Niamh Supple
Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Karen Glover
S.S. Evans Prize for Commerce: Julian McCrae
Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Karen Hill
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Grace Hamilton
Diocesan School Music Prize: Susan Coote
Class Prizes: Maurice Citron, Katherine Heaney, Jennifer Jackson, Dara O'Brien, Tessa Robinson, Hillas Smith

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Mitchell Scholarship: Mark Wilkinson
Dr. Start's Prize for Chemistry: Mark Wilkinson
Parents' Association Prize for English: Ian Rowell
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Peter Hanan
Diocesan School Music Prize: Trudi Goldberg
O.B.U. Debating Medal: Simon King
Class Prizes: Wesley Darlington, Karen Dawson, Brian Hildebrand, Benjamin Johnson, Matthew Jones, David Knott, Dawn Metcalfe, Kevin Sheehy, Neil Watson

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Rogers Memorial Prize: Brian Bird
German Government Prize: Brian Bird
Dillon Prize for Mathematics: Brian Bird
Foster Memorial Prize for Mathematics: Jennifer Cooper
Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize: Stuart Kinsella
Emily Latimer Memorial Prize for English: Deborah O'Neill
Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Clare Dowling
Casserley Prize for History: Emily Doherty
S.S. Evans Prize for Commerce: Clare Dowling
Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Emily Doherty
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Neville Cobbe.
4A1: Annalee Fennell; Shuna Hutchinson; Andrew Skelton
4A2: Jeremy Chipperfield; Glyn Murphy; Jeremy Sargent
4B1: Kenneth Heslip; Eric McCarthy; Simon White
4B2: Hazel Babington; Colin Darby
4B3: Barry Conway; Jason Molins; David Plummer

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Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize: Ruth Dowling
McNay Prize for English: Helen Finch
Parents' Association Prize for English: Nicholas McMurphy
Parents' Association Prize for Mechanical Drawing: Stephen Lipson
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Naoise Griffin
Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes: Suzanne Hill; Nicholas Kiersey
3A1: Patricia Conway; Rory Timlin
3A2: Judith Haslett; Aoife Davey
3B1: Gareth Bradshaw; Louise Gobbett
3B2: Ross Staunton; Rebecca Griffin
3B3: David Vora; Geoffrey Shaw; Mark Simms

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McNay Prize for English: Catherine Loane
Parents' Association Prize for Woodwork: Richard McCrae
Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Ciara Griffin
Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes: Gillian Gibson, Michelle Williams
Dorothy Blakeney Prize for Biology Project: Angus Cowie, Barry Fogarty, Roger McCormack
2A1: Simon Stroughair, Anthony Lock
2A2: Steven Edge, Heidi Kinsella

2B1: Samantha Giusti, Jennifer Rowan
2B2: Brian Foley, David Lyons

1 — **Etheline Brady Prize:** Sharon Jackson
Jellett Memorial Prize for Irish: Louise Harris
1A1: Isolde Carmody, Eamon Gallagher
1A2: Ross McCulloch, James Tanner
1A3: Gavin Cobbe, Berkeley Vincent
1B1: Gary Lyons, Niall Walsh
1B2: Louis Scott, Kenneth Byrne

SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship: Elizabeth Thornburgh
(St. Andrew's National School, Lucan)
Laurence Simms, Sandford National School
Stefanie Sheppard, Rathgar Junior School
Brian Kelly, Rathgar Junior School
Brian Pierce, Sandford National School
Beverley Jones, Rathfarnham Parish National School
Matthew McGann, Rathgar Junior School
Music Scholarships: Gwendolyn Masin, Zion National School;
Richard Sweeney, Sandford National School

LEAVING CERTIFICATE 1990

Caitriona Armstrong, Ronald Bailey, Elizabeth Barnardo, Patrick Barnwell, Michael Blythman, Stephen Bovenizer, Malcolm Boyd, Jonathan Bradley, Christine Byrne, Sebastian Caillabet, Roisin Campbell, Darren Carter, Mary Carty, Eoghan Casey, Malcolm Childs, Maurice Citron, Gordon Clarke, Susan Coote, Eoin Corcoran, Phelim Davey, Stephen Douglas, Shane Dowling, Colin Dunne, Jean Edgely, Chie Lee Fan, Terence FitzGerald, Alison Furney, Rosemary Garth, Andrew Gilmour, William Glass, Karen Glover, Jeffrey Greene, Andrew Greenlea, David Grimason, Ronan Guilfoyle, Grace Hamilton, Michael Hamilton, Graham Hanan, Darren Haringman, Colin Harris, Derek Harris, Mark Harris, Timothy Hawkins, Katherine Heaney, Daniel Henderson, Lee Hickey, Karen Hill, Leslie Hill, Melanie Hill, Neil Hillis, Karin Hudon, Ruth Hughes, Graeme Hunter, Anne Jackson, Jennifer Jackson, Alison Jacobs, Arthur Kane, Sharon Kennedy, Alan Kibble, Linda Killeen, Sarah King, Julie Kirkham, Gareth Lloyd, Sorley McCaughey, Jennifer McCormack, Julian McCrae, Stuart McCready, Graham McElhinney, Darren McGeeney, Andrew McMurry, Brian McNeilly, Saul Marcus, Alan Montague, Stephen Morrison, Linda Murdock, Julia Nielsen, Dara O'Brien, Julie O'Callaghan, Karen Pelley, Gemma Phelan, Noel Prendergast, Clare Quick, Scott

Rainsford, Stephen Rance, Niall Rennicks, Mark Robertson, Tessa Robinson, Simon Rooney, Maria Ruiz, Antony Ryan, Rachel Scott, Stephen Sexton, Scott Shaw, Aileen Sheridan, Donald Siggins, Eva Slack, Hillas Smith, Hannah Smolenska, Alison Stevenson, Niamh Supple, David Swift, Ronan Swift, Christopher Sykes, Colm Vambeck, Frances Vickers, Mark Vincent, Janet Wilkie, Antoinette Wills, Gavan Woods, Timothy Wright, Fiona Angel, John Armstrong, Janice Bell, Ciaran Brady, Dermot Brosnan, Linda Byrne, Jonathan Carter, Sinéad Carton, Emma Coburn, Carl Convery, Joanne Cooper, Vanda Dowse, David Falconer, Aoileann Garavaglia, Louise Geoghegan, Amanda Good, Hilary Hannan, Maleka Hashmi, Colm Houlihan, Simon Kennedy, Thomas Kennedy, Dinah Kenny, Helen Killane, David Kutner, Sarah Lamb, Micheál Lunny, Nicole McDonnell, John McNally, Oonagh Mahon, Guy Molyneux, Paul Mooney, Juliet Nash, Suzanne O'Duffy, James O'Farrell, Timothy O'Reilly, Victor Pomeroy, Lynn Ruddle, Kenneth Ryan, Christian Scheffer, Robert Shaw, Victoria Singleton, Karen Sloan, Jason Stuart, Kerry West, Mark Wilkes.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE 1990

Andrew Allen, Hazel Babington, Robin Bailey, Suzanne Beardsley, Warren Bell, Brian Bird, Ruth Boyd, Siobhan Bradley, Deirdre Brosnan, Gillian Burke, John Caird, Aisling Campbell, Jeremy Chipperfield, Neville Cobbe, Barry Conway, Jennifer Cooper, Linda Coote, David Curtis, Colin Darby, Leslie Davis, Zena Dawson, Richard Delany, Corinna Dixon, Gavin Dodd, Emily Doherty, Clare Dowling, Keith Edgely, Annalee Fennell, Deborah Finnie, Simon Fitzpatrick, Ruth Gibney, Louise Gibson, Alistair Goodwin, Anne Goulden, Reuben Govender, June Grennan, Michelle Griffin, Sheerin Hanly, Bruce Harley, Charlotte Harrison, Marcus Hartung, Ian Herman, Kenneth Heslip, Susannah Hewson, Luke Holland, David Holley, Chuck Chi Hung, Shuna Hutchinson, Garret Jacobs, Ferris Jay, Rhonda Jenkinson, Adam Jewell, Mark Johnston, Matthew King, Stuart Kinsella, Dara Laughlin, Carol Lilburn, Drew Lindsay, Kuok Ek Ling, Paul Lloyd, Elgin Loane, Niamh Lunny, Elizabeth Martin, Damien Massey, Eric McCarthy, David McKee, Daniel McKee, Julia Miller, Elizabeth Mitchell, Wendy Moffett, Jason Molins, Steven Moody, Carol Moore, Kevin Moynihan, Louise Mull, Glyn Murphy, John Nash, Paul Needham, Edward Nicholson, Kenneth Nielsen, Ingrid O'Callaghan, Creona O'Connor, Niall O'Gorman, Gareth O'Meara, Deborah O'Neill, Niamh O'Sullivan, Neal Parker, Avril Patterson, David Phillips, David Plummer, Dylan Rafter, Helen Reid, William Robertson, Elizabeth Roche, Estelle Rosenberg, Stephen Rowan, Helen Russell, Jeremy Sargent, Kira Singleton, Edward Sinnamon, Andrew Skelton, Brenda Slack, Stephen Swift, Alan Taylor, Nigel Treacy, Malcolm Tyrrell, Janet Veale, Deborah Walsh, Sarah Walsh, Victoria Walsh, Andree Warbrick, Jonathan White, Simon White, Dafydd Williams, Shirley Wright, Caroline Wynne, Craig Wynne.

European Youth Parliament — Frankfurt Session

This year two High school students, Brian Bird and I were selected to take part in the 6th session of the European Youth Parliament, meeting in Frankfurt, Germany. We went as members of a delegation of 13 students representing Ireland. Each delegate had to research thoroughly a particular issue, which they would later discuss in different committees with other young Europeans, and draft a preliminary resolution on the issue. Meanwhile the journalist would report on the activities of the week and meet with other journalists to write a daily newspaper. We were all accompanied by a teacher from St. Andrew's College.

Having eventually arrived in Frankfurt after numerous complications, such as lost luggage and delayed or missed planes, we were escorted to the Altknoigschule where we each met our host families, with whom we would be staying during the coming week. We were escorted the following morning to a youth hostel in the region where we spent the weekend and were reunited with our suitcases. Here we took part in an "Outward Bound" programme of various activities ranging from absailing and orienteering to games and group activities. This enabled us to get to know and work with the other members of our committees, who came from the E.C. member states and other European countries such as Sweden and Hungary, so that, though we were originally strangers, we were good friends by the end. On Saturday night, the eve of Saint Patrick's day, the Irish Delegation held a ceili for all present and virtually everyone took part in Irish dancing. The following day we continued our "Outward Bound"

activities until the late afternoon, when each committee and all the teachers were asked to perform a sketch. Most of these were humorous and reflected our enjoyment of the weekend and the funny side of our committees' work together. Afterwards we were collected by our host families and we returned to our respective "homes".

On Monday morning at the Altkonigschule the Parliament was officially opened and each ambassador gave a speech introducing their delegation. Later we went by coach to the Deutsche Bank Centre in Kronberg where we began our committee meetings. The first topic for consideration was a special resolution on "The Influence of the Gulf War on European Cooperation". This was briefly discussed in each committee and ideas were passed on to the committee chairpersons who would later meet together to formulate a resolution. The various committees then began discussing the issues they had previously researched. Most committee members were able to work well together, largely thanks to the Outward Gound Weekend, and by Wednesday evening the 12 committees had typed and translated the final issues of their resolutions.

In the evenings we were taken by coach to downtown Kronberg where we had dinner and later met together in a nearby gasthaus, the "Receptur", the local cinema to see a film and on Wednesday we had lunch in the Braun Factory, then went shopping and sightseeing in Frankfurt. Everyone enjoyed themselves tremendously.

The General Assembly began on Thursday in Oberursel where each of the resolutions in turn was debated and voted on. Aside from the resolutions written by the individual committees, all of which passed except for that of the Political Committee, there were two special resolutions. The first of these was the resolution on the Gulf War. Unfortunately, this resolution called for a European Defence Council, endangering neutral and weaker countries, furthermore stating that countries who disagreed with this council's policy could not oppose it politically but would be automatically forced into military neutrality. Naturally, this violation of democracy disturbed the Irish Delegation who, together with the Danish Delegation, passionately attacked the resolution. Nevertheless, despite our valiant efforts, the resolution was passed. The second special resolution was drafted by the journalists and urged the continuation of the journalists' committee and a daily newspaper at future sessions, which were threatened with abolition due to limited parliamentary funds. Of course, this resolution was passed unanimously and during the week the journalists succeeded in producing four newspapers.

In the evening we went to a discotheque titled "Sky Fantasy" held in the Fernsehturm, a telecommunications tower 222 metres high. This was considered by some people as the social highlight of the week and during our time there we were shown the premiere of a film about the events of the week and the European Youth Parliament in general.

On Friday the General Assembly began with a welcoming address and speech on the subject of monetary union by Mr. Karl Otto Pohl, President of the Deutsche Bundesbank. Then we continued debating the various resolutions, including another special resolution which questioned the possible abolition of the European Youth Parliaments as a result of a lack of European Parliament funds and urged the continuation of the E.Y.P. Fortunately this resolution was passed almost unanimously. Afterwards, Mrs. Bettina Carr Allinson, the President of the Association for the European Youth Parliament, closed the 6th session of the Parliament. It was a deeply moving ceremony and one was almost brought to tears as one realised that this wonderful week was now almost over. However, that evening everyone attended a "Euroconcert", performed by the more musically talented delegates, at the Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt. Finally we bade farewell to all our new friends and returned with our host families until our departure the following morning.

We have had a truly fantastic time and gained much valuable experience as well as, of course, many new friends. I would thus strongly urge anyone who has the opportunity, to take part in the European Youth Parliament themselves. Neville Cobbe - (5th)

Lisbon, 1990

The European Youth Parliament is a non-profit making, a political organisation that was created in 1987. Its Objectives are to foster a sense of a common European identity among the participants, to debate current European affairs, promote the study of European languages and to try and find solutions for existing problems.

The Irish delegation to Lisbon arrived very late at Monsanto in Portugal on Friday, November 3rd, 1990. "Wake up!. E.Y.P. Wake up!" shouted a distinctly French voice down the corridors of the university campus at Monsanto in Lisbon. I sat up, still not completely recovered from the previous day's travelling. This was just a taste of things to come, for while there was a very full and entertaining timetable made out for the week ahead of us, sleep was not one of the things accounted for!

The first two days of the week were spent doing Outward Bound activities with our committees. There was one person from each E.C. country, a chairperson, a secretary and an interpreter on each committee. The activities were mostly team and confidence building exercises but they also taught us to listen and to help each other. The exercises brought out good and bad

points in everybody, but at the end of the weekend, after all twelve committees had performed a sketch of some description, our team seemed indestructible.

That night we met our host families who were to keep us for the next 5 days. My "family" were very friendly and kind and they made a special effort to show me as much of the city as possible and to give me lifts wherever I needed to go. This was very lucky, as word spread quickly among the Lisbon taxi drivers that there were 150 young Europeans with no Portuguese who were very easy to overcharge, roaming around the city!

Monday morning saw us in our committee again, having swapped our tracksuits for formal wear. My committee was Information and Media and our topic that we had to draw up a resolution on was the creation of a daily pan-European youth programme. We soon realised that a daily programme of any sort would be impractical and too expensive so we deleted the word "daily" from the resolution. Our debates were lively and interesting and everything we could think of was added up. After two and a half days we had drawn up a resolution, and the next stage was to try and pass it through the Parliament. As the E.Y.P. is a non political organisation we were representing our own personal views and sitting with our delegations in the General Assembly. Unfortunately, due to lack of time, our resolution had to be rushed through, and I believe this led to its rejection as we did not have enough time to support it as well as we could have.

The social side of the week was just as hectic as the working side. M.E.Y.P.'s participated in a concert in the National Theatre in Lisbon; we had a reception with the President in his palace and there was a disco party on the last night. There were various other meals and sightseeing trips around the city of Lisbon and the whole week I felt was the best of my life. Practically everyone was crying when it came to the goodbyes and the journey home was a sad one. When I returned home I felt as European as I did Irish, and this was something that had never occurred to me before I left Lisbon. I realised how important Europe is for us all and it gave me firm ideas about my future career.

I would like to thank Ms McCartan from Sancta Maria School and Mr. Wallace for helping us all so much with every conceivable aspect of the project. The European Youth Parliament is an experience not to be missed.

Niamh Lunny (5)

European Action for the Environment

This year Form 4A2 continued High School's involvement in environmental project work in co-operation with Knockbreda High School, Belfast, and St. Columanus High School, Bangor. The project is organised jointly by the Curriculum Development Unit, Trinity College Dublin and the Department of Education, Northern Ireland. Thirty schools from all over the island participated and this year the project became part of an O.E.C.D. environmental network involving twenty-two countries. The aims of the project are to increase environmental awareness and promote cross-border co-operation. This year High School's group studied the Victorian development of Rathmines and Bangor and assessed the quality of the present day urban environment. There were exchange visits in October and November 1990 and the purpose of these was to participate in joint fieldwork studies.

Visit of the Northern Schools to High School

Our visitors arrived on the afternoon of October 2nd and after introductions we took them to our homes. The following day we did a fieldwork exercise on Rathmines consisting of these areas: Science, Geography and History. The Science involved an assessment of the flora along the Grand Canal and the collection of leaves from Ash trees to study leaf yeasts as air

pollution indicators. In Geography we carried out a survey of the function and development of Rathmines as a service centre to Dublin. The Historical study concerned the evidence of Victorian development on Rathmines Road. After lunch at High School the afternoon was taken up with laboratory work and writing up the project.

The social side of the visit was not neglected and we entertained our visitors at Dundrum Bowl in the evening. Here Rory Timlin was the star of the night with his 'pin point' bowling. On the following day we visited St. Michan's and Dublin Castle. At St. Michan's most interest centred on the vaults while at Dublin Castle we saw where meetings of the European Council of Ministers were held. After time off for lunch and shopping we said our goodbyes and our visitors left on their long journey home.

The High School Visit to Belfast and Bangor

On our return visit to Northern Ireland, half of us stayed in Belfast while rest stayed in Bangor. The field work was based in Bangor and emphasis was placed on history and geography. In the morning we looked at housing in the Bangor area and several students were even asked in for a cup of tea, by one of the housewives they interviewed. The afternoon was spent assessing historical evidence on the seafront. In the evening we went bowling again and on the following day we visited the Ulster Museum and had time for shopping in Belfast city centre. We bid our final farewell to our friend with promises to write and meet again some time in the future. We took the trains for Dublin having thoroughly enjoyed our trip.

We would like to thank Mr. Irwin, Mrs. Dowsett and Mr. Wright for the hard work they put into the project and also Mr. Benson

for his back-up support. A lot was gained from the project. We made new friends and hope that the project continues which will give other pupils the chance of participation in a worthwhile exercise.

Karl Richardson 4A2

The Model United Nations

Four delegates from 5th Year attended this year's St. Andrew's Model United Nations at the R.D.S. They were Emily Doherty, Martin Kelly, Niamh Lunny and Janet Veale and they represented Jamaica. The first day was spent lobbying, whereby Countries proposing resolutions canvass other Countries for their support, which we did quite successfully and were able to co-submit a number of resolutions.

The second day started with the opening of the General Assembly which provided some stimulating debate as well as ample opportunity to get to know our fellow delegates. The Jordanian delegation summed up the attitude to the M.U.N. by issuing tissue paper with a picture of Saddam Hussein on it and bearing the caption "Hussein's Insane". This caused some minor disturbances. Another thing which caused some lively debate was the insistence of the Israeli delegation to refer to themselves as "the peace-loving State of Israel".

It was all a very enjoyable experience and we made friends with people from all over the world. We would like to thank Mr. Wallace for involving High School in the M.U.N. and also the organisers, Mr. Michael Allen and Mr. Arthur Godsil of St. Andrew's College.

*J. Veale (5)
M. Kelly (5)*



FIELDWORK ON RATHMINES ROAD

From Left: Michelle Storey and Sharon Patterson, St. Columbanus, Bangor; Graeme Murdock and Bruce Murphy, High School; Nicola Sloan, Knockbreda High School.



6th FORM DANCE

The 1st XV entertain!

The 6th Year Dance

The night we had all been waiting for had finally arrived! On Thursday, 4th April, 204 nervous and excited debutantes met at Jury's Hotel for an 8 o'clock reception. The reception was enjoyed by both pupils and parents and at 9 o'clock, after endless photographs, we proceeded to dinner in the beautiful ballroom.

When everybody was finally seated, dinner was served and enjoyed by all. The band then provided lively entertainment, interrupted occasionally by competitions for spot prizes and by the 1st XV who entertained us with their version of "The Fields of Athenry". The lively music provided by the band was enjoyed by pupils and teachers alike. By 2 a.m. the last of the group left for the nightclub 'La Mirage'.

At La Mirage we were joined by members of the Upper Sixth and those who still had the energy danced into the early hours of the morning. Reluctant to end such an enjoyable night, we left the nightclub at 7 a.m. and most made their way to Bewleys for breakfast.

I would like to thank all those who donated spot prizes and the committee wishes to thank Mr. Benson and Mr. Wallace for all their help in making it such an enjoyable night. I would like to thank the 6th form Dance committee for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

Due to a large surplus fund we have been able to reduce the cost of the "Class '91" T-Shirts available this year. Money has been put aside for a reunion planned for Christmas of this year. The remainder of the money has been donated to the Simon Community.

Aileen Strachan (Head Girl)

Note: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Dance Committee who were an exceptionally hard working and efficient group. The success of the occasion was in large measure due to their work. The committee: Aileen Strachan (Head Girl), Ciaran Timlin (Head Boy); Alex Bacik, Jason Kilroy, Janet Micks, Keith McConnell, William O'Connell.

The Debating Society

This has been an excellent year for the Society. Attendance at break-time debates increased encouragingly and a wide range of popular issues was discussed. However, attendance at after-school debates fell to unacceptable levels.

At our September A.G.M., under our chairman Mr. Wallace, the following committee members were elected: M. Wilkinson (Auditor), B. Bird (Secretary), R. Crebbin, D. Willis, K. Sherling and S. King. A new style of "spontaneous" debate was initiated based on suggestions from Mr. I. Rowell. The spontaneous debate, where the motion is released only five minutes before the start, proved popular with speakers and audiences alike. A High School team proposing the motion "That America was not worth discovering" beat Sandford Park School in a friendly debate. The Society noted with regret the failure of both continents to sink beneath the waves. At our Christmas debate between pupils and teachers, the teachers successfully opposed the motion "That middle age is a form of corporal punishment". However, the pupils redeemed themselves by winning the annual Old Boys' Debate this debate, on the motion "That Dublin does not deserve to be the European City of Culture", was brilliantly chaired by Ms. Mary Banotti, M.E.P.

The Society also successfully entered some inter-school competitions. Niamh Lunny, Neville Cobbe and Brian Bird were selected to represent Ireland at the European Youth Parliament. Niamh Lunny and Emily Doherty have won seats in the Model European Parliament in Tralee organised by World University Service. A High School team representing Jamaica, comprising of Martin Kelly (ambassador), Niamh Lunny, Janet Veale and Emily Doherty took part in the Model U.N. in St. Andrews. The Society has also entered a French speaking team for the International Festival of Languages.

I would like to thank Mr. Wallace and Mrs. King, for their commitment and service to the Society. We are very grateful to Ms. Emma Allen of W.U.S. who organised our debates against St. Mary's College, Naas and Holy Family School, Newbridge.

At the last Committee meetings of the year, the O.B.U. medal for debating was awarded to Keith Sherling for his consistently excellent standards of debate. Congratulations Keith!

Brian Bird (5th) Secretary.

The Junior Debating Society

The Junior Debating Society is for young people who are interested in debating. It is run by Mrs. Conway. Miss Graham, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Davies and Mr. Hegarty have all chaired debates. Some of the topics we have discussed are:

"The Irish Language is Essential".

"Zoos should be banned".

"Girls should be allowed play Rugby".

Our latest debate was "Women are needed to Rule the World today".

It is a very good opportunity for young people to practise public speaking and to learn to have confidence in themselves. Most people enjoy letting people know how they feel about different subjects.

Mrs. Conway asked us for topics which we would like to debate. As we get older we hope to join the Senior Debating Society.

Georgina Dunne (1A).

Trudi Carroll (1A1)

Back To The Past

We eagerly entered the time machine, which brought us back to a different world; the world of Dublin in 988. The Vikings settled in Dublin around 841. They were an adventurous and warlike people, who lived in Scandinavia. In their magnificent long ships, they set sail, conquering new lands and plundering monasteries.

We were first greeted by Gothfrith Ivansson, who was to be our guide for our adventure. Then we met Gudleik, the leather-worker

and his wife Anna. Gudleik is a Dyflin Viking and has been making shoes, satchels, belts, purses and scabbards for many years. He informed us that about eight cows are killed every day in the village, for food. He then purchases the skins, cleans them and makes his various goods.

Next, we were introduced to a Viking woman whose husband was a fish monger. She led us into a typical Viking house, built by Cormac and Magnus, his apprentice, where they showed us how a house was constructed. Two large posts first had to be driven into the ground. Then the walls were erected, which would have been made from upright stakes, interwoven with willow branches and then were plastered on the outside, with mud and manure. The beams were put in place and then sod or straw was placed beneath the roof.

Next, we were introduced to Ragnar, the comb-maker, and his wife, Sadb. Ragnar makes his combs from walruses' tusks, antler and bone. Combs were very important during Viking times because most people had lice.

The Vikings first introduced money (pingin) to Ireland. They also invented a bearing dial, which was used in navigation.

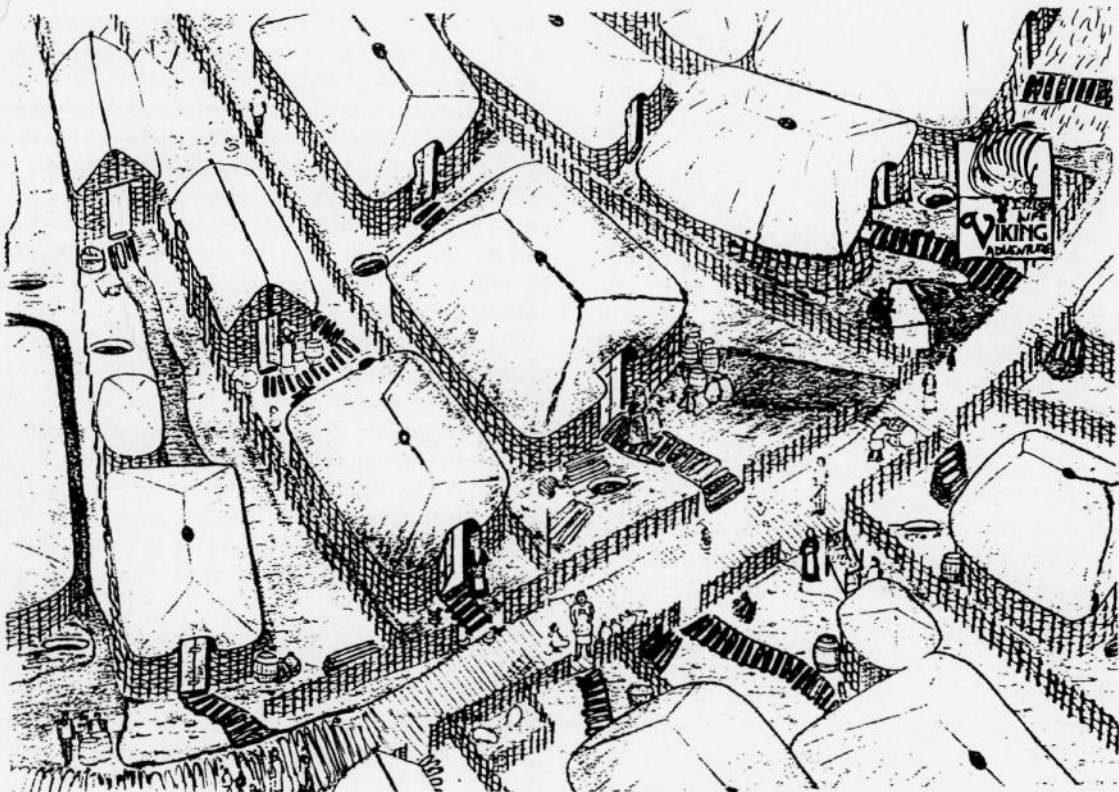
The Vikings were great traders and merchants. From Turkey, they got spices, wine, fruit and silk; copper came from Cyprus; glassware from Egypt and the Vikings were also fond of silver coins and they bought many from the Arab traders. The Vikings traded with the Moors of Spain and went to Hedeby, to buy slaves and furs on the market.

Hygiene in Viking times, was extremely primitive. They usually had a 'cesspit' outside their houses, which was used for putting waste matter and rubbish in. They did actually have some form of toilet, which was in the corner of the house.

Altogether, the 'Viking Adventure', was very well constructed, with some of the smells being all too realistic. Life in Viking Dyflin was a completely different world, which can be seen in "The Viking Adventure".

Berkeley Vincent & Gavin Cobbe.

A Reconstruction of Viking Dublin



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5th Year Drama Production: "Black Comedy"



"Jiggle that thing"

Left to Right: Barry Conway, Vickey Walsh, Charlotte Harrison, Jonathan White.

As the Christmas Holidays approached, many people wondered if there would be a 5th year play at all. Due to the departure of H.S.'s resident thespian and director of previous plays — Mr. Martin Maguire — we had to seek outside help. Before the Christmas holidays, Mr. Richard Cook of the Gaiety School of Acting arrived at our humble gates. Auditions began to find eight budding actors and after a frenzied session of readings, this cast was finally chosen:

<i>Brindsley Miller</i>	— Jeremy Chipperfield
<i>Carol Melkett</i>	— Charlotte Harrison
<i>Miss Furnival</i>	— Vicky Walsh
<i>Colonel Melkett</i>	— Jonathan White
<i>Harold Gorringe</i>	— Barry Conway
<i>Schuppanzigh</i>	— Jeremy Sargent
<i>Clea</i>	— Janet Veale
<i>Bamberger</i>	— Bruce Harley

Unlike the past few plays, which were of a serious dramatic nature, a farcical comedy, "Black Comedy", by Peter Shaffer, was chosen. It is an ingenious one-act play, acted as if in the dark mostly and the ensuing difficulties and misunderstandings make for an hilarious play.

Rehearsals began after Christmas in the Gaiety School in Suffolk Street. The cast improved gradually as they got a finer grasp to their lines and Richard taught us to develop our movements in the dark by blindfolding and observing us. It was not all fun and games, however, and much time was spent speed-running lines and also on characterisation. Through sickness, hail, sleet and snow the cast soldiered on.

Meanwhile as time was running against us, the stage had to be constructed. A great team of workers headed by the capable Eddie Sinnamon put in long hours to build a difficult set. The lighting crew were essential to the play. When the lights were on, it meant pitch darkness for the actors and when the lights were off the cast could see clearly again. In between this, flickering matches, lighters and torches required sharp cues and quick reflexes to dim the lights on stage.

Mr. Davies, as Production Manager, oversaw and organised almost everything and without his invaluable help and experience, there would have been no play. Danny McKeever and Niamh Lunny as producers and Finn Gillespie and David Curtis as Stage Managers kept the production running smoothly as we rushed to meet our deadlines. In the last week the stage came together piece by piece, complete with bedroom, trapdoor and funny-shaped statues.

As the dress rehearsal grew nearer, the acting sessions became more intense as the cast tried to put the final polish on their

respective characters. The open dress rehearsal went very well but the performances on Friday and Saturday night proved even better, with great reactions from a noisy audience, especially on Saturday. The play clocked in at about an hour and 15 minutes but it seemed to fly by. The applause and laughter gave the whole team a great sense of achievement. Everyone involved enjoyed themselves and our only regret was not doing a third night.

Thanks are due to Mrs. Milne, Mr. Hayes — who permitted a very profitable t-shirt printing scheme — Mr. Benson, Gene Draper and all the other teachers who put up with our disruptions to their classes.

The final thanks must go to the two Richards: Mr. Davies on the technical side who helped us make this 'the mother of all plays', and Mr. Cook, a true professional, who showed us all how to "give it the welly".

J. Sargent (5th)

The Computer Club

Although Paschal (the computer language) classes have ceased, there remains a large group of avid enthusiasts, in particular in 5th and 6th years, who avail of the computers in C13, mainly for wordprocessing.

The educational "Q + I.B.M. COMP FOR SCHOOLS" scheme run in tandem by Quinnsnorth and I.B.M. to provide schools with computers, in return for £100,000 of custom for Quinnsnorth, in the form of receipts, has been supported by High School. The receipts were first issued on 11th March and will continue until 15th June, and, rather than as is the practice in smaller schools, engaging hours of pupils' time standing at checkouts (a common phenomenon throughout the country), the large public body of High School by sheer numbers can, it is hoped, accumulate sufficient receipts during this time. An example of the tremendous potential in High School, was on 17th April 1991, when just £4,000 was collected. By the end of April this had risen to £45,000. Gratitude should be shown to Mr. Hilliard for his organisation, and time spent on this worthwhile project.

It is hoped that the Board of High School will be funding the purchase of up to twenty computers, to be networked together. These are to be used during the Transition Year of future classes, in such areas as wordprocessing, spreadsheets, computer aided design and many other ways as yet untapped. The funding for these computers, along with the new school hockey surface, will be from the school expansion scheme, which it is hoped, parents and pupils, although taxed, will support generously.

S.D.K.

Christian Union

At the beginning of this year we changed rooms. From meeting behind the stage we moved to Miss Graham's room C3 and I would like to thank her for the use of her room throughout the year. While last year our numbers were very low, this year about 12 regularly attended. Our activities have ranged from Bible Studies to talks given by outside speakers. At Christmas we went carol singing and raised over £150 for Tear Fund. Any new members would be very welcome at our Monday meetings.

Jonathan Reid (6th)

School Choir was scratched

It was the 22nd of December, 1990 when the School Choir was asked by R.T.E. to perform on "Scratch Saturday" in a competition. The choir was founded by Mr. Wisener, the school music teacher.

They were coach-driven on this festive Saturday morning to R.T.E. studios. As they practised outside the main entrance, people gathered around to listen to this wonderful sound, including Brian Reddin, the host of this Saturday programme.

As the time came to be on air, the choir assembled beside a lit up Christmas tree. They stood nervously as the theme music came on. When the music was over Brian Reddin greeted the viewers and then explained the rules of the competition and what it was about. There was a choir in Limerick and a choir in Dublin i.e. the High School choir, who each were to sing several pieces of Christmas music and then be judged on them by a judging panel in the studio. Whoever wins, the score will be changed into money and Mitsubishi will add a thousand pounds to the score and this will be donated to "The Romanian Children Appeal". When the rules were explained, Dublin began to sing their collection of songs which included "Jingle Bells" and "Good King Wenceslas". Then Limerick sang their songs. They were both judged on each song. When this was over, the scores were totted up and it came that Limerick won, but this was found out to be a mistake. The title of "winner" was to go to The High School Choir, Dublin.

So thanks to The High School, the Romanian Children appeal got £1,893. There was much cheering and rejoicing on the way to High School where they were thanked by the Headmaster.

Georgina Dunne (1A1)

The Orchestra

This year the orchestra welcomed several new members: Richard Sweeney (cello), Owen Fraser, Brian Pierce and Gwendolyn Masin (violin); Stephanie Sheppard and Emma Murphy (flute), and Jane Toolan (Clarinet).

We now have a good string section and hope to build up the woodwind, having lost two excellent clarinets and an oboe due to members leaving the school.

During the year the Orchestra performed at the Parents' Evening and the School Carol Service. We also did the Department of Education exam in March, scoring 138 marks out of a possible 150. Also during March a strong quartet comprising members of the orchestra won 2nd prize in the chamber music section of the Wesley Feis. I am confident the standard of playing of the orchestra should remain at a high standard due to the high calibre of its young players.

M. Wisener

International Mathematical Olympiad 1990

The 31st International Mathematical Olympiad was held in Beijing, China, on the 12th and 13th of July 1990. The Olympiad is the most prestigious mathematics competition of its kind and this year two High School pupils, Andrew McMurry and

Julian McCrae, were selected to represent Ireland having come fourth and sixth, respectively, in the Irish Mathematical Olympiad which took place in May 1990. Despite the fact that the problems were thought to be more difficult than usual, the Irish team put up a good performance and the High School representatives excelled themselves, Andrew achieving the highest score on the Irish team and Julian the third highest. Andrew also won a bronze medal, a magnificent achievement as it was the first time Ireland had won a medal in the International Mathematical Olympiad. China obtained the highest total score in the competition — Ireland finished in 40th place out of the 54 countries who entered. Both Andrew and Julian deserve great praise for their success in the International Mathematical Olympiad.

Mark Wilkinson (6th)

Second Year History Field Trip to Kilkenny

The New Junior Certificate requires students go on at least one major history field trip in the three years. For our trip the second year went to Kilkenny. We made four stops and had a questionnaire to fill out in each place that we visited.

The first stop was made at Kilkenny Castle. We had a very good tour guide, called John, who detailed the history of the castle and the Ormond family.

The next stop was St. Canice's Cathedral. The sexton of the Cathedral very kindly showed us their Holy Communion set. It consisted of a unique collection plate, 2 chalices, 2 patens and a large pitcher. They are silver with gold-plate, made in 1685, and are worth over one million pounds. He doesn't usually show them to visitors, so we were lucky to see them. Some of us got to hold them. Then the classes split up. 2A1 went to Rothe House, which is now a museum. 2A3 went to the Cityscope exhibition. This is a model of Kilkenny as a medieval city. Then 2A3 went to Rothe House and 2A1 went to Cityscope. In Rothe House, there was a medieval mouse-trap, among the exhibits. The mouse would go down a passage, which got narrower and when it tried to get out, its neck would get caught on the sharp ends of the spikes in the passage. It was very cruel.

We got back to High School at around 5.30 in the evening. We had a very enjoyable and educational trip. Thank you very much to Mr. Ryan and Miss Graham who gave up their time to take us out. The other second year classes made the same trip later, accompanied by Mr. Ryan, Miss Graham, Mr. Irwin and Mr. Wallace.

Naomi Smith (2A3)

Sharon Jackson (2A3)

World University Service — Model European Parliament

The World University Service is a charity organisation that promotes the education of students in, and about, the less developed world. This year, to highlight their cause, they staged a model European Parliament. This was open to 16-22 year olds from all over Ireland.

Emily Doherty and I were selected from High School after we each attended a different local tribunal. For the tribunals we had to be well researched on issues involving developing countries; for example, I had to write an essay, debate and be able to answer questions rejecting the motion: "That the Third World needs our pounds, not our people."

The next stage was a trial run in Trinity on the 22nd of March, which focussed on the procedure of the Parliament, our role and

function as "M.E.P.'S" and how to participate at the Parliament. We were also allocated political groups and were visited by Mary Banotti who gave us a brief analysis on each party.

For the "real" Parliament we were given resolutions which we had to amend, speak and debate about and vote according to our political stance. Emily and I had to represent the European Democratic Group and although at first we were not too keen on representing views which we did not personally believe in, we found that this was in fact a definite plus. It gave us a chance to see both sides of the arguments and it widely broadened our knowledge of the subjects. The Model Parliament took place in the Mount Brandon Hotel in Tralee from the 19th-21st April. It was fully residential, which gave us a great chance to meet people from all over Ireland, North and South, which was another of W.U.S.'s aims.

A total of nine resolutions were debated over the weekend, and between us, Emily and I spoke on seven of them. No time was formally given over to the writing of speeches, so everyone had to write them late at night, early in the morning, lunch or dinner time or more likely two minutes before they were due to talk! R.T.E. filmed us in action in the Parliament (and elsewhere) for a programme which is to be broadcast in January 1992.

On Saturday night there was a banquet dinner and a dance followed by an unscheduled (and very long!) sing-song. And while everyone thought the T.V. crew were a bit of a lark then, nobody appreciated their very bright lights the next morning.

On the whole, the weekend was an excellent experience. We gained an insight on many subjects and learned about the workings of the E.P. We also made lots of new friends and, above all, had very good fun, even if the hotel manager did sing *The Rose of Tralee* one too many times!

Niamh Lumy (5)

Ski Trip 1990

After a series of delays we arrived in Lyon airport. Three hours later we arrived at our destination — La Clusaz. We quickly settled into the relaxed atmosphere of the Hotel Soleil. On Saturday morning we made our debut on the slopes. We met our ski instructors (one of whom proved to be very popular!) and our lessons commenced. During the course of the week we had lessons in the morning and afternoon, each for 2 hours. We went

swimming in the outdoor heated swimming pool where we had a snowball fight with a difference! As the week went by the good old Irish spirit took over. We saw the New Year in with an "interesting" fancy dress party and congratulations to Miss Tipperary (Mr. Irwin) who won the fancy dress with Mr Wright as a close runner-up. Might we add that they both look stunning in swimsuits and lingerie. In the next two days there were heavy snowfalls and the skiing conditions got even better. A few small jumps proved to be a little more than adventurous and hilarious.

The end of the week drew nearer and we all took our skiing test and we were very disappointed finishing our last lesson. Unfortunately Simon broke his leg quite early on in the week and spent the rest of the week onlooking.

We came home with some very funny memories. The pile-up on the drag lift was one of these, when Wendy got off the lift too soon causing chaos, as everyone continued to trip over her, leading to a pile-up of Irish people.

People also came home with numerous different names for certain reasons, such as Andrew 'Spooner' Skelton, Miss Snowplough 1990, which was Clare, and the 'Head Honcho' Eddie Sinnamon.

We would like to thank Mrs. Mellon, Mr. Wright and Mr. Irwin for a wonderful and very memorable trip.

Michelle Griffin (5th)

The High School, Dublin, Parents' Association

The Annual General Meeting of the HSPA was held in October and the following members were elected to the committee: Alan Foster, John Timlin, Kay Brosnan, Audrey Craven, Frank Free, Gerard Moody, Gloria Robinson, Kate Lambert, David Hilliard and Trevor Walsh. Alan Foster was re-elected Chairman of the HSPA at the first committee meeting.

The November meeting on the subject of Under Age Drinking was addressed by Mr. Noel Marley. There was an excellent attendance at the meeting and a lively debate followed Mr. Marley's presentation. A video on the subject of Under Age Drinking, produced by the National Parents' Council, was shown.

The Annual Beer, Wine & Cheese Party was held on February 9. Unfortunately, February 9 will also be remembered as the day when winter came in earnest. Despite the snow and ice there was



Skiers on a blue slope on the third day of the '91 Ski-Trip in La Clusaz. **Left to right:** Michelle Griffin, Ruth Boyd, Mrs. Mellon, Andrew Skelton, Mr. Wright.

an attendance of some 120 people who, having braved the elements, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was particularly pleasant that a number of the Year Heads could find time to join us that evening. A sincere thank you to those who made the evening a success.

Gloria Robinson continues as the HSPA's representative on the NPSSPA providing a valuable link between the association and those Parents' Associations operating in other Protestant Secondary Schools.

Parents who have expressed an interest in participating will be contacted shortly in connection with the forthcoming Parent/Teacher hockey and cricket matches.

The HSPA rules provide for "regular renewing" of the committee with at least two members retiring each year. The outgoing committee would be interested to hear from parents who would be willing to put their names forward for next year's committee. Being a committee member is not particularly time consuming and yet provides members with some insight into the running of the school.

Trevor Walsh, Hon. Secretary.

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 Fifth Year in the past year.

Summer Term 1990

Trades Unions: Mr. S. Couch, Irish Congress Trades Unions.

Biology: Ms. E. Ni Lamhna, Consultant, Terenure.

C.A.O.: Video Shown.

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

Radio: Mr. M. Storey, Century Radio.

Building Societies: Mr. J. Casey, First National Building Society.

Psychology: Ms. A. Rooney, Cluain Mhuire Family Centre.

Autumn Term 1990

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

D.I.T. College: Mr. R. Miller, High School.

Law: Mr. C. Sainsbury, Messrs. A. & L. Goodbody.

Secretarial College: Mr. D. Allen, Leinster Secretarial & Business Institute.

Young Ireland Promotion: Ms. S. Walsh, Oatlands College.

Marketing: Mr. A. Chapman, Corporate Image Management Ltd.

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

Modern Languages: Dr. D. Denby, Dublin City University.

Caring for Children: Mr. J. Croke, Portobello School of Child Care.

Business Course: Mr. D. O'Loan, Accounting & Business College.

Medicine: Dr. S. Smith, Rotunda Hospital.

Banking: Ms. C. Keher, A.I.B., Rathgar.

Beautician: Ms. L. Sunderland, Crumlin College.

Music Industry: Mr. K. Donald, Arts Council.

Nursing: Ms. H. Marchant, Irish Nurses Organisation.

Hotel Industry: Video Shown.

Spring Term 1991

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

Acting: Mr. R. Smith, Rathmines.

Video/Film Industry: Mr. L. Marcus, Producer, Terenure.

Chartered Accountant: Mr. R. Ensor, Richard Ensor & Co.

Animal Rights: Ms. M. Robinson, Rathfarnham.

R.T.E. Journalists: Mr. R. Rice, Radio Telefis Eireann.

Radiographer: Ms. M. Staunton, Mater Hospital.

Cordon Bleu Cooking: Ms. D. Davis, Terenure.

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

Defence Forces: Capts. Clare Jones & D. Moloney, Irish Army.

Architect: Mr. P. Roberts, Scully, Roberts Architects.

United Nations Organisation: Mr. P. Murray, Fas Development Project.

English Polytechs: Dr. R. Southam, Huddersfield Polytechnic.

The Library

The High School Library is more than a storage place for excellent books. Under the watchful eye of our quintessentially elegant Librarian Mrs. King, informal groups meet to read the day's paper and to discuss scurrilous rumours denied circulation by the absence of an unofficial school magazine. Industrious types study or frantically finish homework. There are generally one or more exhibitions on, ranging in subject from the Gulf War to Great Writers. The Friends of the Library, whose President is Georgina Dunne, are currently organising an exhibition on Dublin – the European City of Culture. The Library (or more correctly the Librarian) is heavily involved in charitable activities. Mrs. King organised High School's contribution of goods to the Romanian Orphanage Appeal. Pupils contributed £74 to the Cottage Home at Christmas. £175 was raised directly on Daffodil Day through pupils' generosity and Mrs. King (with Mr. Brook's permission) picked over £100 worth of daffodils from the school grounds which were delivered to the Irish Cancer Society.

One of the most valuable things the Library does is to initiate First years into the arcania of the Dewey decimal system. Mrs. King gives all First years a tour of the Library and a class on Library skills. In this modern age where knowledge means power it is gratifying to see that an appreciation of books is being cultivated among the lower school. The 1990 Library Prize for the best read First Year was awarded to Malika Meddings.

The Friends of the Library would like to deny the rumour that their friendship is ensured by the Cream Eggs Mrs. King gives them at Easter.

The Library constantly surprises me with its wealth of material. Everytime I doubt I'll find anything to do with my particular interest Mrs. King points out tomes of European Law, German Lit. or sociology. The Library has an excellent stock and I encourage more students to make use of it.

Brian Bird (5th)

The World Council of Churches Seventh Assembly (Canberra 1991)

Over the last two years, teams from High School have taken part in the Irish School of Ecumenics' Interschools debate. The topics were "The Churches have neglected the Green Issue" and "Conservation is the key to the future of the world". The debates were lively and informative, and I certainly learned much from them about environmental issues and about opinions concerning the role of the Churches in the whole ecological question.

In February '91, I went, as a Church of Ireland delegate, to the World Council of Churches Seventh Assembly in Canberra, Australia. The theme of the Assembly was "Come Holy Spirit, Renew the whole Creation". Thus the teams at the inter-schools debates were, in fact, joining in what is now the subject of world-wide debate.

At the Assembly, the discussion centred around four sub-themes; I chose to be in the section entitled "Giver of Life, Sustain your Creation" and this took up many of the issues

debated by the school teams. In Canberra, it was a memorable experience to learn of environmental problems at first-hand from delegates from different parts of the world: the delegates from the Pacific Islands were deeply concerned about the dumping of nuclear waste in the Pacific Ocean, other delegates expressed great anger at excessive energy consumption in the countries of the Northern Hemisphere, and called for repentance, and a change of life-style, in Europe; and behind all these problems, lay the discussion on the theology of creation, the belief that God created the universe and "saw that it was good", and that men and women were appointed to care for it, not to destroy it. The presence of representatives of other world religions, as guests in the Assembly, reminded us all of the growing need to respect the image of God in all people, to accept each other as neighbours, and to admit our common responsibility with them for God's creation, including humanity.

The responsibility for humanity was also a dominant theme at the Assembly, which met under the shadow of the Gulf War. There was a striking dramatic plenary session presented by the Korean Presbyterian theologian, Professor Chung. In the course of this, she invoked the spirits of victims of tragic death: the indigenous people killed during the colonial period, the Jewish people in the Holocaust, those who died at Chernobyl, in Tienanmen Square and Lithuania, and finally she invoked the spirits of Earth, Air, Water, "tortured and exploited by human greed for money", and the soldiers, civilians and sea-creatures dying in the Gulf War. I would agree with the delegates who described this invocation of suffering humanity and nature as "a very holy moment".

Thus this was an Assembly which was full of debate on many issues. How much the guidance of God's Holy Spirit was needed! I have already referred to the theme of the Assembly – "Come Holy Spirit, renew the whole Creation" – and certainly the daily early-morning worship, with over three thousand people in the Worship Tent (the largest tent ever to be erected in Australia) was a very moving experience. Here one felt that unity in Christ which is the goal of the World Council of Churches.

This was an Assembly full of incident, too. There was plenty of protest, plenty of disagreement, there were hurt feelings and many sensitivities: the Christian churches are very human indeed. At one point, the youth delegates staged a protest: they rushed into the middle of a plenary session and unfurled a banner with two words "Ecumenical Suicide". This protest came just after the Assembly had elected a new 150 member Central Committee, with only 8% youth (defined as people between 18 and 27). Later there was a victory for youth, in that they won Assembly approval for their proposal, that one of the W.C.C.'s seven new presidents be under 30. Does not the future of the ecumenical movement lie in the hands of young people?

"Ecumenical": what does it really mean? It is derived from the Greek word "oikoumene" meaning "the whole, inhabited, earth". It represents an awareness of a society or civilisation held together under common loyalties and standards. It is a word deeply rooted in the centuries, and has played its part in Greek, Roman and Christian civilizations. It is used today in connection with the world-wide scope of the Church's fellowship and the world-wide range of its task.

The World Council of Churches is an expression of that task. Set up in 1948, it now has 317 member churches. On the one hand, the sheer number of churches is a sad reflection on divided Christianity, and, in particular, on the divided missionary endeavour of the past; on the other hand, it represents a world-wide organisation which seeks to unite Christians on doctrinal issues, and, more importantly, on the vast number of social concerns which face the human family today.

To attend the Seventh Assembly, in the lovely, vibrant, country which is Australia, was a wonderful experience. I should like to thank Mr. Brook and the Governors of High School for enabling me to go; I should also like to express appreciation and support for the High School pupils who continue to show such concern about the issues were debated at "Canberra '91".

Janet Barcroft

European Winners



The High School pupils who won a competition organised by the Socialist Parties in the European Parliament on the subject "The Future of Youth in Europe". Their prize is a three day visit to Brussels and Strasburg. The photograph shows: Mr. Barry Desmond, M.E.P., Mr. Wallace, Brian Bird (5), Helen Finch (4), Neville Cobbe (5). A fourth member, Kenneth Wardrop (5) was ill when this photograph was taken.

SPORTS REVIEW

Rugby Report, 1990-91

1st XV

The 1st XV had a highly enjoyable and successful season winning a considerable number of matches against strong sides. This can be attributed to the strength in depth to the side and also to the tremendous team spirit which was present throughout the season.

Early wins were obtained against Newbridge 20-16, Templeogue 8-0 and great pleasure was taken from a 21-9 defeat of local rivals Wesley College. A trip to Munster resulted in a heavy defeat 0-25 to the eventual Cup Winners C.B.C., Cork. However, we remained unbeaten in Leinster until late November when Cup winners Clongowes defeated us 0-12. In this period we drew 12-12 with St. Andrew's, and beat St. Mary's 13-9 and Castleknock with our highest score of the season 27-0.

This good early season form resulted in seven of the side being asked to participate in Leinster Trials. They were Grahame Walsh, Kevin Sheehy, Robert Jones, Alan Nixon, Matthew King, Paul Ritchie and Warren Bell. Walsh, Sheehy, King and Jones progressed to the next round at Donnybrook, King (following a tremendous haircut) attained a place for the first Leinster match against Yorkshire and Walsh made the squad for the match against Ulster.

Following the annual tour, which took us to Caterham near London, serious training for the Cup campaign began and competition for places intensified. A drop in form following the tour and the fact that we had "drawn" Terenure, the Cup favourites in the first round called for a change of tactics. A more direct approach was used with Kevin Sheehy being moved to the wing-forward position from the centre and the hard tackling Alan Nixon being installed in a key role in the centre.

This change brought immediate success with wins against St. George's, Harrare (Zimbabwe) 9-7, and an historic victory, as we emphatically beat Ulster's Campbell College 20-8; as this was the first time a High School side had beaten Campbell in Belfast, it was an elated team which travelled home that night. Further wins against De La Salle, Churchtown 12-8 and St. Paul's 12-6 meant that we were well prepared and confident of a 'reasonable result' in the Cup against a fancied Terenure side.

The match was on the 28th of January at Donnybrook and in front of a big crowd the team performed with commitment and fortitude. Due to tremendous tackling from the backline we managed for the best part to hold off an onslaught from Terenure in the first twenty minutes. As the game progressed we came more into it and were unlucky to turn around 0-4 down. In

the second half further scores from Terenure left us 13-0 down, but a great effort from the pack (although at a huge height and weight disadvantage in the set pieces) enabled us to stage a comeback reducing the deficit with a driving try from Matthew King. Although coming close we failed to score again and the final score of 4-19 did not do justice to a very spirited performance from the High School.

The pack was led by Kevin Sheehy who with Robert Jones and Peter Cogan formed a speedy and formidable backrow, with Cogan and Jones competing well at 4 and 6 respectively in the line-outs. The front row of Matthew King, Paul Ritchie and Gary Hanan were an experienced unit whose expert technique against larger packs enabled us to develop a scrummage of substance. In the second-row Keith Spendlove and Peter Clements were versatile, performing well both in line-outs and scrums.

Half-backs Grahame Walsh and Warren Bell combined well together showing awareness and enterprise in their play. In the centre Alan Nixon and Matthew Jones defended well and with wingers Jason Kilroy and Gareth Jacobs both flair and pace were evident. Completing the team John Caird was fearless under the high ball and also added an extra dimension to attack. Substitutes Emmet Rodger, Reuben Govender, Andrew Allen, Keith Lowry, Keith McConnell and Karl Richardson all performed creditably when called upon.

The season finished well with a win against King Edward, Birmingham 20-8 and the annual fixture against the Old Boys' was an exciting match with 11 tries scored in all. (Cocky failed miserably to get one even though he played in 1973). Victory narrowly went to the Old Boys'. The highlight of the season for 10 of the team came in April when we were finalists in the Leinster Schools Seven-a-Side tournament.

The team would like to thank our loyal supporters who provided great encouragement throughout the season, and especially our coaches Mr. Cole and Mr. Wright for their dedication to the team throughout the season. Their skill and expertise in coaching added considerably to the side.

Grahame Walsh (Captain)

ST. MARY'S SEVEN-A-SIDE

High School distinguished itself well in its first ever entry to the St. Mary's Seven-A-Side tournament. The tournament is open to all rugby playing schools and attracts well known names such as Presentation, Bray, Wesley, St. Michael's and

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**SENIOR CUP MATCH AT
DONNYBROOK**
High Schol v Terenure College.

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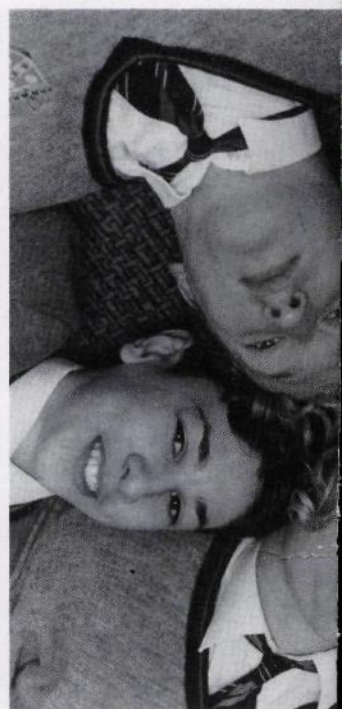




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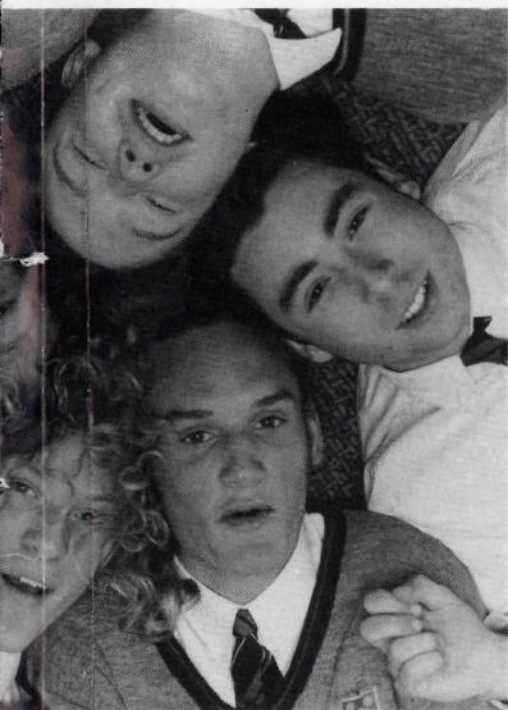


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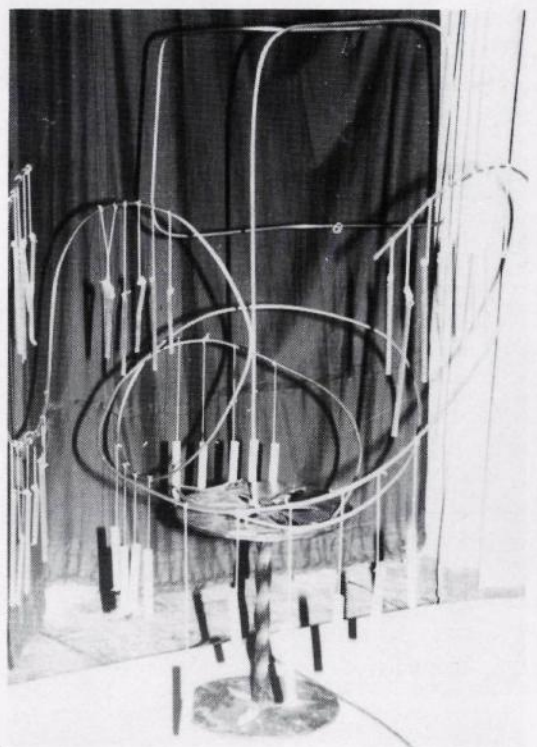
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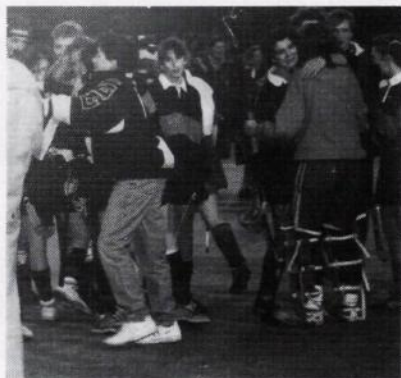
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A man of many ties



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REVIEW



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Belvedere. The team faced a daunting task with a very strong Presentation, Bray side in their first round. Although going a score down in the first few minutes, High School battled back bravely to draw level with a try from Grahame Walsh. The match was decided by a spectacular try from Jason Kilroy who ran sixty yards to score. The next draw was against St. Conleth's who could not handle High School's fast running backs. The heroes of the match were John Caird scoring two tries and prop. Matthew King who goose-stepped himself under the posts but missed his conversion. The end score was 28-0 with further tries from Grahame Walsh (2) and Kevin Sheehy. High School now

in the semi-finals, drew tournament favourites, St. Mary's. The team did well to absorb fierce pressure but then settled down to their own game with Robert Jones and Kevin Sheehy gaining possession in the loose and starving the St. Mary's forwards. This was used well by outhalf Warren Bell who scored two tries and converted one to win 10-0. The hectic pace of these matches was beginning to tell on the team who were visibly tired in the final against Belvedere. Grahame Walsh was superb in this match rallying his troops but a fitter Belvedere side won the tie by 12-0. Despite losing, High School had proven themselves in a major tournament as a team to be reckoned with.

J. Caird/S. Moody



WINNERS OF THE ST. BENILDU'S UNDER-13 SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION 1991

Standing: Mr. Fennell, T. Grant, G. Hill, J. Lalor (captain), M. King, P. Campbell. **Sitting:** F. Carson, G. Timlin, I. Marconi, T. Carty, P. Forde.



2nd XV

Standing: S. Rowen, S. Moody, C. Wynne, N. Kelly, R. Staunton, A. Collier, G. Robinson, T. Govendor, M. O'Donnell. **Sitting:** Mr. D. Wright, P. Lowe, E. Rogers, K. McConnell (captain), K. Richardson, K. Lowry, Mr. Cole.

2nd XV

The 2nd XV had a season of mixed fortunes which was full of enthusiasm and commitment. The team opened the season well with a convincing victory over Newbridge at home (16-8). This victory marked out our team well, a small but mobile pack and some talented attacking backs. Then followed a series of narrow defeats by some impressive teams including Wesley, St. Paul's and St. Mary's. After overcoming our barren patch, the seconds recovered well to record some notable wins over Section A 1st XV teams including Benildus (12-9) and Sandford Park (28-6). Despite losing to Blackrock and De La Salle, Churchtown in the next few matches, we were in good spirits for the upcoming league. Our morale was further boosted by a good win over a strong King Edward's side (10-8).

In the weeks preceding our first league match, the team was well moulded. Keith Lowry, Emmet Rodgers and Neil Kelly formed a formidable front row with Karl Richardson and Alaric Collier the powerhouse in the second row. Our fast backrow comprised of Rueben Govender, Ivor Young and Steven Moody. Keith McConnell led a captain's part as centre and

was ably supported by strong running backs Peter Lowe, Graham Robinson, Stephen Rowen, Manus O'Donnell and Jason Govender. Graig Wynne was a solid outhalf who won the place and drop kick competition this year, while Andrew Allen and Grahame scored some superb tries during the season.

We opened our League campaign against C.U.S. at Danum. Despite leading for all of the match, we undeservedly lost to a last minute penalty (10-9). Our hopes still high, we made the journey to Cabra to take on the eventual winners of our group, Belvedere. Our small pack, despite a valiant effort, eventually succumbed to a physically imposing Belvedere side and we lost (18-4). Now, despite having no chance for league success we took on Templeogue at Danum; although giving one of our better performances, we narrowly lost to a strong Templeogue side (10-6).

I would like to thank Mr. Cole and Mr. Wright for all their support and training this season. I am sure that most of this year's second XV will make excellent candidates for the seniors next year.

Keith McConnell/Steven Moody



OLD BOYS MATCH
Last rugby game on the lower pitch.

March, 1990

1st XV TOUR

This year's tour took us to Caterham College in London. Stormy weather meant that our original crossing from Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead had been cancelled. However, following some phone calls we managed to depart from the East Wall at 10 a.m. This decision was soon to be regretted by the majority of the party as weather conditions deteriorated on leaving the harbour.

By this time a very pale-faced squad took the train from Holyhead to London, taking in the scenic snow covered countryside. We arrived at our hotel in Hyde Park, London, late on Sunday and spent the remainder of the night acquainting ourselves with London.

The next day an hour's train journey took us to Caterham, a suburb of London. The match was played after lunch in appalling conditions which suited the heavier English side and we lost a rather unfriendly encounter 3-18. Following the formalities of speeches, tie swapping etc. we returned to our

hotel. Another night was spent in various locations throughout the city.

The highlight of the tour was on Tuesday when we went to the annual Varsity match between Oxford and Cambridge at Twickenham. Wearing festive hats we entertained the crowd, players and the touch judge (the infamous Brian Smith). The match was one of quality with Cambridge overcoming Oxford in a close encounter.

Our journey home began immediately after this and the excursion of the previous few days meant that it was an uneventful journey with most availing of the opportunity to catch up on a considerable amount of lost sleep as we travelled through the night arriving in Dun Laoghaire at 7 a.m.

The team would like to thank Mr. Cole and Mr. Wright for accompanying us on the tour which created a team spirit and memories which will last for a long time to come.

G. Walsh



SENIOR CUP TEAM

Back Row: (left to right): R. Govendor, K. Lowry, G. Hanan, P. Lowe, J. Caird, A. Nixon, P. Cogan, W. Bell, G. Jacobs, M. King. **Middle Row:** Mr. D. Wright, S. Good, R. Jones, K. Sheedy (vice-captain), G. Walsh (captain), J. Kilroy, P. Ritchie, Mr. E. D. Cole. **Seated:** K. McConnell, K. Richardson, M. Jones, E. Rogers.

J.C.T. XV

This is my third year coaching the J.C.T. in rugby. Each year the players have shown tremendous commitment. This year was special, though, in terms of the morale and attitude of the players. There was a motivation to learn the game and a willingness to support the rest of the team. There was a lack of selfishness in their approach. This was exemplified by their captain, Rory Timlin, who undertook much responsibility and certainly made my job as coach much easier.

No team in the school trained as hard as this one. This group of players were fitter than any other I have ever coached. They were eventually beaten by the Cup winners, St. Michael's, in the quarter-final in Donnybrook. I believe if this team had continued together for the next 3 months they would have competed on an equal footing with the best teams such was their rate of progress in the preceding months. Their defeat at the hands of St. Michael's was the result of a lack of belief in themselves, a quality that only comes when a team plays close competitive games with the best teams every week.

The Cup campaign was a very prolonged affair due to the number of postponements because of poor weather conditions. Between the two cup ties there were a total of five postponements which put a strain on the players especially as it was during 'mock' exam time. The first match was against C.B.C.,

Monkstown at Bird Avenue. We took an early lead with a try from wing-forward Graham Jones after the lead was further increased soon after by a penalty from Adam Keegan. The team thought they had further increased their lead with a Warren Grant try, only to have it ruled out by the linesman for a stud in touch. The final score was 7-3 in our favour.

The quarter-final was against St. Michael's at Donnybrook. It took us half the game to get into this contest but by this stage it was just about over. We were 16-0 down at half-time to a goal, a try and two penalties. The second half was a complete transformation. It was totally dominated by High School. It took 30 minutes for this team to believe in themselves, to realise they had as much ability as any other team. If we had played to this standard throughout the season then the team would have been able to compete from the start.

High School were extremely unfortunate not to score in the second half. Graham Jones had crossed the try-line and in an attempt to secure the conversion he put a foot on the dead ball line. The match finished 16-0.

I would like to thank Duncan Cole for helping me in the coaching of the team. Duncan was totally dedicated to this task. His knowledge of forward play was invaluable to a pack who were eager to learn.

K. Mills

J.C.T.

Back Row: (left to right): D. Harris, D. Stokes, B. Murphy, G. Nicholson, A. Keegan, M. Williams, G. Dunne, B. Dodd, C. Rice. **Middle Row:** G. Jones, W. Grant, A. Thompson, D. Micks, R. Timlin (captain), J. Carson, K. Williams, N. McMurry, Mr. K. Mills. **Sitting:** S. Kenny, G. McCarthy, K. Kinch, R. McCrae.





UNDER-14 XV

Back Row: (left to right): G. Hopkins, I. Marconi, L. James, J. Green, A. Cowie, A. Finlay, J. Lalor, M. Good, K. Williams.
Front Row: (left to right): B. Kiersey, A. Mahon, G. Race, M. Williams, G. Douglas (captain), I. McCulloch, J. Free, N. Beattie, Mr. Davies. **Sitting:** G. Staunton, T. Carty, C. Doherty, S. Henari.

UNDER-14 XV

The Under-14 team started their first term well, beating teams like Blackrock 12-11, St. Paul's 26-8, De La Salle 6-0 and drawing with King's Hospital 10-10 and losing matches against Wesley 18-0 and Clongowes 18-10. The second term was better

but due to rain and snow, a lot of our matches were cancelled. We beat teams like St. Columba's 42-0, St. Mary's 14-10, De La Salle 22-0 only losing against Kilkenny 28-10. It looks like a fairly good JCT next year. Thanks to Mr. Davies for training us throughout the year.
 Gavin Douglas



UNDER-13 XV

Back: F. Carson, A. Hilliard, M. Reid, Mr. Fennell, I. Marconi, J. Hanan, P. Campbell. **Middle:** G. Hill, N. Heeney, J. Lalor, M. King, D. Bell (captain), P. Forde, F. Rice, T. Grant, J. Murphy. **Front:** T. Carty, J. Fogarty, W. Swalbe, R. McCulloch. **Missing:** J. Browne, K. Byrne, J. Caillabet.

UNDER-13 XV

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
18	8	4	6

The Under-13 XV had an able squad this year and had some good wins. We started the season against De La Salle at home, winning 15-0. Then from there, an unprepared team faced Blackrock, and were beaten 66-0. After this there we had a mixture of wins and defeats.

Some of our best performances were against St. Paul's (24-16), Castleknock at home (14-12), St. Benildus' at home also (16-8) and a good draw against a strong St. Andrew's.

By far, our player of the year was Ian Marconi (1A1) who scored a mighty 21 tries. Another good first year was T. Carty who scored 5 tries (also 1A1).

We have some good players and we hope we will have a good U-14 XV next year.

John Lalor (Captain)



BOYS' HOCKEY SENIOR CUP TEAM

Standing: Mark Johnston, Geoffrey Needham, Glyn Murphy (captain), Desmond Armstrong, Edward Nicholson, Jonathan Walsh, Mr. I. Blackmore. **Seated:** Mark Wilkinson, Jeremy Chipperfield, Bruce Harley, Jason Molins, Gareth O'Meara, Ben Johnson.

Boys' Hockey

1st XI

The Boys XI team was captained this season by Glyn Murphy and played in the B section of the Leinster Schools League. The team retained only two players from the side that lost in the League Final last year, but still made a good showing in both Cup and League. The defence was solid with Des Armstrong in goal and Mark Johnston and Johnny Walshe also strong at the back. Gareth O'Meara was the sweeper and his powerful striking of penalty corners was a great asset to the team. Bruce Harley and Geoffrey Needham were athletic in midfield and up front,

Jason Molins, Keith Edgely and Ben Johnson made up a skilful forward line. The League campaign began in excellent style with three successive victories against King's Hospital 4-3 (G. O'Meara 2, J. Molins, B. Johnson), St. Andrew's 4-0 (J. Molins 3, G. Murphy) and St. Mark's 2-0 (J. Molins, S. Swift). This good early season form was due in part to the success of the Saturday morning training sessions, which incorporated Mr. Blackmore's dreaded "physicals".

We were then somewhat unlucky to lose to Newpark 2-1 (G.



BOYS' HOCKEY JUNIOR CUP TEAM

Standing: Greg Molins, Conor Lyons, Ben Jackson, Sam Robinson, David Owen, Keith Thompson, Lee Clements, Mr. I. Blackmore. **Seated:** Ross Medcalf, Bruce Harley, Jason Molins, Gareth O'Meara, Richard Price, Gavin Miller (captain), Verney Poynton (absent when photograph taken).

O'Meara) and this began a losing streak where we lost to Ballymun 3-2 (G. O'Meara, J. Molins) and the eventual League winners, Sutton Park 2-1 (G. Murphy) despite a fantastic first-time performance in goal by Simon White. We then drew with a strong Newtown team 2-2 (G. O'Meara, J. Molins) and rounded off the League season by beating near-neighbours Wesley 3-2 with goals from B. Harley, J. Molins and B. Johnson. In the Cup we experienced similarly mixed fortunes, despite the presence of Upper Sixth "stars" Stewart Taylor, Mark Vincent and Gordon Clarke. In the First round we encountered the League champions Sutton Park and beat them 5-1, arguably our best result of the season. Despite going behind to an early goal, High School attacked well and equalised on the stroke of half-time with an excellent goal from Ben Johnson. Stewart Taylor, dominant in midfield, scored from the flick spot soon after half-time, Mark Vincent added two further goals to the tally and Stewart wrapped up the scoring in the last minute from a penalty corner. However, in the next round we could not muster a similar performance against Dundalk and were easily beaten 3-0.

During the season High School also participated in outdoor tournaments at Corinthians H.C. and in the annual U.C.D. indoor tournament on St. Patrick's Day, producing an excellent performance against a St. Mark's team that included two internationals, only losing 4-3 in the final minutes. Des

Armitage, Gareth O'Meara and Glyn Murphy all gained Leinster trials, Des going on to further trials in which he was unfortunately injured..

Prospects for next season are good. With the Astroturf pitch due to be laid soon and with most of this year's squad remaining in school, plus some talented junior players, we hope we can improve on our results this season.

Finally, thanks to all the squad for their commitment throughout the season and to Mr. Blackmore for his coaching and encouragement, without which there would probably be no boys' teams in the school. Thanks, Mr. Blackmore.

Glyn Murphy (5th) Captain

JUNIOR XI

Our first game was against Kilkenny. Despite being one goal ahead at half-time we lost 3-1. Perhaps our two best games were against Newpark which we won 3-0 and a similar win over St. Gerard's up at Three Rock. We travelled by train to Kilkenny for the 1st round Cup Match. Kilkenny played extremely well and deserved their 5-1 victory. Our team played very well too but we could only manage to get one goal in. Our team is playing much better now and we hope that next year we will have a more successful season.

Verney Poynton (Captain)

Girls' Hockey Report 1990-91

1st XI

The 1990-91 season showed some of the best hockey ever played in High School, winning the League and reaching the semi-finals of the Cup. The High School 1st XI introduced six strong new members ranging from 4th years to 6th Uppers. The team showed extra skill and determination notably by Trish Conway, Avril Harris and also Karen Darley (who joined us after some persuasion) making our midfield the strongest in Leinster.

Now we had a strong base to build on. Ann Goulden in goal improved brilliantly this year with Ruth Boyd and Janet Micks following in her footsteps. This defence along with the experienced Wendy Moffit and Pascale Caillabet was practically unbreakable. The forward line then shaped-up well and Gemma O'Donoghue joining us late in the season, helped to add to the score sheet along with Debbie Walsh and Leanne Campbell.



1st XI LEAGUE FINALISTS CUP SEMI-FINALS

Standing: Ruth Boyd, Patricia Conway, Karen Darley, Gemma O'Donoghue, Janet Micks, Ann Goulden. **Sitting:** Wendy Moffett, Debbie Walsh, Leanne Campbell, Avril Harris, Pascale Caillabet, Mrs. Mellon,

We started our League campaign in October with Alexandra College, Our Lady's Grove and Loreto, Bray in our section. All were overcome quite easily. Next was the quarter-final stage at which we met our old rivals, Newpark. This was the most exciting and best match of the year, the score being 1-1 until High School scored 1 minute before the final whistle to put us through to the semi-final.

We had a decisive win over Manor House of 3-0 in the Semi-Final. Now came the final, with hard work and preparation to try and clinch the League trophy for a hat-trick. We met St. Joseph's of Cluny on the 16:191 at Grange Road. Our hard work paid off well as we went on to win 3-0 and regain our title as League Champions.

Our next target was the Cup. In the 1st round we beat Mt. Sackville 5-0, then we played Holy Child, Killiney and won 1-0. In the quarter finals we drew Loreto, Dalkey. This was a very tough match but we got through with a superb penalty stroke from Leanne Campbell. Then the semi-finals came against Newpark, our old rivals. High School started very slowly at the beginning of this match going down 2-0, but we came out a different side at half-time. Karen Darley scored the best goal of the season to narrow the score, 2-1. We tried everything but were very unfortunate not to score so we were denied the cup yet

again.

High School were runners-up in the Leinster Indoor Cup, a brilliant performance especially considering we didn't have much experience. The Hockey Tour brought us to York this year. A 1-1 draw was the result against Queen Margaret's and we beat The Mount School 4-1. I'd like to thank Mrs. Mellon for bringing us on such a successful tour.

Our last match was against a team from Cheshire with a 0-0 draw. This team also played the Leinster Schoolgirls with the same result.

Congratulations to Karen Darley for being selected to play for the Senior Leinster Ladies and the Irish U-21 squad; unfortunately Karen was injured and had to pull out. Pascale Caillabet, Patricia Conway, Leanne Campbell and Avril Harris all went on to play for Leinster Schoolgirls with Leanne captaining the side. Well done to Diane Wright of the Junior A who played for Leinster U-16.

Many thanks to our subs, especially Carol Moore and Sharon Moore, who subbed in for some of our league matches, and to our many supporters, particularly the old faithfuls who turn up in hail, rain or snow. I'd also like to thank Mrs. Mellon for all her hard work in this most enjoyable and successful year.

Leanne Campbell (Captain)



2nd XI INTERMEDIATE A 1990-1991

Standing: Elaine Bell, Amanda Dixon, Lisa Sheehan, Karen Dawson, Sharon, Moore, Andrée Warbrick, Vicky Shaw.

Seated: Naomi O'Callaghan, Suzy Fahy, Aileen Strachen, Vanessa Barcroft, Carol Moore, Mrs. G. Mellon.

INTERMEDIATE A XI

The Intermediate A had a very successful season winning nine of the fourteen matches we played. We drew Loreto Abbey in the first round of the league and we won 1-0 in extra time. Our next league match was Our Lady's, Templeogue. We played two very close matches, both going to extra time with no result. The third match was the hardest with Our Lady's winning the match with a goal during the second half. We would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for her encouragement and all the parents who supported us throughout the season.

Aileen Strachen (Captain)

JUNIOR A XI

The Junior A team had a very enjoyable year, playing good hockey throughout the season. As a team we played well together, but it was hard to live up to last year's standards. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in the League, drawing 0-0 with St. Joseph's of Cluny, winning 5-0 against St. Wolstan's, Celbridge but losing against Mt. Sackville 0-1.

Congratulations to Diane Wright who was selected to play for the Under-16 Leinster hockey team. Well done Diane. Many thanks also, to Miss Fish, our coach and to the parents who supplied lifts to all our early Saturday morning matches. Good luck to next year's Junior A team.

Diane Wright (Captain)
Helen Deegan (Vice-Captain)



JUNIOR A 1990-1991

Standing: Sandra Treanor, Helen Deegan, Ruth Loane, Nicola Slack, Sandy Johnston, Liz Jenkins, Miss A. Fish. **Seated:** Mandy Fletcher, Samantha Holly, Diane Wright, Michelle Williams, Melissa Rance, Shireen Lloyd.

3rd XI

This year's 3rd XI hockey team had an extremely successful and enjoyable season either winning or at least drawing the majority of our matches. In the league we beat Beaufort College in the final of our section in what was a tough but good match which went into extra time, giving us a final result of 3-2. This put us through to the quarter finals in which we met Mt. Anville. The match took place on a cold Friday morning – not the best hockey weather, but after 50 minutes of excellent teamwork and sheer determination, we emerged with a 2-1 win. This put us through to the semi-finals where we met Wesley. After getting this far we were determined to reach the final but unfortunately this was not

to be. Wesley were 2-0 up after a very lucky goal but it wasn't long before Shuna Hutchinson scored and brought it back to 2-1, to give us a chance of reaching the final. Ingrid O'Callaghan was in the circle about to attempt the equalizer, when she was injured. It wasn't too serious so play was restarted with only minutes to go. Unfortunately we never got the second goal we so badly needed and we lost 2-1, thus ending our hopes of reaching the semis.

We'd like to thank both Miss Fish and Mrs. Mellon for their coaching and support throughout the season and I'd like to thank everyone on the team for a very enjoyable and successful season. Well done.

Sam Warbrick (Captain)

MINOR A

Standing: Meggan Forrest, Gail Bovinzer, Wendy Lipson, Wendy Strong, Susan Plummer, Saidhvein Hardiman. **Seated:** Lindsey Maidment, Andrée Loughlin, Jennifer Gillen, Emma Fitzpatrick, Suzanne Murphy, Mrs. G. Mellon.





INTERMEDIATE B (3rd XI) LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL

Standing: Rhonda Jenkinson, Shona Hutchinson, Janet Moffett, Brenda Stack, Dara Loughlin, Fiona Campbell, Ingrid O'Callaghan. **Sitting:** Carolin Wynne, Linda Coate, Samantha Varbruck, Jacque McCoy, Cheryl Keating, Mrs. Mellon.

MINOR A

The Minor A had quite a successful year, winning most of their matches, drawing a few, and losing one match to Loreto, Beaufort. Unfortunately we were drawn against Wesley College in the first round and lost, but they later went on to win the Cup. However, towards the end of the year we played in a Minor A tournament in Notre Dame and came out the overall winners.

All in all it was a good year and the team improved a good deal throughout. We would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for her hard work.

J. Gillen (Captain)

MINOR B

The Minor B XI had a successful and enjoyable season. The standard of playing improved as the season went on,

winning most of our matches and losing only a few. Unfortunately, we were knocked out of the Cup by Mount Anville in the second round.

Thanks to the team for all of their time and effort and to Mrs. Mellon for all her support throughout the hockey season.

Louise Harris (Captain)

MINOR C

This year's Minor C team was very enthusiastic on and off the field. We played matches most Wednesdays and Saturdays, excluding the days when the weather was bad. We had many successes and a few losses also. One of our best matches was against Kilkenny College which was also an enjoyable day out. Many thanks to Mrs. Mellon for her dedication to the team.

Beverly Jones (Captain)

Cricket Report 1990

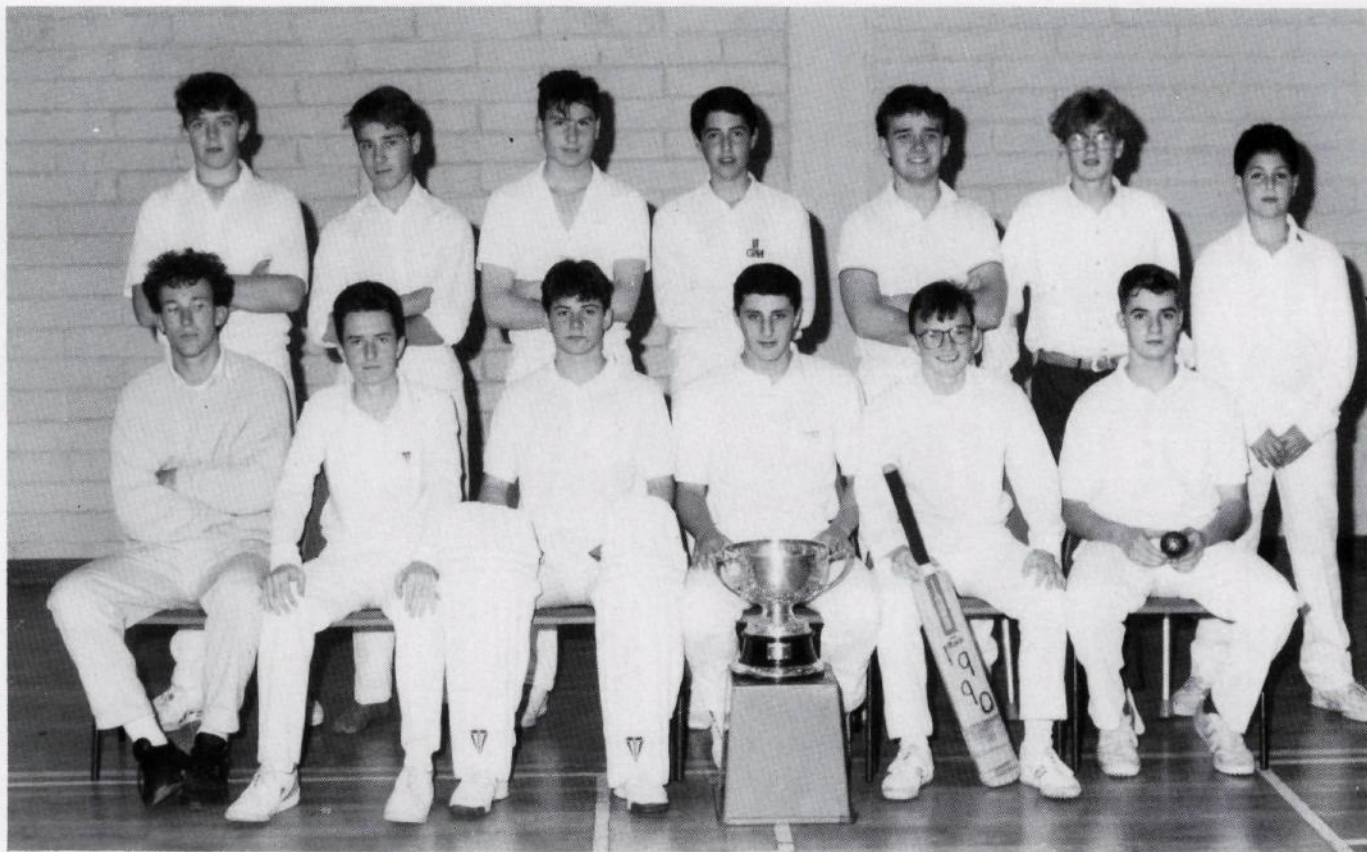
1ST XI

The 1990 season turned out to be a very successful one for the S.C.T. as they held onto the silverware in retaining the senior league. It began with an overwhelming victory in a friendly over St. Columba's in which H.S.D. amassed 234 off 35 overs (S. McCready 132, G. Murphy 39). St. Columba's never looked like reaching this total and were bowled out 110 runs short of their target.

The next match was in the League against St. Andrew's at Danum. The game turned out to be harder than anticipated but nevertheless a 21 run victory was achieved: H.S.D. 120 for 8 (J. Kilroy 40, S. McCready 33), St. Andrew's 99 (S. McCready 4/25, J. Molins 3/22).

The following three matches were all friendlies with fluctuating fortunes. Firstly, there was a weather-ruined draw against the Leprechauns, the rain coming just as H.S.D. were

looking winners, Leprechauns: 114 for 3 Dec, H.S.D. 61 for 2 (J. Kilroy 24, M. Vincent 17, S. McCready 18 n.o.) The second of these friendlies was against St. Mary's at Leinster Cricket Club, Rathmines which resulted in an easy win. St. Mary's at one stage were 44 for 4 before McCready and Vincent induced a collapse, with Vincent taking a hat-trick. The last friendly before High School got down to the serious matches was against the Old Boys Union XI on the 11th May. The game ended up a most enjoyable one with the Old Boys coming out comfortable victors mainly due to J. Ridgeway (Snr.), C. Haine and J. Ridgeway (Jnr.) with scores of 26, 33 n.o. and 26 n.o. respectively. J. Ridgeway Jnr. in particular caused havoc with some huge hits giving the school fielders plenty of exercise collecting the ball from the car park. Not to be outdone Alan Taylor hit one of his own in the H.S.D. innings. H.D.S. 109 for 9 (A. Taylor 32), H.S.D. Old Boys Union XI 113 for 4.



S.C.T. 1990

Back: G. O'Meara, G. Murphy, D. Walsh, J. Molins, S. Rance, J. Carson, G. Molins. **Front:** Mr. Prendergast, G. Clarke, G. Walsh, S. McCready (captain), M. Vincent, J. Kilroy. (Missing: A. Taylor).

The next league match was home to Wesley. With good bowling Wesley were restricted to 148 for 9. High School really batted well but fell behind on runs later and disappointingly lost by 5 runs despite the efforts of Jason Molins, who hit four sixes. H.S.D. 143 for 6 (S. McCready 33, J. Molins 42 n.o.)

With King's Hospital beating Wesley it meant that if we won our remaining two League matches and got enough extra bowling and batting points, we would qualify for the final.

Firstly we played K.H. on their artificial wicket. Batting first H.S.D. made 135 for 7 (J. Molins 29, M. Vincent 46 n.o.) with support down the order from S. Rance and D. Walsh. Excellent bowling and fielding all round resulted in K.H. being bowled out for 50 (S. McCready 4/18). The final match in our section was against Mount Temple at the beautiful grounds of Contarf Cricket Club, where many Internationals are played. H.S.D. batted first and made a commanding total of 209 for 4 mainly due to a superb innings by Jason Molins against bowling which left some High School batsmen bemused, particularly Stephen Rance. Thanks to fine slow left arm bowling by Greg Molins, Mount Temple were dismissed easily. H.S.D. 209 for 4 (J. Molins 109 n.o., S. McCready 49, G. O'Meara 18 n.o.), Mt. Temple 65 (G. Molins 5/2). Thus High School qualified for the Senior Final at Park Avenue for the second year in succession.

The opponents were unchanged from the previous year, arch-rivals Belvedere College. The final was on the 29th and 30th of May. High School entered as firm under-dogs and left as holders. Winning the toss and batting first, High School struggled to 13 for 1 off 9 overs in a weather-ruined first day. They continued to struggle against tight Belvedere bowling, all except Jason Molins whose superb concentration held the innings together. He batted for over 2½ hours in scoring a fine 70. After tea the team went into the dressingroom for a final talk before trying to dismiss Belvedere. Although it was felt that 143 runs wasn't enough the team went onto the ground cautiously but quietly confident. A quick couple of wickets were needed. Enter Stuart McCready. He tore through the Belvedere innings taking

a magnificent 7 for 19 off his 15 overs. Greg Molins polished off the tail leaving High School deserving victors by 73 runs. H.S.D. 143 for 9 (J. Molins 70), Belvedere 70 (S. McCready 7/19, G. Molins 2/12). Stuart McCready received the Man of the Match Award of a new bat from sponsors, Gunn and Moore, and the cup was on its way back to Danum.

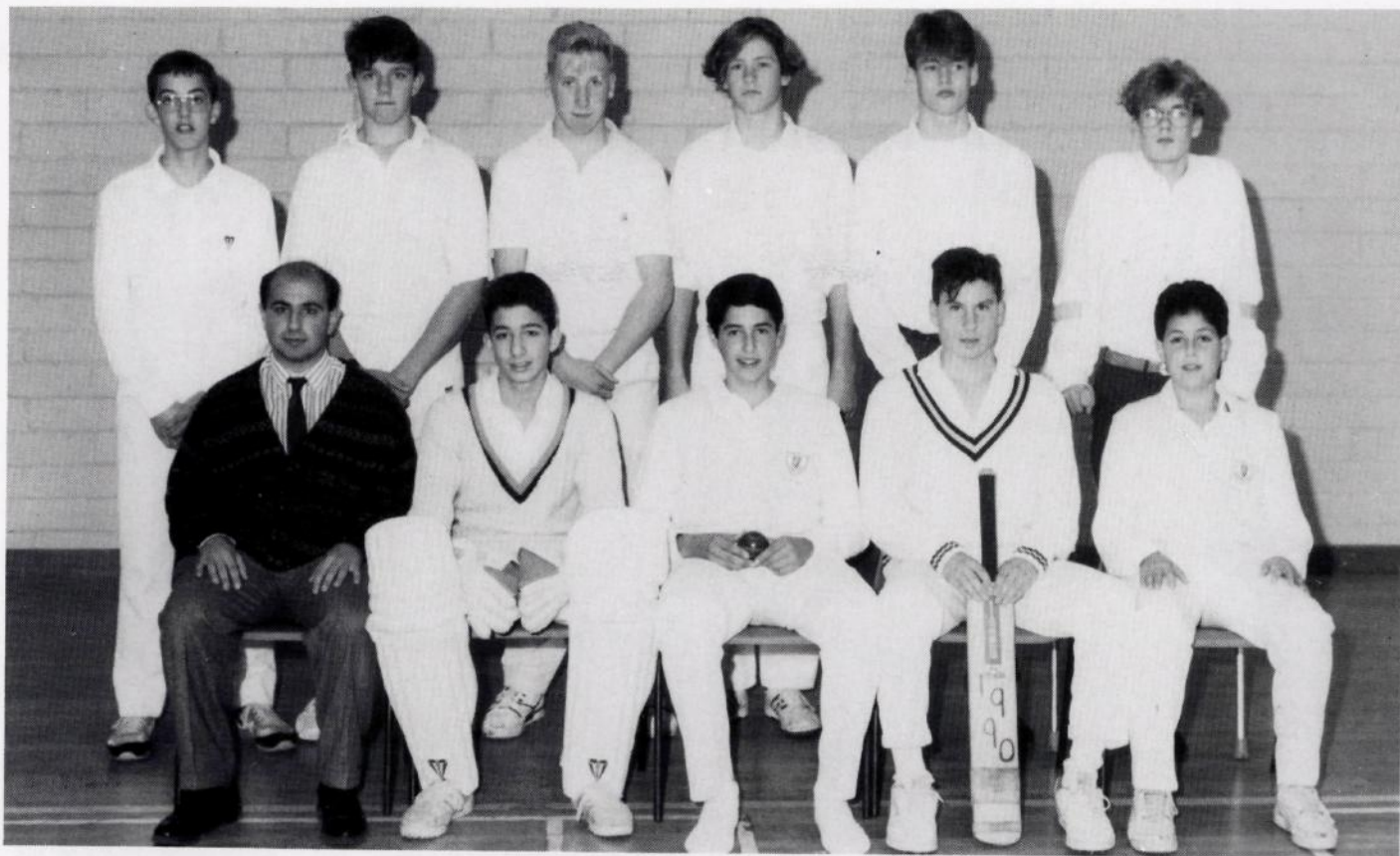
The winning of the cup this year was more satisfying than last year as this year there were no so-called 'blow-ins' to help us win it, but all High School boys rather than 6th Uppers. The team's success was undoubtedly due to Jason Molins opening the batting, Stuart McCready's all round ability, a solid middle order, good spin bowling from Greg Molins and the excellent wicket-keeping of Grahame Walsh who took seven catches and made two stumpings during the year.

Thanks to Mr. P. Prendergast for his 'target practices' and his encouragement throughout the year, to Mr. Fennel for all the hard work and enthusiasm he puts into cricket, to the groundsmen for keeping the square and outfield in such good condition, to the tea-ladies and last but by no means least, to our Spanish scorer, Maria Ruiz-Managhan, who has done more than her fair share of scoring during the season. Thanks again.

M.V.

SECOND XI

The 2nd XI last year was captained by Alan Taylor and played in Section A of the 2nds League. The first match of the season was against St. Michael's who scored 83 for five in their 20 overs. High School reached their total for the loss of three wickets, mainly thanks to A. Taylor (43 not out) and G. Walsh (16 not out). In the next match, they played a very strong Belvedere team who eventually won the League and scored 70 for 7 off their 20 overs (G. Murphy 32). Belvedere achieved this total easily, losing only two wickets. The next match was against St. Columba's and saw an excellent all-round match by Grahame Walsh who took two catches behind the wicket in the St. Columba's innings and then took 5 wickets in their total of 107,



J.C.T. 1990

Behind: D. Micks, G. O'Meara, T. Cains, R. Timlin, S. Robinson, J. Carson. **Seated:** Mr. Davies, B. Jackson, J. Molins (captain), D. Walsh, G. Molins. (Missing: C. Wynne and G. Miller).

P. O'Leary taking 3 of the other wickets to fall. Grahame then proceeded to score 43 with A. Taylor (23) and G. Murphy (18 n.o.) ensuring a comfortable victory.

A depleted team then travelled to play Clongowes in the Final League. In spite of the efforts of D. Curtis (23 n.o.), T. Walshe, M. King and M. Johnstone, Clongowes won by two wickets in an exciting finish, with D. Plummer, C. Darby and M. Tyrrell bowling well for High School.

Thanks to Mr. McMullen for his coaching, encouragement and umpiring throughout the season and also to all those who played for and supported us.

Glyn Murphy (5th)

J.C.T.

Last year's cricket season was not as successful as we anticipated, because we failed to regain the league, although it was an encouraging season for the new members of the team, such as Tim Cains, Johnny Carson and Vernie Poynton, all of whom contributed substantially during the season. During the year we played 5 matches, winning 4 and losing 1.

Our first match was a friendly against Wesley which we won easily with G. O'Meara scoring 54. We then commenced our league campaign with a convincing victory over Wilson's Hospital.

Wilson's batted first scoring 55 (T. Cains 3/8, G. Mollins 3/8). We reached the total for the loss of 1 wicket (G. O'Meara 37*). Our next game was against Mount Temple. In that match they were bowled out for 18 runs (J. Carson 5/2, G. Molins 3/5). We reached this total for the loss of only one wicket. Our next game was the semi final match against Belvedere. Unfortunately we lost the toss and Belvedere batted first, scoring 137 for 2. We were then bowled out for 63. (By far our worst performance of the season). Our last match was a friendly against St. Columba's. We batted first scoring 162 for 5 (D. Walsh 59, G. O'Meara 57).

We then bowled St. Columba's out for 126 with Vernie Poynton getting a hat-trick.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Davies for his coaching and support throughout the year and also to Mr. Fennell for his encouragement and for helping out with travel arrangements.

Jason Molins

UNDER-14

The 1990 season proved to be a most enjoyable season for those who took part, although we failed to regain the league which we won in 1989. In all, the team played 8 matches, 4 of which were friendlies. We won 6, and lost 2.

Our opening match was against St. Mary's which we won by seven wickets. We then played King's Hospital where we batted first and scored 163 for 4. (G. Molins 98). In reply, King's Hospital were dismissed for 53.

Our third league match of the season was against Sandford Park where yet again we batted first and scored a massive 162 for 2. (J. Carson 100*, D. Micks 33). Johnny's innings was magnificent, hitting 13 fours and 4 sixes.

The highlight of the season, I feel, was the trip down to Cork where we played two games, winning both. The first match was against Bandon Grammar School. We batted first and scored 179 for 5 (J. Carson 98, G. Molins 53). Bandon were bowled out for 81. (G. Molins 8/19. Including a hat trick).

In the second game of the tour, against Midleton, we reached 123 for 4 (G. Molins 45, G. Miller 37). In reply they scored 53. (J. Carson 4/19, G. Miller 4/15).

The last match of the season was the league final against Belvedere College where we scored 138 for 7 (J. Carson 61, G. Molins 40). Unfortunately, Belvedere reached the total with two wickets to spare.

I would like to thank Mr. Fennell, not only for bringing us to Cork, but for all the help and encouragement which he gave to the team throughout the year.

G. Molins



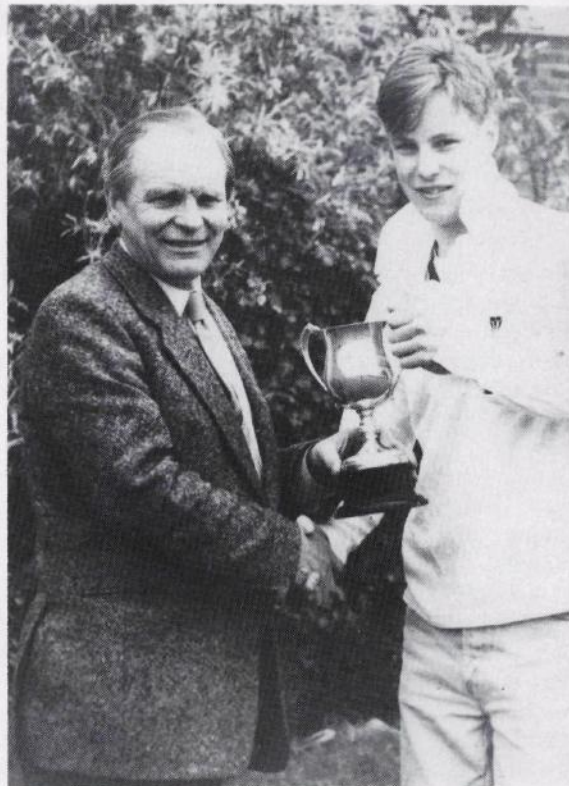
UNDER-14 BEATEN FINALISTS 1990

Back Row: Mr. Fennell, N. Walsh, R. Timlin, B. Murphy, J. Carson, C. Rice. **Front Row:** D. Harris, D. Bell, G. Molins (captain), K. Kinch, D. Micks. (Missing: B. Dodd and G. Miller).

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UNDER-13

The Under-13's had a relatively successful season, winning the majority of their matches. However, it was disappointing that the side was unable to retain the U-13 Harry Risk Cup, won by High School last season.

Our first fixture in late April was a friendly against St. Columba's which we won comfortably by 15 runs, David Bell scoring 30. We then defeated a very weak Clongowes side by 104 runs. On this occasion Gavin Douglas was the top scorer with 25. We then encountered a very good Wesley team and were narrowly defeated.

In the following matches we beat Cambridge House (from Scotland), tied with St. Andrew's and lost to St. Mary's (D. Bell, I. Wilkinson and G. Douglas top scorers respectively).

After receiving a bye in the first round of the cup, we met

Aravon in the quarter-finals. We batted first and scored an impressive 116 for 9 (S. Sheldon 19, D. Gould 19). Aravon could only muster 50 for 5, resulting in a 66 run win for us. This was helped by some fine bowling by N. Walsh and D. Bell.

Unfortunately, our cup run came to an abrupt end against an extremely strong Belvedere side – who went on to win the cup! Belvedere batted first and scored 150 for 3. Due to accurate bowling from the Belvedere players we could only manage 69 runs (R. McCulloch top scorer with 14).

Well done to David Bell who captained the side well, and to Gavin Douglas, the wicket-keeper.

Many thanks to Mr. Quinn for arranging all the matches, for giving up a lot of time to coach us – and for his constant encouragement!

R. McCulloch



UNDER-13 1990

Behind: S. Sheldon, R. McCulloch, I. Wilkinson, A. Finlay, M. Williams, D. Gould, G. Staunton. **Seated:** G. Lyons, N. Walsh, D. Bell, G. Douglas (captain), Mr. Quinn.

2 XI - CRICKET

Back Row: Mrs. G. Mellon, M. Griffen, R. Boyd, S. Johnston, L. Sheehan, C. Coleman, C. Keatinge, M. Rance. **Front Row:** A. Warbrick, S. Moore, J. Micks (captain), C. Moore, F. Campbell.





1st XI CRICKET

Behind: A. Harris, P. Caillabet, V. Barcroft, L. Campbell (captain), R. Boyd. **Sitting:** S. Moore, W. Moffet, P. Conway, F. Campbell, Mrs. G. Mellon.



UNDER-15 CRICKET

Back Row: D. Wright, M. Rance, S. Hardiman, R. Gageby, S. Lloyd, E. Miller. **Front Row:** S. Johnston, H. Deegan, F. Campbell (captain), J. Gillen, Mrs. G. Mellon.

Girls' Cricket

1st XI

This year's 1st XI cricket team was ably captained by Leanne Campbell. The team had a lot to live up to with last year's successes, and with the notable loss of Diane Lowe (who left last year). Unfortunately we could not repeat the win.

Nevertheless, the side, ranging from Third Year to the Upper Sixth, was by no means short of talent, with Leanne Campbell, Sarah Lamb, Avril Harris and Pascal Coillabet being selected to play for South Leinster. We won most of our friendly matches and lost only one league match, narrowly, to Mount Anville.

The team as a whole would like to thank Mrs. Mellows for her commitment and encouragement throughout the season.

Debbie Walsh (5).

2nd XI

The 2nd XI had an enjoyable season even though there was a severe lack of matches due to the shortness of the term.

One memorable match against Wesley gave us a place in the semi-final with Wesley being all out for 16, M. Rance and S. Johnson taking all the wickets between them and L. Sheahan batting 17.

In the semi-final we faced Mount Anville and although we fielded very well and managed to get them all out for 72, their bowling was of a very high standard and unfortunately we were defeated by a narrow margin. M. Rance took the most wickets of the season of 15 and C. Coleman had the highest overall batting average.

We had an enjoyable season and many thanks to Mrs. Mellon, our numerous scorers and all our supporters.

J. Micks (Captain)

Rock Climbing



Thanks to a generous subvention from the Parents' Association the rock climbing equipment has been brought up to a very high standard in the area of 'hardware'. We can supply a harness and full complement of accessories to go with each of the five ropes and this means we can equip five 'leaders' who can take two or three 'pupils' each. We must soon begin to replace the oldest ropes and unfortunately these items are fairly expensive.

The 1990 season was a busy one with the weather allowing a high number of sessions in Dalkey Quarry. Quite a number of pupils "got the bug" and have continued their interest using their own initiative. The keenest of these have been Colin Harris, Tim Hawkins, Dermot Brosnan, Michael Lunny, Duncan Foster and

Sean Gilmore. All but Sean have now left school but they have generously indicated a willingness to assist in interesting a new crop of pupils in the sport in the future. And I do mean "generously" – all they receive for long hours in the quarry in the school's service is the satisfaction on passing on their enthusiasm.

As well as the above we must thank some past pupils who have come out again this year: John Armstrong, Niklas Price and Colin Kirkham and also the redoubtable Mr. Gardiner. It would be impossible without them.

The school is now in the process of raising large sums of money for improvements to various areas. One of these is a hoped for enlargement on the present Gymnasium. If this comes about it should be relatively easy, and cheap, to build a climbing wall into the structure. This wall, regular readers may remember, was agreed to in principle for the present gym but action was shelved pending decisions on major expenditure over the entire area of sports in the school. There is no doubt that a climbing wall would increase the "exposure" and thus the popularity of this sport and be of great benefit to the school in general.

I. Blackmore

Tennis 1990

The Senior Team had a successful beginning to their Cup campaign, beating Sandford Park, but then suffered a heavy defeat against a strong Blackrock team. Unfortunately, we don't really have the strength in depth to compete with the major tennis schools and while individual players perform well, the overall team performance frequently isn't good enough to win the match. Graham McElhinney was an efficient and enthusiastic Captain of the senior team.

The Junior team has some promising players and was more successful, reaching the quarter final of the Plate competition before losing 3-2 to Gonzaga. A number of friendly games were played, including the annual fixture against the parents.

Rathgar Tennis Club very kindly agreed to let us use their courts on Games days but the availability of courts on the new hockey pitch will be very welcome.

L. McClure



TENNIS

Back Row: S. Holly, M. Williams, Mrs. G. Mellon. **Front Row:** L. Maidment, W. Lipson, J. Gillen.

Caving



The 1990 caving season got off to a fine start with a trip to Yorkshire arranged for St. Patrick's weekend. We departed for the Dun Laoghaire ferry at 7 a.m. on the 16th March and after a rough ride arrived in Holyhead. We then set off on the final leg of our journey to Giggleswick in North Yorkshire, it was to take us no less than 5 hours.

The next day we did a stunning cave called Brow Gill. There were white faces all round and a few churning stomachs as everyone had to put to use their knowledge of the single rope technique as we descended the 40 foot abseil into the cave. However, our training with Mr. Wright paid off and we all arrived safely at the bottom of the pitch. We accordingly walked, stooped, crawled or squeezed through the system for the next 2½ hours. When we re-emerged from the passages it was an unseasonably sunny 18C. on the Yorkshire Dales. We all revelled in the joys of the fine weather and the good Saint Patrick's Day spirit.

That night our jelly desert was made more popular than the "delicious" dinner. After we played a few rounds of cards we all tumbled exhaustedly into our beds to get a good night's sleep before the next day's caving.

The following day we tackled Long Churn, a very enjoyable and fun cave with an excellent water-slide and a charming 22cm. squeeze called the cheese press. After that everyone piled back on to the ailing mini-bus and headed home.

During the summer term there was one trip to Lisdoonvarna in Co. Clare, which went very smoothly and saw a number of new faces attempting the sport.

In September our first trip of the school year was cancelled due to the fact that the terminally ill minibus broke down inside the school gates! It was a sad day, but we did manage to get to Kincora youth hostel in Lisdoonvarna for Hallowe'en weekend. On the Saturday we did Poll Dubh, an interesting cave with a good traverse and the next day we did Poll na Gnee, a cave not regularly done by High School.

The next trip got as far as Naas where the poor old bus did an excellent impression of a dying swan and left us stranded 2 miles from the town. Parents were called and we all eventually got home.

Saint Patrick's weekend of this year was the next expedition and after several push starts and plenty of gentle coaxing the mini bus brought us to Liscannor where we had a very tiring day doing the muddy links on Upper Poll na Gollum depending on our ability. It had been raining solidly for a week in Clare at this stage and this rendered caving the next day too dangerous, but we were all in need of a lie-in and enjoyed cooking and eating the leisurely breakfast on Sunday.

The next outing brought a small group of us to the Bridge Hostel in Fanore on the 12th April. This was a classic mixture of good caves, good weather and good fun. We did two popular High School caves, For na Rusca and Poll Dubh. This was the last school caving trip for many devoted 6th years and we look forward to seeing them in the dark muddy holes of North West Clare soon!

Finally, all the High School speleologists would like very warmly to thank Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Eddie Wright, Colm Webster and Mr. Davies for their expertise, guidance and help and for their sense of humour and patience with all of us.

Niamh Lunny (5th)

Mountaineering Club

HILLWALKING



Despite a number of wet days and a troublesome minibus we managed to have many enjoyable outings to the Wicklow mountains this year and a very successful weekend trip to the Comeragh Mountains.

Our first walk brought us to Moanbane and Mullaghcleevaun and provided a very satisfactory start to the year. This was followed by an interesting trip to Turlough Hill; here we enjoyed some navigational challenges as Scott Cooper and others attempted to find Lough Firrib and very nearly did. The difficulties of this are well known to many an experienced climber as the lake seems to be stuck on the side of a ridge in a gravity-defying position yet hidden from direct view. Mr. Gardiner who accompanied the party for the first leg of the walk very kindly drove the minibus to Glendalough where our walk ended.

Our outing to Djouce War Hill was one of the most eventful trips in recent years. It was our introductory walk for first years and a lesson in what can go wrong. Our outward journey as far as War Hill went well. However, one of the party injured her ankle at that stage and was unable to walk. It was decided that Mr. Blackmore should return to the bus at Djouce Wood and drive to Powerscourt to collect the party thus shortening the homeward trek. With the cheery encouragement of Ms. Alison Fish, an experienced leader and recent recruit to the staff and hillwalking in High School, the party slowly made its way to Powerscourt Waterfall. Mr. Blackmore, however, had other troubles: when he arrived back at Djouce Wood the minibus would not start. With the invaluable help of Mr. Darby, a parent who lives close by, the S.O.S. was sent out and Mr. Gordon, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Blackmore and Mrs. Cryan drove from Dublin and chauffeured the party back to High School. We were happy to see that the events of that day have not deterred the first years from enjoying further walks in the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains.

The three day trip to the Comeragh Mountains included a circuit of the Coumsheengaun Horseshoe. This was a day of contrasts with snow and hail showers but mostly bright sunshine affording magnificent views to Dungarvan and the coastline. The comforts of the hostel were welcome that evening while great entertainment was provided by the small snooker table. The second day's walk was along the Knockanafran Ridge with sunshine all day, but alas due to uncertainty about the minibus reliability the projected walk for the Sunday was cancelled and the expedition beat an early, though wise, retreat to Dublin.

Our thanks to all who made our trips to the mountains possible and enjoyable but particularly to Mr. Blackmore whose surefootedness on road, rock and mountain gave us all confidence.

C.C.

Basketball

The improvement in the standard of Basketball continued this year with the entry of the U-19 and U-15 in the 'B' Division competitions and the entry of the U-14 in the Premier 'A' competition.

Under-19:

The U-19 team had a disappointing start to the year losing most of their games, although some by the narrowest of margins. Through some hard training, they improved sufficiently to reach the semi finals of the U-19 'B' Championship after Christmas.

On their way to the semi-finals they beat Celbridge (A) and St. Michael's (A). In the semi-final which was played in High School they played some of the best basketball ever seen in the school in the first half. However, our inability to control our own boards eventually led to our defeat. Not securing our own rebounds meant we could not launch fast-breaks which were instrumental in building up a big lead in the first half. The team was ably captained by Joshua Walker who received the award for best school basketball player '91. Other players of note this year were Gavin Dodd and Peter Walker.

Under-15

A very young team entered the U-15 'B' league. The team qualified for the semi-finals having won all their matches in the league. They defeated Marian (H), Newbridge (A), St. Declan's (A) and Tallaght (A). In the semi-finals they came up against St. Fintan's. Unfortunately, they did not perform very well. St. Declan's, a team we had beaten in the league, won the Final defeating St. Fintan's. Garrett Lyons and Gavin Douglas were two players on this team who showed a lot of promise.

Under-14

A very talented U-14 team entered the U-14 'A' Championship. This is the first time in High School that a basketball team had played in an 'A' competition. They came up against Coláiste Enna in the Final in Inchicore having defeated St. Vincent's quite easily in the semi-final.

K.M.

Canoeing Report

Canoeing continued to be a most popular sport in the summer with outings to the Liffey every Saturday throughout the summer term.

The main event of the year was the Schools' Liffey Race in May. This is the largest annual canoe race for schools where several hundred competitors take part in different categories.

The Annual High School awards are based on this race and in 1990:

Broad Cup	David Long
Canoeist of the Year	Suzanne Fahy
Junior Cup	Timothy O'Donovan

During September and October, canoeing was again held on Saturday mornings on the Dodder for Form 1 pupils, giving them an introduction to the sport.

The club would like to thank The Parents' Association for its continued support – once again it had made a generous contribution for the purchase of equipment.

J.S.

Swimming Report



Once again, swimming took place every Tuesday evening throughout the year at Terenure College Pool.

The gala was held in November and this year, entries were very good in all age groups. The standard of swimming was especially high in some of the Junior races. The major awards were won by:

Cuin Doherty	(Dodder Cup)
David Stephen	(Liffey Cup)

J.S.

Athletics Season 1990

While the number of athletes competing in the Leinster Schools' Championships was below average, good performances were achieved all round, with a very high percentage of those competing making the Leinster finals in respective events.

Principal amongst these was the Intermediate relay team consisting of Brian Hildebrand, Gareth Jacobs, Graham Carroll, Josh Walker who won the bronze medal in the Leinster finals. Others to reach the Leinster finals in their individual events were Josh Walker (100m.), Michael O'Dwyer (1500m), Warren Conlon-Grant (200m.), Sinead Whiting (200m), Jack Slattery (800m), Neil Cogan (High Jump), Duncan Micks (Long Jump).

CUP WINNERS IN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

War Memorial Cup	Senior Points	Jack Daniel Slattery Wiler
Walker Cup	1500 Metres	Jack Daniel Slattery Wiler
Southam Cup	800 Metres	Jack Daniel Slattery Wiler
Cornick Cup	400 Metres	Jack Daniel Slattery Wiler
Moore Cup	200 Metres	Joshua Walker
Taylor Cup	100 Metres	Joshua Walker
Whyte Cup	Boys Field Events	Gareth Jacobs
Sloan Cup	Long Jump	Gareth Jacobs
Cunningham Cup	Junior Points	Hugh Molyneaux
Magill Cup	100 Metres	Warren Conlon-Grant
Taylor Cup	Senior Girls Points	Karen Dawson
Belgrave Cup	200 Metres	Karen Dawson

I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Toomey for all his help this season and to thank all the Athletes who put in the effort.

Jack Slattery Wiler (Captain)

*Congratulations
to all our
sporting contestants*

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Pictured with President Mary Robinson at Trinity College for the Presentation by the President of the International Women of Europe Award (Friday, 19th April, 1991) were (l. to r.) Claire Lawler, Malahide; Jennifer Rowan, (3B1) Clondalkin and Julie Kilkenny, Malahide.

NEWS OF PAST PUPILS

THE HIGH SCHOOL & DIOCESAN OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

Greetings and best wishes to you all.

As I write – in April – it is hard to believe that I have now almost reached the end of my term of office. To begin with, two years seemed a long time but it has just flown, and has been most enjoyable, too.



Gillian Smith.

Last May I again went to the School to talk to the 6th Year girls about the Association. It was good to see so many there at what is a busy and often stressful time for students. Miss Jane Williams afterwards took me on a tour of some of the classrooms, culminating in my first experience of that much-maligned phenomenon, the school dinner. Very good it was, too!

At the Prize distribution I had the pleasure of presenting the Jean Scott Memorial Rosebowl to Rosemary Garth. In my speech at that time I again referred to my belief in the concept of a joint Past Pupils' Association. Present and past pupils are of course fully in favour of this, but I was surprised to find that perhaps the strongest support for it comes from both staff and parents, many of whom feel that the forming of a joint association is long overdue.

During the year I was again invited to the Parents' Association Beer, Wine and Cheese evening, and also to chair the Hockey Club A.G.M.

The Association is pleased to take part in the School Development Programme – our target for fund-raising being £10,000. Over £500 of this has already been raised at our Table Quiz held with the O.B.U. in February. We hope to raise the rest by holding a fashion show in September and by running a 100 Club Draw over the next ten months. Fund-raising events over the next year or so will also provide the Association and the O.B.U. with an excellent opportunity for working more closely together.

During the year I have received tremendous support from a very hard-working committee – my thanks to each one of them. I would like to make special mention of June Leach, our secretary, and thank her for her part in what has been a successful season. Her attention to detail in organising anything is meticulous, but June also has a flair for adding that extra touch that makes all the difference.

I would also like to thank David Benson and Gene Draper for their help and cooperation in the organisation of our meetings.

Finally, may I wish Sandra Watkins, our President-Elect, an enjoyable and successful term of office.

Yours sincerely,

Gillian Smith

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT 1990-'91

President and Chairperson: Ms. Gillian Smith; *Hon. Treasurer:* Ms. Judith Wilkinson; *Hon. Secretary:* Ms. June Leach. *Committee:* Ms. Carole Bardon, Mrs. Janet Edgely, Mrs. Hendrikje Mahon, Mrs. Cherry Ruane and Mrs. Yvonne Traynor.

The 1990/91 calendar of events commenced in September with a Welcome Supper which proved even more popular than last year. Seeing many new faces among the more familiar ones was a most encouraging start to the season and the culinary talents of the committee were appetisingly on show.

A very successful Fashion Show was staged in the Reynolds Hall in October with fashions catering for a wide range – our youngest model being just two years old and the eldest, well, it's unethical to reveal a lady's age! The event was well supported and we were pleased to hand over a cheque for £825 to Michael Culloty, Area Organiser for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association at our November meeting. Michael gave a very informative and interesting talk covering all areas of the Association's work, followed by a first-hand report by May, a guide dog owner, who naturally was accompanied by her guide-dog, Janette, a beautiful golden retriever.

The singers in the Association visited the Orwell and Rostrevor Nursing Homes in December. Their melodious rendition of Christmas songs was greatly appreciated by both the residents

and staff in the two homes and the report that the evening was most enjoyed by those with hearing difficulties is not true! However it is true that the singers' strained vocal chords were considerably soothed with seasonal refreshment when they returned to the High School.

Good intentions of the New Year were given food for thought when Mary Kehoe, a dietician and nutritionist, gave us a very encouraging and realistic talk, not only on weight problems, but on all aspects of nutrition. Our knowledge was broadened and hopefully our waistlines will be reduced. A low calorie supper rounded off the evening.

Potential Master Mind contenders brushed up on their general knowledge for our Table Quiz in February. This was a joint venture with the Old Boys' Association and the capacity attendance in the Reynolds Hall augurs well for any such future joint event. Profits from the evening went towards the School Development Programme.

The lawns and rose gardens of past pupils and their friends will benefit greatly from the many helpful hints and tips which were passed on to all who attended the talk given by Victor Hislip in March. Victor's down-to-earth approach to gardening was very

entertaining and we were delighted that Victor's wife, Hilary (nee Gregory) joined us for the evening, particularly as she is a past pupil from Diocesan in Adelaide Road days.

As I write this report, preparations are well underway for our 31st Annual Dinner which will take place this year in the luxurious surroundings of the Hotel Conrad. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Pat Donlon, Director of the National Library as our guest speaker and I am sure we will all have a very enjoyable evening.

The Annual General Meeting and Fork Supper in May will bring the season to a close and will see the handing over of the President's Chain of Office to Sandra Watkins (nee Large) who takes over the prestigious position from Gillian Smith. On behalf of the committee and members, sincere thanks to Gillian for all her work during her two year term as President. Congratulation to Sandra and every good wish to her – the perks may not be on par with "The Park" but the workload is less demanding.

Finally, many thanks to David Benson and Gene Draper for their assistance during the year which is very much appreciated by everyone in the Association.

June Leach.

THE HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

It has been a great pleasure and privilege for me to have been elected as your President for the current year. Since taking office last October, and having attended many functions on behalf of the O.B.U., I am impressed by the high regard in which the



Maurice F. McDonagh.

School and the Union are held. The School, as you by now I am sure are aware, is about to embark on an extensive development programme which will update and improve the educational and sporting facilities to a very high standard. As I mentioned at the Annual Dinner, for the first time in its long history, the School is looking for financial support outside its own resources. I am confident that the O.B.U. will respond in a generous fashion. The O.B.U. will be organising some very special events in the next eighteen months, which will be designed to give maximum enjoyment whilst extracting maximum revenue!

With reference to the Dinner, I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make the evening the undoubted success it was. Particularly Harry Booker, Robin Miller and Wayne Sheridan, Judge Michael Moriarty, our guest speaker and my musical friends Bob McCullagh, Fred Graham, Pat Campbell and John Brady.

There has, for some time now, been talk of a single union and I have been talking informally with the Old Girls' Committee with the idea of bringing this matter forward. We agreed that over the next year or so we would try to organise and run as many 'joint' ventures as possible, and try to attract the pupils of both sexes who feel that the separate unions are not 'their thing'. We shall pursue this course of action for the short term and look forward to working closely with the ladies at every opportunity.

In conclusion, may I again ask you to support our fund raising efforts to the best of your ability so that future Presidents can continue to enjoy the admiration of many and envy of some for what is, undoubtedly, a Great School.

Wishing you all a pleasant summer,

Maurice F. McDonough.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT 1990-91

The Annual General Meeting was held in the school on Friday, October, 19th, 1990. The following offices and committee were elected for the year: Patron: W. G. Booker; President: M. F. McDonagh; President-Elect: M. G. Brambell; Vice-President: A.P.R. Brook; Hon. Secretary: R. J. Miller; Hon. Treasurer: E. W. Frith; Hon. Registrar: G. W. Keegan; Assistant Hon. Secretary: W. M. O'L. Sheridan; Hon. Auditor: D. O'Maolchoille; Hon. Sports Secretaries: J. D. Ridgeway (cricket), W. M. O'L. Sheridan (rugby), B. G. Priestman (Golf).

Committee: J. K. Bailey, K. A. Gregory, D. B. Haine, W. A. Ingram, N. H. Kerrison, S. McCaughey, S. A. O'Riordan. At a subsequent committee meeting T. H. Lloyd was co-opted.

The Annual Dinner was held in the school on Saturday, 26th January 1991. As usual it was a sell-out with more than 40 names on a waiting list. The principal guest was His Honour Judge Michael Moriarty, and other speakers included the President, the Headmaster and Mr. Roly Meates. By general consent it was a most successful evening, for which the President deserves our congratulations and thanks.

In the Annual Debate, the Old Boys unsuccessfully opposed the motion "That this House believes that Dublin does not deserve to be the European City of Culture". The Chairman was Mrs. Mary Banotti M.E.P. In the Annual Rugby match, however the Old Boys were victorious, despite the efforts of Wayne Sheridan, the referee, who seemed to think the school scrum-half needed extra practice at putting the ball into the scrums.

The President of the O.B.U. joined the President of the Old Girls' Association as question master at the Table quiz held in the School on February 21st, 1991. Members of the OBU committee were pleased to help the Old Girls in the running of the quiz. Perhaps events like this will one day soon lead to the formation of a Past Pupils Union embracing both the Old Boys' and Old Girls' organisations. The first prize in the quiz was won by the Richardson family, headed by one of our senior Old Boys, Mr. T. N. Richardson.

Sporting events yet to come include the Golf Outing on May 24th and the Annual Cricket match. Members on the mailing list will also receive notices about the ladies Night in early October and the A.G.M. on Friday, October 18th, 1991. Please note these dates and show your support by attending the events.

Others have paid tribute elsewhere in the magazine to Victor Graham. It was his interest in the School and OBU which led him to supply *The Erasmian* each year with news of Old Boys and T.C.D. examination results. At his own expense he had copies of *The Erasmian* bound which he presented to the School. Precise and thorough in all he did, generous to all who asked him for help, we will miss him.

Robin Miller

Obituary

V.W. GRAHAM, M.A., Sc.D.

Some great teachers of mathematics are remembered with affection, nostalgia and gratitude by able pupils of their subject, while the less gifted in looking back are only reminded of their failure to cope. In my experience of talking to large numbers of past pupils of all shades of mathematical ability, some of the most glowing tributes to the teaching success of "Pip" Graham, as so many of them knew him, came from those whose mathematical record was least distinguished. He could make the dullest and most complex piece of mathematics crystal clear, as well as interesting and intriguing, to pupils whose powers of abstract thought and whose motivation were well below average. Among more able students the outstanding feature of his more than forty years of teaching at both school and university is the very high number who chose teaching careers when the skills in mathematics developed through his teaching had opened far more adventurous and lucrative doors for their abilities.

Outside the classroom his contributions were equally noteworthy, even if less well known. He had a deep interest in Mathematics for its own sake, not just as a teaching subject, and over the years he spent a fortune in building up the finest private collection of mathematics books and periodicals in the country — a library that has since enriched Trinity College. The many students who visited his home could only gaze in wonder at the floor to ceiling shelves of books rising from a floor covered in high piles of books not yet skimmed through since purchase, and then later marvel at his uncanny ability to indicate precisely where in

one of those thousands of books to refer for help with a particularly abstruse problem.

The High School owes him a deep debt of gratitude for his work on its records. Over the years the strong room in Harcourt Street had served as a dumping ground for a priceless heritage of records of both the school and the Erasmus Smith Trust. On several occasions he organised his pupils to use their holiday time to reduce chaos to some form of order, and to repair the ravages of unsatisfactory storage. He masterminded their removal to safekeeping at Danum and continued his guardian interest long after his retirement.

His concern for good record keeping was seen in his daily watch on the newspapers and his regular checking on notice boards and publications to ensure that the academic and personal progress of past pupils was known and published in *The Erasmian*. He dealt personally with all the university entry and matriculation applications of pupils, a mammoth task as the school grew in size. His wisdom and excellent judgement was unstintingly available to all his teaching colleagues, and especially to the three headmasters with whom he served. And when personal troubles assailed colleagues or pupils his sympathy showed in unpublicised practical acts of kindness and love in which no effort or expense was spared. In vain he tried to hide behind his sometimes severe and reserved manner a warm and kindly humanity.

His passing leaves all of us who knew him well with a strong sense of loss. Knowing him as I did as pupil, colleague, employer and friend, his departure brought sadness, but also the deep satisfaction that he enjoyed so fully the day when his lifetime of service to mathematics teaching was recognised by the conferring on him of an Honorary Doctorate.

A.P.R.B.

I first met Victor Graham when he came to his former School to teach mathematics at sixth form level in 1939. He was on his first full time assignment and was less than 10 years our senior; while critical from his viewpoint, we were blissfully unaware of both these features. Hence we found him rather austere, severe and, at times, sarcastic — in marked contrast to the free and easy relationship which we enjoyed in Charlie Dillon's classes. However, as our second year in upper sixth progressed, we found a much more relaxed and "human" person in VWG (he was not called Pip Graham until some years later). While his discipline was firm, he was quick to spot individuals in difficulties and just as important, exceptionally sympathetic in their resolution.

He was full of ideas, often quite ingenious, in his approach to teaching mathematics — and with my continued connection with him, and assistance from him, through University, I realised that he had become even sharper in his perceptions and responses over a few short years. Victor was 'brilliant'.

By the time I graduated in 1945, while still 'his' student, we were good friends — and that counted for a lot. While he enjoyed classical music and visits to the cinema, he was generous with his free time after school for those in need of extra tuition so that an increasing number of High School boys, both pupils and undergraduates, were the benefactors.

In 1947 he accepted an invitation to assist the miniscule Department of Mathematics in Trinity to cope with the post war demand for more services, particularly to the Engineering School. Anyone facing a class of some 50 freshmen engineers knows he is in for a tough time, but Victor took them in his stride and quickly won their loyalty. The difference — he didn't lecture, he taught; he encouraged participation, and they loved it. As a result his remarkable skills were widely in demand, although, regrettably, not fully recognised by College Authorities until 40 years later, when he received a well deserved Honorary Doctorate.

That was an unforgettable occasion. Normally, the solemn and

colourful procession of Doctors wends its way across front square to the Dining Hall, and quickly breaks up into a few small congratulatory groups. However, Victor had little option but to hold court on the Dining Hall steps for a full hour, while huge numbers of past pupils and friends expressed their feelings and sought unique photographs — for it was a unique moment. Never before had a 'schoolmaster' been so honoured and never

had he served such a heterogeneous gathering of scholars, well represented on that day.

Less than 2 years later, we again gathered in large numbers to say farewell to a unique person — a teacher of mathematics who encouraged, cajoled, enlightened countless students to a level of knowledge and success far beyond their expectations. He will be greatly missed.

R.P.W.

NEWS OF PAST PUPILS

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

Mildred Beresford (née Mahon, 1950). Lives in Blackrock. Sings with Tallaght Choral Society and works with the church at parish and diocesan level.

Sonia Cheyette (née Woolfson, 1950). Married, two children. Runs a small Ladies' Accessories shop in Leicester.

Dorothy Garratt (née Roy, 1939-50). Nurse (Adelaide & Rotunda Hospitals). Married Rev. Peter Garratt in 1964; two daughters; lives in the south of England.

Joan Gauld (née Wilson, 1950). Married, two daughters. Has lived in Canada since 1957. Now living in Calgary and working at Calgary Integrated Intelligence Unit.

Betty Kavanagh (1946-50). Retired from national school teaching in 1990. Has travelled extensively in Europe, North America, Middle East and Far East.

Alison Laing (née Smith, 1965-72) is a Superintendent Radiographer and Systems Manager of the Radiography Information System in Charing Cross Hospital in London.

Hazel Henry (née Gilbert, 1950). Widowed last year. Three children. Works part-time in Dublin, also does charity work.

Gillian Smith (1962-68) is Assistant Librarian, Reader Services in The Mercer Library of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Beryl Vincent (née Jackson, 1946-50). Married, three children, now living in Cork.

Joan Wilkie (née Macnamara, 1950). Married, four children. Teaches cake decoration in Newpark Adult Education Centre; also interested in floral art.

Avril Young (1966-'72) has obtained a Certificate of Qualification in Social Work from Jordanhill College of Education, Glasgow, and is now working with Strathclyde Local Authority.

HIGH SCHOOL

Philip G. Erskine (1954-'60) joined Quinton Hazell Ltd., manufacturers and distributors of Automotive Parts, in 1989, and is now commercial manager responsible for sales and marketing.

David Ford (1956-'66) has been appointed Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University. He is also the editor of the recently published, two-volume work, "The Modern Theologians".

Ian Fox (1948-'58) has been appointed Managing Director of the Helme Partnership, a Dublin advertising agency.

Jonathan Garth (1977-'83) played for the Leinster XV against Connaught.

Derek Harte (1965-'71) has been appointed Manager of the new Ulster Bank branch which opened in Carlow in April, 1991.

Howard E. Kilroy (1946-'52), Chief Operations Director and President of Jefferson Smurfit Group, has been appointed a Director of the Bank of Ireland and will become Governor with effect from July 1991.

Alan C. Newell (1952-1958), currently Professor of Mathematics at the University of Arizona, featured prominently as one of the candidates in the Election of the Provost of T.C.D. in March, 1991.

Harvey O'Keefe (1967-'75) piloted an Air Corps helicopter which took part in the rescue of the crew of a French ship which got into difficulties off Galway during the storms at the beginning of April, 1991.

R. Anthony Reynolds 1955-'66) is Senior Lecturer at Hammesmith Royal Post-Graduate Medical School, where he is in charge of a unit developing a film-less X-Ray system.

David G. Tough (1970-'76) is presently Charge Engineer at Cahirciveen E.S.B. Power Station.

Roy N. Walker (1949-'53), who emigrated to Australia in 1967, is owner and Managing Director of a Management Consultant Company and Property Developers.

Jonathan Yodaiken (1976-'82) won the captain John Fanning Award for the best student in his Aer Lingus Wings class.

DEATHS

Boyle, William Douglas (1929-'36), November 16, 1990, in Hailsham, Sussex.

Couse, Ian (1941-5), June 7, 1990, in Dublin.

Felton, Henry C. (Tommy) (1923-'30), October 31, 1990, in Dublin.

Field, Herbert C. (1926-'34), November 6, 1990, in Dublin.

Grace, Janet, March 1991, in Dublin.

Graham, Victor W. (1927-32), January 24, 1991, in Dublin.

Grove, Kenneth H. (1928-'34), October 31, 1990, in Dublin.

Hutchinson, Alan William (1963-70), March 6, 1991, in Calgary, Canada.

Mason, Barry Forbes (1924-'29), December 1, 1990, in Skerries.

Riley, Alec L. (1917-'23), March 10, 1991, in Dublin.

Shiel, W.F. (Bill) (1931-'34), May 29, 1990, in Dublin.

Sholedice, Eric Patrick (1935-'39), February 24, 1991, in Dublin.

Small, Evie, December 1990, in Dublin.

Warbrook, Dorothy (née Manley), March 1991, in Dublin.

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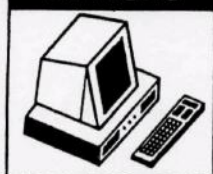
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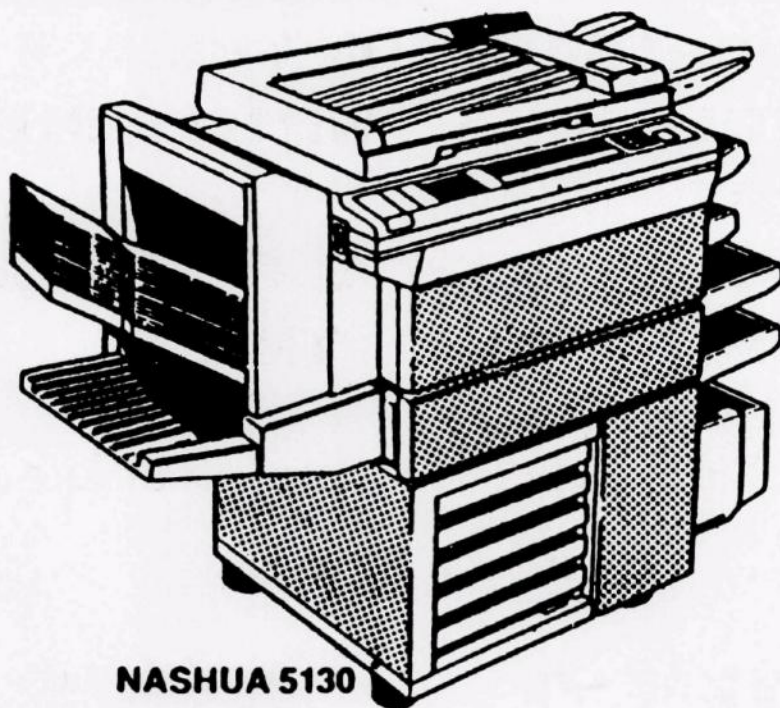
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