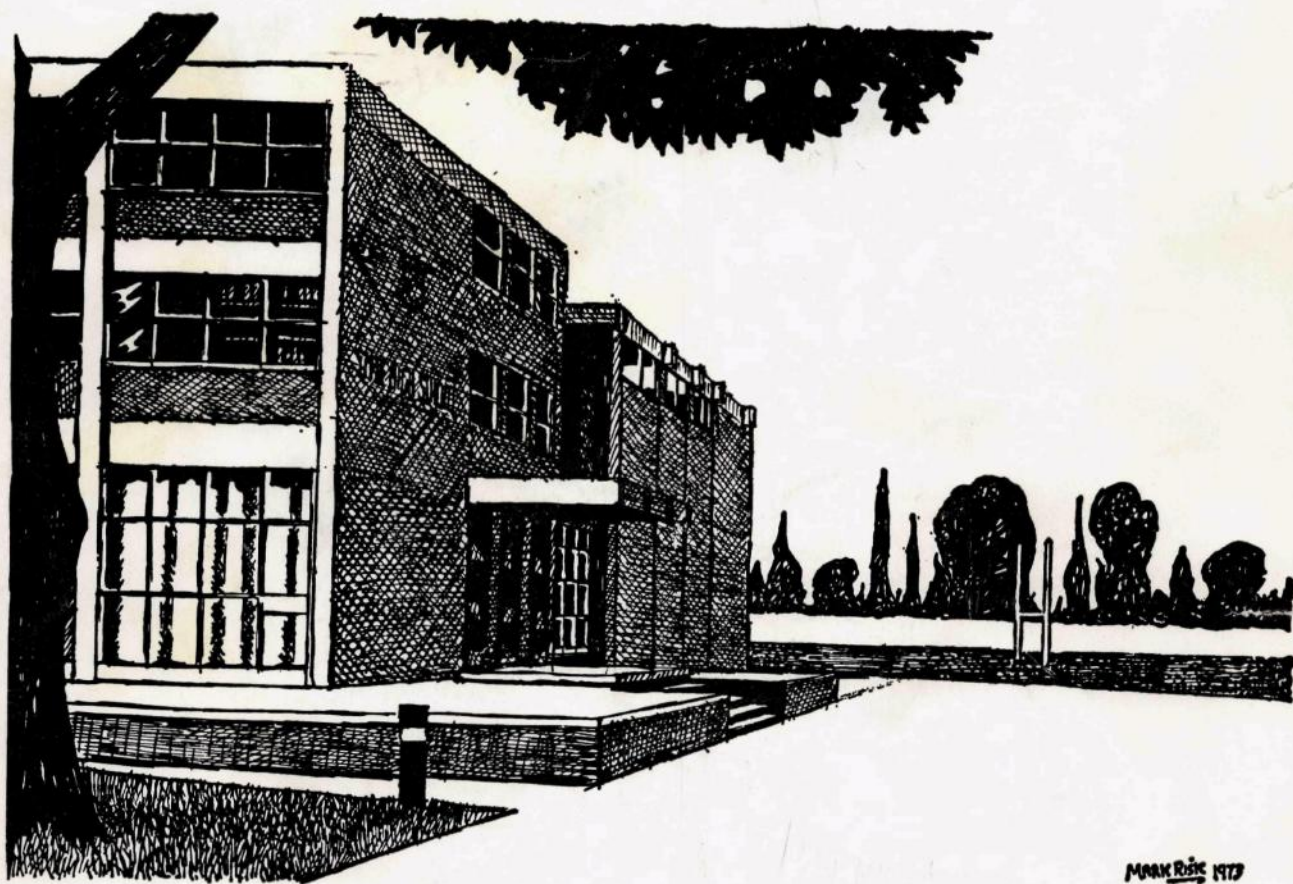
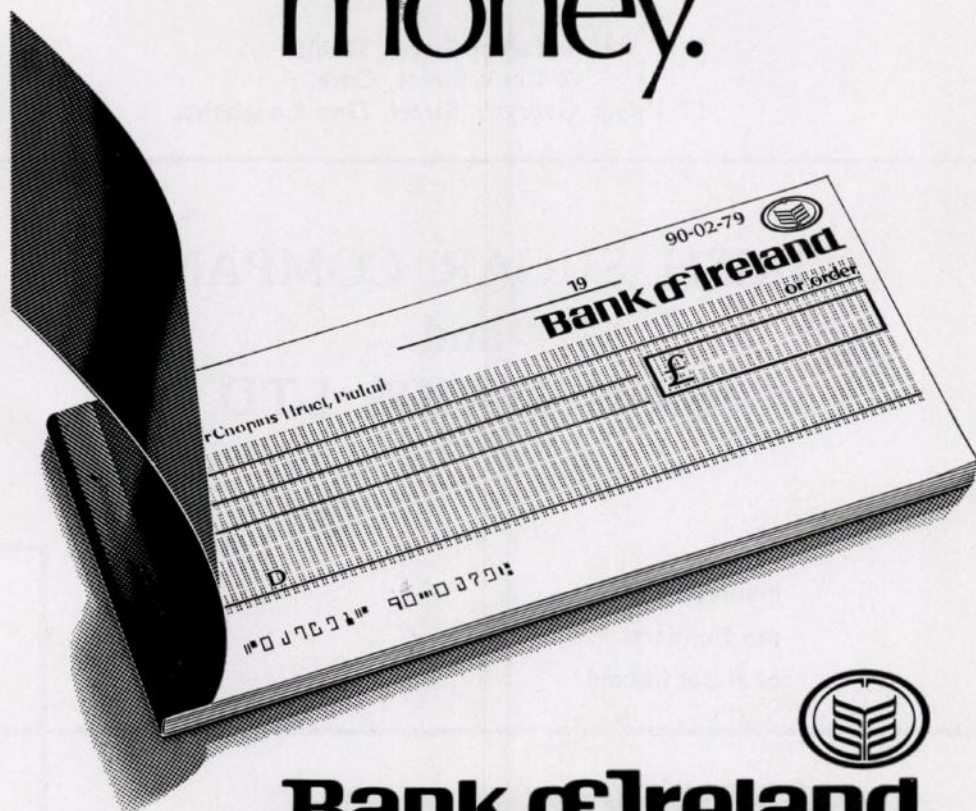


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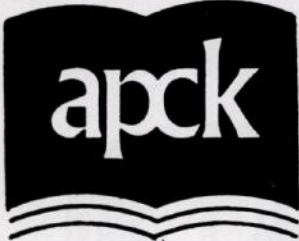
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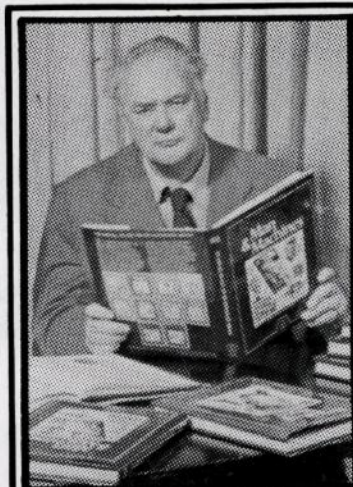


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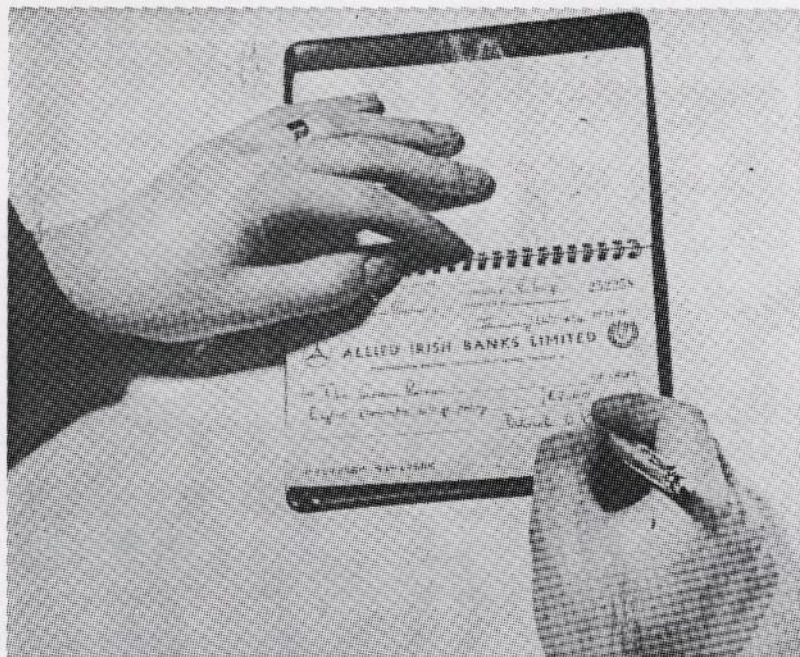


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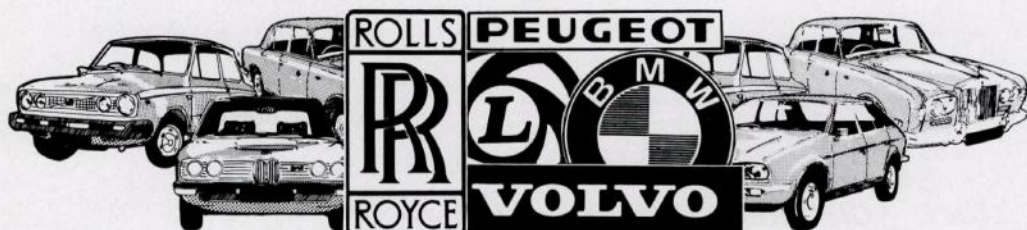
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EDITORIAL

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As the School matures and the pupils begin to feel a unit rather than two separate schools, we begin to question whether we have grown one year wiser since the last issue of the Erasmian. Are our standards those we desire? Do we believe The High School incorporating the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls is moving in the right direction? Then we should be bold enough to experiment and explore in the future.

This past year has seen many changes, the most striking being the opening of the new wing on 4th October, 1976. The School has been enlarged, and the difference in corridor space is very noticeable. We can now boast of a large spacious gymnasium, a science laboratory with an adjoining preparation room, extra classrooms, toilets, staff and pupil changing rooms. We were honoured to have the Minister for Education, Mr. Burke, with us to perform the Opening Ceremony. The Archbishop of Dublin, The Most Reverend Alan Buchanan, D.D., gave the blessing following the unveiling of the plaque by Mr. Burke. Members of the Board of Governors, their wives and friends of the School were present. Each of the lower forms of the School was represented and fifth and sixth year pupils also attended. Perhaps the most memorable moment for the pupils was when Mr. Burke granted us an extra day's holiday, which we received as an added bonus to our half-term holiday. We would appreciate another building extension if it had the same outcome.

All have benefited from the large gymnasium, those who play indoor games or avail of the new equipment, and those who sit for examinations. Somehow, all that banging and general noise was worth it in the end!

The School was especially proud of two of its members this last year. Christopher King was one of eight in Ireland to obtain the coveted Easter Week Scholarship — the James Connolly Scholarship. He returned to Upper Sixth in September, and on nouncement, he entered Trinity College and is now studying Mathematics and Theoretical Physics. Some years ago Neil Jeffers won a similar Scholarship. Michael Henderson sat the Oxford Entrance Examination and was granted a place in Lincoln College for the year 1977, where he will read Physics. We wish both Christopher and Michael all the best in the future and congratulate them on their success.

The School strode forward in the establishment of better staff-pupil relationships. The Student Council, which has remained dormant for far too long, recommenced with vigour in September, providing an

opportunity for all members of the School, from first to sixth formers, to have their cases heard. It is surprising the number of suggestions and complaints which are voiced by the representatives at the regular meetings. The Student Council is essential to a School with such large numbers, but it is only what the pupils make it, and is better abandoned should it cease to serve the purpose for which it was formed. Indeed, in many facets of School life, the pupils themselves determine the standing of the School; their responsibility does not end at the school gates.

On returning in September, the Sixth Year were informed, to their amazement and delight, that they would be given a sixth form centre. Various articles were purchased, the money being kindly supplied by the Old Boys Union and the Old Girls' Association, and now a cacophony of sound daily fills the balcony. We salute the ingenuity of the Old Boys.

At the beginning of the Spring Term, cup fever spread throughout the School as both the Rugby and Hockey Teams prepared for the most important part of the season. The first eleven Hockey Team's cup run was cut short by Marillac, but the enthusiastic support for the girls' team was then transferred to the senior Rugby Team. After numerous cancellations due to bad weather conditions, the first fifteen defeated teams from St. Andrew's College and Belvedere but, unfortunately, were knocked out in the quarter-finals by Blackrock College.

Although team honours were lacking this year in Rugby and Hockey, individual successes were forthcoming. In Rugby, Andrew Blair captained the Irish under 16 seven-a-side team at Twickenham and also was a member of the Leinster Schools' team which drew with Munster. In Hockey, David McCormick played in the Leinster Schools' team which finished second in the interprovincial tournament. We congratulate both Andrew and David on their achievements.

Congratulations are also due to the senior boys' Table Tennis team who won their division of the Leinster Schools' League.

The honours and successes achieved by the pupils of the School, both in academic and sporting fields, are highly commendable and we are all looking forward to another successful year starting next September.

*Lindsey Abbott, Douglas Hind.
Sixth Year.*

School Record

We would like to congratulate Mr. Brook on his fine performance on the Rodney Rice Programme from R.T.E. and Mr. Wallace who is a Lecturer in Methods of Teaching History at Maynooth College.

We also congratulate Miss Marjorie Williams who is now Chief Commissioner of the Irish Girl Guides. We know many will benefit from her dedication in caring for the individual.

We congratulate two of our staff on their marriages – Miss Gillian Correll to Mr. Richard Mellon at Christ Church, Sandymount on 17th December, 1976 and Miss Eileen McNulty to Mr. Patrick Conway at Ashford, Co. Wicklow on 26th June, 1976.

We congratulate a number of staff on their new arrivals:

Massey – December 12, 1976 to Ruth (nee Shaw) and David, a son (Edward Robert).

Nicol – March 2, 1977 in Hanover, to Doreen (née Malcolmson) and George, twin sons.

Poynton – December 1976 to Cherry (née Allen) and Denis, a daughter, Judith (by adoption).

Mr. and Mrs. B. O'Connor on the birth of a son, Cian.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Blackmore on the birth of a son, Billy.

The school had visits this year from Mr. C. W. Derek Peare, Mr. George J. Caird, Mr. R. V. Margovan and Mr. Hilary G. M. Payne.

We regret to note the departure of Mrs. F. White, Miss M. Johnson, Miss J. Wells, Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Cathalin, Miss Gormley, Mr. Chambers, Mrs. Poynton, Rev. R. Bantry White, Mrs. Egan, Mrs. Bolton and from the catering staff Mrs. Ward and Mrs. B. McMahon, whose work has been continued by Mrs. Nolan. We also regret the departure of Mr. Ryan and we wish him well in the future as he takes up his new position as Headmaster of Masonic Boys' School. We congratulate him on his appointment.

We welcome Mrs. Geoghegan, Mrs. Pike, Miss Hadden, Miss Carter, Mrs. Thurston, Miss Crowe, Mrs. Hunt, Mr. Godsil, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Kingston, Herr Link and the return of Mrs. Smith to our teaching staff, and we are grateful to Miss Barry who temporarily replaced Mrs. Massey.

We offer our sympathy to Mr. Willoughby on the death of his brother; Mrs. Massey on the death of her father and Mrs. Crowe on the death of a brother. We regret the death of Miss Cairns and Miss Bussell who taught for many years in Diocesan School.

We can now boast a room for the Sixth form "returns", on the C floor; a Sixth form Centre on the balcony and an Upper Sixth Form Common Room, in the new wing of the School.

We thank the Diocesan and High School Past Pupils for presenting the School with a rose bowl to be awarded to a girl in a Senior Class, as the "Jean Scott

Memorial Trophy". We would also like to thank Dr. Smith for a cup given for the Senior Girls' Tennis Tournament.

We congratulate Peter Mack on his piano playing. He obtained 1st first place in the under-16 "Romantic Composers" class, and 2nd place in the Beethoven competition in the Father Matthew Feis. Congratulations are also due to David Keating who was first in the competition for Classical Guitar playing in the Feis Ceoil, and to Clive Ingram who was placed 1st in both Solo Sight Singing and Impromptu Speaking at the Sligo Feis.

We also wish to congratulate Janet Flower who won the Scholarship at Christmas for Grade VII (Royal Associated Board) in the College of Music, Chatham Row.

We would like to thank Dr. Brian Boydell for the help he gave to a member of the Sixth Form Musicianship class. We appreciate the time he gave so willingly.

We congratulate James Gibson on winning the Old Boys' Cup.

Geoffrey Thompson of the Fifth Form deserves congratulations on being selected to play in the National Under-16 Water Polo Championships in Galway, as does David Nolan on being selected for the Irish Gymnastics Team.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ERASMUS SMITH SCHOOLS

The Board at their meeting in January, 1977 received with the greatest regret an intimation from Mr. Malcolm H. G. Ellis, S.C. that he did not wish to continue as Chairman. In spite of the desire of his colleagues that he should continue, Mr. Ellis' considered wishes had to be respected and his resignation was accepted with the greatest regret.

Mr. Ellis who was elected a Governor of the Trust on 16th March, 1950, has been chairman of the Board since 17th June, 1954, and many tributes were paid to his valuable service to the affairs of the Board over the long period of 27 years. His wisdom and professional expertise has at all times been available and it should be borne in mind that during his chairmanship there were many important events such as the closing of Galway Grammar School, the acquisition of the Danum property, the move of High School to new premises at Zion Road, the integration with Diocesan and the Building of additional accommodation to provide for the needs of the new co-educational school. In all these major events Mr. Ellis' guidance of the Board as Chairman contributed in a very great measure to solving the problems that inevitably arose in meeting the changes involved. It is a

matter of pleasure to his fellow members that he is remaining as a member of the Board.

In succession to Mr. Ellis, the Board unanimously elected Mr. William S. Cunningham, M.A., F.C.A. as chairman. Mr. Cunningham was elected a Governor on 2nd November, 1959, since when he was given loyal and valuable service, both in the academic and economic fields, and the Governors are happy in the knowledge that, under his Chairmanship, the affairs of the Trust and of the School are in good hands.

The resignation of Dr. Buchanan as Archbishop of Dublin involves his relinquishing his ex officio seat on the Board. His colleagues have conveyed their deepest thanks to him for his interest and help over the years and wish Mrs. Buchanan and himself every happiness in their retirement.

The Opening of the New Wing at Danum

1976 saw the completion of the New Extension to the School, made necessary by the amalgamation in 1974 of The High School with the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls. The £370,000 extension designed by J. Hubert Brown and Associates, and built by Messrs. G. & T. Crampton, comprising eight classrooms, a laboratory complete with preparation rooms, a reading room for senior pupils, a spacious gymnasium with its auxiliary changing rooms, and an all-weather hockey pitch, was a welcome amenity to replace the temporary accommodation which had served adequately for two years.

The whole school complex was looking its best on Monday, October 4th, 1976, when the new buildings were officially opened by the Minister for Education, Mr. Richard Burke T.D. The ceremony took place in the imposing new gymnasium which, on this occasion, was adapted to seat a large gathering of distinguished guests, which included representatives of religious denominations, educational institutions, and business and civil interests. Also present were representatives of the Board of Governors, the Old Boys' Union, the Diocesan and High School Old Girls' Association, the Parents' Association, Staff past and present, and each class in the school.

In the chair for the occasion was Mr. M. G. H. Ellis, S.C., Chairman of the Board of Governors, and on the platform with him and the Minister were the Headmaster Mr. A. P. R. Brook, M.A., H.Dip. Ed., Mrs. Brook, Miss Muriel Jagoe, B.Sc., H.Dip. Ed., M.I.Biol., former Headmistress of the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls; Mr. G. W. Keegan, M.A., H.Dip. Ed., Assistant Headmaster, and His Grace, the Archbishop of Dublin, The Most Reverend Alan Buchanan D.D., who was to dedicate the new building.

The proceedings commenced with the singing in Irish of the National Anthem. After the chairman had

welcomed the Minister, Mr. Brook addressed the Assembly, tracing the history of the school complex, and its development since the amalgamation.

Mr. Burke, in his speech, welcomed the emphasis now being placed on Physical Education – an aspect of training of the young recognised by the Greeks so long ago, and newly discovered in our era. He referred to the strong sporting tradition of the High School, and its contribution to sport at the highest levels, in addition to its excellent reputation in the academic spheres of Mathematics and Classics. He also welcomed the move towards co-education which had necessitated the extension.

Mr. Ellis then invited the Minister to accompany him from the Platform to unveil the Plaque which commemorated the occasion. After this solemn opening ceremony His Grace the Archbishop dedicated the new Building in a memorable act of worship.

The ceremony over, the guests were escorted to the school Assembly Hall for refreshments, which were dispensed by the school Prefects.



Mr. Richard Burke T.D., Minister for Education, speaking at the opening of the new wing at Danum on 4th October, 1976.

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Mr. A. P. R. Brook, M.A., Headmaster speaking at the opening of the new wing at Danum on 4th October, 1976. Included in photo: Miss M. M. Jagoe B.Sc. (former Headmistress Diocesan Secondary School); Mr. Richard Burke T.D., Minister for Education; Mr. M. Ellis S.C., Chairman Board of Governors of the School; His Grace the Most Rev. A. Buchanan D.D.; Mrs. A. P. R. Brook; Mr. G. W. Keegan M.A., Assistant Headmaster.

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Mr. M. Ellis S.C., Chairman of Board of Governors of the School; His Grace the Most Rev. A. Buchanan D.D. and Mr. Richard Burke T.D., Minister for Education at the unveiling of the commemorative plaque and the dedication of the New Wing at Danum, 4th October, 1976.

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Sixth Year's visit to Stratford - upon - Avon

On Tuesday 1st February the High School expedition to Stratford - upon - Avon, to see "King Lear", set off from Dun Laoire. The party of over 40 was made up of members of the five sixth year English classes, accompanied, instructed and chaperoned by Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Crowe, Mr. Lowry and Mr. Wallace. On our arrival at Holyhead we passed the bracing Welsh night in various boarding houses.

The next morning Wednesday off we went. Wales passed quickly and at 5 o'clock we reached the outskirts of Stratford. We dined at the Cobweb Restaurant and gradually drifted down to the theatre, where the real business of the expedition began. We were all extremely impressed both by the production and by the stage, which was built in the style of a typical Elizabethan theatre. Adjourning for coffee and biscuits in a nearby hotel, we exchanged comments and criticisms and then retired to our luxurious beds.

The next day Thursday was not uneventful. We visited the Shakespeare Centre, where we heard an extremely interesting lecture. Snow started to fall as we emerged from the Centre and by the time we had seen around the Birthplace, which is furnished in the style of the Elizabethan and Jacobean eras, it was coming down thick and fast. We made a quick tour of Stratford and visited Holy Trinity Church, where Shakespeare is buried.

Coventry was our next objective. A sense of adventure enveloped us all as we emerged from the bus into the middle of a blizzard. Battling our way through hail and sleet, we reached the Cathedral and absorbed the many fascinating sights - the huge tapestry above the High Altar, the famous Baptist window and the ruins of the old Cathedral which adjoin the new. Some of us, I regret to say, totally unimpressed by these cultural pursuits, made a made dash to Boots, Tesco's, W. H. Smith etc., where they stocked up on crumpets, eye-shadow, nail polish and David Saul L.P.'s.

Pausing only for a quick snowfight, we started on the long journey to Holyhead. Tired bodies littered the bus as we were held up yet again by traffic and the staff alone maintained their poise. Dining en route at Chirk, we reached Holyhead at 1 a.m. We were held up outside Dun Laoire Harbour for a short time owing to bad weather conditions, but the blitz spirit prevailed and eventually we all stumbled off the boat, weary but undaunted. A good time was had by all and our thanks go to the four teachers who accompanied us and organised the trip.

*Clare M. Doyle
Sixth Year*

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

During the September Term the Music Society met in the Demonstration Theatre on Thursdays after school. These meetings consisted of the playing of stereophonic records on the school player with a brief introduction explaining interesting and relevant information pertaining to the pieces. These introductions were given ably by Miss Nic Aogain. We heard pieces by such diverse composers as Tchaikowsky, Schubert, Haydn, Holst and Bach, Mr. Boydell, kindly, gave us a talk on compositions attributed to royalty and pieces composed for royalty throughout the ages. Surprisingly these gatherings were not well attended and the vertiginous leaders of our society examined the psychological reasoning behind the absence of the commonality. They decided the use of the Demonstration Theatre after school was not quite as inviting as the Staff Room later in the evening. So permission to this end was sought and granted.

The Society comparatively flourished during the following terms with the emphasis on recitals rather than records. In the comfortable environs of the Staff Room the Society were entertained by renderings of De Waille's quartet and the Mozart "Minstrel Boy" quartet most skillfully performed by the Flute Quartet. This recital took place in early February and it was followed a month later by another recital by a Piano Trio which was held in the clock-room, having ideal audile specifications, which this hall has due to its design. The audience were given an insight into the piano, violin and the cello both as a trio and individually. Played on that evening was a Haydn trio; by Beethoven "Romance in F"; "The Swan" by Saint-Saens; "Air on a G-String" by Bach (J.S. I think) and Mendelssohn's "On Wings of Song".

Thanks are due especially to Miss Nic Aogain for her work and effort during the year and they are also due to her for saving the Music Society from that scourge of modern society, apathetic oblivion. The Society are also grateful to Barra Boydell and the members of the Quartet and Trio.

Next term the Music Society have plans for a guitar evening and a concert by the famous Consort of St. Sepulchre. I, the author, particularly recommend the concert no matter where your musical interests may lie. Many parents have shown interest in encouraging the growth of musical appreciation in High School: they are very welcome to attend the coming recitals along with the school pupils. Details of these recitals will be distributed.

IAN ROPER DUNLOP

The Young Ornithologists' Club)

THE past year has been one full of interest and variety for Y.O.C. members. In March we visited the North Bull Island. Although the weather was not the best, it did not spoil the day and everyone was keenly interested in the many species of ducks and waders which we saw.

With the approach of summer Y.O.C. decided to visit Kilcoole. The party walked along the beach and besides the various types of seashore birds, they also studied other seashore life. Also in May we borrowed an R.S.P.B. film which proved most enjoyable and informative.

An outing to Killakee wood provided us with a wonderful opportunity to see woodland birds. Not only were we interested in the bird life, but the plant life as well.

In June we paid our annual visit to Ireland's Eye. We were brought around the island, and although we were unable to land, we had a very pleasant day. We saw many of the birds which inhabit the island including guillemots, razorbills, herring and greater black backed gulls. A walk along the cliffs of Howth Head completed this outing.

Our next meeting was an indoor one and everyone was very interested in the two films which were shown, "Winged Aristocrats" and "Flying Birds".

October brought a visit to Malahide estuary where we saw many types of ducks and waders.

Finally, on behalf of Y.O.C., a special word of thanks to Miss Williams and Mrs. Massey, who have put such a lot of time and effort into the organisation of our outing throughout the year and to Mr. Gardner who has on numerous occasions shown films.

Joyce Edge

A VISIT TO CASTLETOWN

The visit to Castletown on a murky autumn day was the highlight of a Sixth Upper Project on The Country House. This project took the form of an exploration, on several levels of a topic of general interest which related to, but extended beyond the normal curriculum of the secondary school. All the teachers entrusted with the preparation for the General Paper for the Entrance Scholarship worked together and each contributed to the project from within the sphere of interest that each explores with the class. Mr. Wallace dealt with the historical and political implications of the Country Houses and their inhabitants. Mrs. Crowe talked about the literary aspects; how the Country House and its environment had inspired poetry like *that of Yeats, or has been the setting of novels, like those of Jane Austen or Anthony Trollope. Mrs. Poynton spoke about the architectural features, the in-

terior decorations and furnishings as well as the works of art. Mr. Boydell discussed and played the types of music performed and enjoyed in the Country House.

All these angles were co-ordinated and illustrated by a visit to Castletown House. Built in 1721 at great expense for Sir William Connolly it was the first great Irish Country House. Tall beech trees mark the drive and end suddenly as it sweeps into the open area in front of the house. The facade is very impressive, but one is struck with a sense of sadness when one compares the shell of a house and the deserted gardens with what they would have been like in the eighteenth century when many people filled its corridors and walls.

The main hall with its chequered floor and marble staircase is not very big but it is very grandiose, and even two centuries after its construction, the hall seems coldly elegant. A notable feature of the corridors is that, unlike the Italian Palladian manner, they are planned to run along the house rather cross it. The biggest room is the Salon or Long Gallery, with its famous intricate if rather garish chandeliers. Concerts are still held there.

Some of the smaller rooms are filled with period furniture. Some parts of the house are hung with original Italian silk, and of course there is also the famous 'Print Room'. The old account books, and collection of paintings and caricatures are worth mention.

We also visited the Folly, build a couple of miles from the house to be a feature in the view. Seen close to, it proved to be no more than a shell of stone supporting an Egyptian Needle. This completed our tour. We were then entertained to a meal at the home of Mrs. Poynton. Our thanks to her for this and to all four members of staff involved, for transport.

C.R.S.

Fifth Years' Trip to the Burren, 1976

The last three days of April, 1976 will long be remembered by all those fifth formers who went on the combined Biology, Geology and Geography expedition to the Burren in Co. Clare. The trip started with everyone in high spirits, when at 9.30 on 28th April the bus set off after provisions and equipment had been safely packed away in the boot.

On route to Clare we made numerous stops to examine geological and geographical structures as well as the functions of towns and how they had been planned and built. During this time we were bombarded with information and we were requested to fill in questionnaires but this fact was overlooked by some who decided simply to enjoy the trip. However once we entered the Burren the mood of the party changed and most of us started to do some work.

In the evening a starving and stiff crowd of fifth formers arrived at Doorus Youth Hostel where a chicken stew which was prepared by various members of the party was gratefully devoured.

The next day the outing followed the yearly routine of a visit to the Killeaney rising, Slieve Elva, Paul Elva, a limestone pavement, raised beach and the Cliffs of Moher, where the staff went to endless trouble to explain how each feature had been formed. However each year it becomes more difficult to visit all the same spots. The Killeaney rising has been covered by a pumping station which supplies local inhabitants with much needed water. Also the collecting of fluor-spar (a purple mineral) becomes more difficult every year as stocks are rapidly disappearing.

Other occurrences which pupils soon learnt to live with, were the sudden stops by the bus while a certain member of staff would dive out through the door, hammer in hand, and start demolishing various rocks along the roadside.

Our last day was mostly spent at a turlough where Biology students had to carry out a survey on plant and animal life in and around this fluctuating lake.

The last stop on our return home was made at Yeats Tower where we had a guided tour and were given tea.

I thank on behalf of the present sixth form the Headmaster, Miss Williams, Mrs. Cantan, Mrs. Massey, Miss Stevenson, Mr. Broad and Mr. Toomey who made the trip possible, enjoyable and memorable.

*Peter Foss
Sixth Year*

An Ecumenical Carol Service

An ecumenical Carol Service was held in St. Joseph's Church, Terenure, on Thursday, 16th December. The following High School pupils read the Lessons: Leslie Warren, Jean Nolan, Mandy Vincent, Clare Doyle, Wendy Clarke, Patricia Fullerton and Malcolm Hunt. All readers read well, thanks to help received from Miss M. Williams in School beforehand. A High School Group including Caroline de Lacey, Alison O'Halloran and Yvonne Williams joined the Terenure Folk Group in singing Carols. Their music was excellent.

During the Service, there was a handshake of peace, in which readers, singers and the congregation shook hands with their neighbours. Prayers for peace were led by Wesley O'Brien, Alison Gardner, David Nolan, June Williams, Peter Vincent and members of the Terenure Folk Group. The Service was well supported, and no fewer than nineteen teachers attended. After the service we were entertained to tea and biscuits in the Parish Hall. Finally, we would like to

thank Miss Barcroft, Miss M. Williams, Fr. Downes and Fr. Tonge for all their help in the organising of this Carol Service. Without their help, this Carol Service could never have taken place. We would also like to thank everyone who attended that night.

*Wendy Clarke, 4B2
Mandy Vincent, 4B2*

Harvest of Hope

In September, one of our teachers, Miss Barcroft, asked some of our Class if we would like to collect rosehips for Concern in their "Harvest of Hope" campaign.

The following collected: I. Page, N. Peard, A. Huissoon, R. White, I. Frost, L. O'Halloran, P. Thompson, M. Bailey and T. Mooney and C. Sergeant from first year. After all our collecting, we realised a total of 35 lbs. of rose hips and the sum of £20.00 in sponsorship money. We would like to thank the staff who sponsored us.

Mark Bailey, 2A2.

THE CAREERS LIBRARY

This year the Careers Library is situated in Room C12, and at Break Times it is supervised by Fifth Form Librarians. The additional space means that more pupils can come and browse through careers material during Lunch Breaks. The Library is used most often by Fifth Formers who combine to varying degrees eating, talking and reading. During the rest of the day the room is open for private study to members of the Sixth Form who have returned to try for more honours in Leaving Certificate exam.

CAREERS LIBRARIANS 1976/77

Alan Hunt, Yvonne Dawkins, Yvonne Williams, Ian McMullen, Michael Baker.

CAREERS TALKS

The High School is most grateful to the following who gave up their time to talk to members of 5th Form.

Secretarial Courses: Mrs. Penny, Secretarial Department, Alexandra College.

From School to University: Dr. Derek A. Scholefield, Appointments Office, U.C.D.

Apprenticeships: Miss Annette Bowen, Information Section AnCO.

Technical Colleges: Mr. Frank Brennan, Registrar Dublin V.E.C.

Nursing: Miss Hilary Marchant, Principal Tutor, Adelaide Hospital.

Art School: Kim Factor.

Engineering: Dr. John Reid, Crampton Ltd.

Veterinary: Dr. Hatch, Veterinary College.

Hotel Management: Mr. Michael Marley, C.E.R.T.

Medicine: Mr. Desmond Mackey, St. Vincent's Hospital.

Banking: Mr. W. Brangan, Manager A.I.B. Ltd.

Solicitor: Mr. Alan Graham, Montgomery & Chaytor.

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

T.C.D. Admissions: Mr. J. P. Kirwin, T.C.D.

Architecture: Mr. W. K. Hunt, M.R.I.A.L.

Natural Sciences: Dr. Chris Stillman, Department of Geology, T.C.D.

Modern Languages: Dr. Richard Cox, Department of French, T.C.D.

Company Structure: Mr. J. W. P. Hoblyn, Sales Director Irish Biscuits Ltd.

Accounting: Mr. David Fleetwood, Tansley Witt & Co.

Travel Agent: Mr. Gerald Benson, Easy Travel.

Defence Forces: Capt. Feeley, Irish Army.

National Teacher: Mrs. T. Mack, Rathfarnham National School.

Air Hostess: Miss Kay Hendrick, Aer Lingus.

Pilot: Capt. S. Lyttle, Aer Lingus.

Church: Rev. R. C. Armstrong, Rector of Dun Laoghaire.

Auctioneering: Mr. B. J. Pasley, Osborne, King and Megran.

Speech Therapy: Mrs. Joan Beck, Dublin College of Speech Therapy.

Computers: Mr. Richard Stevens, I.C.L.

Occupational Therapy: Miss Deirdre Fincher, Student.

Business Studies: Dr. Frank Drechsler, T.C.D.

Acting: Mr. Derak Chapman, Abbey Theatre Co.

Horticulture: Mr. John Seager, Kinsealy Research Centre.

Advertising: Mr. Brendan O'Broin, C.D.P. Ltd.

Biologist: Dr. F. A. Gibson, Department of Fisheries.
Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs: Dr. Stuart Ruttle
P.O. Engineering Branch.

Book Trade: Mr. J. Davey, Hodges Figgis & Co. Ltd.
Commercial Traveller: Mr. George A. Mooney.

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

Electrician: Mr. Leslie T. Mantle.

College of Catering: Mr. Pat Henry, Dublin College of Catering.

Insurance: Mr. Robert Blythman, Robert Blythman & Associates Ltd.

Medical Lab. Technician: Miss Nuala Horner, Meath Hospital.

Secretarial Careers: Mrs. Sheila Brady.

Journalism: Miss Mary Glennon, Independent Newspapers Ltd.

Surveying: Mr. Gordon Richards, Patterson Kempster & Shortall.

Psychology: Mr. Diarmuid O'Brioin, Child Guidance Ltd.

Retail Selling: Mr. Michael Neilan, Arnotts & Co. Ltd.

Between Easter and summer we hope to have talks on the following subjects. We thank those who contribute.

R.T.E.; Garda Síochána; Mechanical Engineering; Animal Nursing; Social Worker; Jeweller; Electrical Engineer; Civil Service; Oil Industry; Childrens Nursing; Corporation; Interviews.

MOCK INTERVIEWS

As in previous years Sixth Formers had the opportunity of experiencing an interview situation before they left school or sought employment. Thirty-seven members of the Sixth Form came on the evening of 17th November to be interviewed individually by people working in the Personnel area of business and industry.

We thank the following interviewers for the time and advice they freely gave: Miss Hilary Andrews; Mr. Chris Carty; Mrs. Rita Conroy; Mr. Joe Crowley; Mr. Brian Herman; Mr. Jim McCaughey; Miss Hilary Marchant; Mr. Michael Neilan.

SPORTS REVIEW

RUGBY REPORT

S.C.T.

This year's S.C.T. had a fine season all round. The forwards were small compared with other packs but this was not a drawback. They showed great mobility around the pitch and held their own in the scrums and line outs. One of the forwards more notable features

was the ability to win a lot of loose ball in rucks and mauls. Very prominent were the back row of Blair, Motyer and Pendleton. The backs on the other hand were solid in defence but lacked flair and try scoring ability in attack, when they met some of the stronger schools. The half back partnership of Boyle and Bloom played impressively throughout the season.

Some of their more notable victories during the season were against De La Salle 10-6, St. Mary's 9-6 and Campbell College 19-14. A special word must go to Wayne Sheridan who as captain led the team so successfully throughout the season. The team also had a successful tour in England and Wales where they won both their matches impressively. In the first they beat John Bright School 16-0.

In the first round of the cup High School met St. Andrew's at Lakeland's Park. This match was played in very muddy conditions. In the first half both teams were evenly matched although St. Andrew's had the wind in their backs. The first half ended with the score at 0-0. In the 2nd half High School took command and took no time in scoring with a try by Sheridan under the posts. Bloom converted. Now High School were all over their opponents and three further tries followed, two by Bloom and Lovell-Butt got the other. St. Andrew's made no reply and High School ran out winners 18-0.

In the next round High School met Belvedere at Donnybrook. The first tie was called off halfway through the game with the score at 3-3. In the replay High School got off to a good start with Bloom kicking a penalty. This was followed by some violent attacking by Belvedere but High School defended well and the score at half time was 3-0 to High School.

The second half started and the Belvedere pressure still continued. They missed numerous penalty kicks and with some solid defending, High School held out to win 3-0.

Next came the quarter final against the favourites and eventual winners of the cup Blackrock. This match was played in good conditions at Donnybrook. Again High School got off to a good start with Bloom kicking a good penalty. This was followed by some fierce attacking by the Blackrock side who tested the High School defence to its utmost. But High School managed with some good tackling to go in at half time leading 3-0.

After the interval Blackrock continued their attacks and eventually levelled the scores with a fine penalty. Although High School defended well they never looked like scoring; but the defence eventually had to give in under heavy pressure and Blackrock scored a fine try from the back of a line out. The score was now 7-3 in favour of Blackrock and stayed that way until the end of the match. This ended a good cup run in a section where High School had a very hard draw.

S.C.T. 2nd XV

The 2nd XV had a fair season. The team was small and in some matches were beaten by sheer brute force and not skill. The forwards combined well together as a pack and had a very capable hooker in R.

Sheridan. The backs were very determined but bad tackling was a feature on some occasions.

Some of their better results were victories over Belvedere 18-9 and 20-16 against C.B.C. 28-14 and over St. Columba's 26-0.

In the league High School were drawn in the same section as Blackrock, St. Paul's and St. Gerard's 1st. They lost their first match against St. Gerard's but managed to beat St. Paul's. In their third match they met a very strong Blackrock side and were defeated heavily.

S.C.T. 3rd & 4th XV's

The 3rd XV played well during the season and a lot of their defeats were very close. They had a fine victory over C.B.C. winning by 32 pts to 6. In their league they had a fine victory over Blackrock 12-4 but lost their remaining two matches 0-29 against Clongowes and 9-18 against Newbridge. The 4th XV played well, winning three of their five matches 16-7 against Blackrock 14-6 against Wesley and 12-0 against Clongowes.

J.C.T.

This year's Junior Cup Team played poorly throughout the season but put up a good performance in their cup match. The forwards did not combine well together as a pack and failed to gain much possession for their backs. G. Hunt at number eight was invaluable in line outs and S. Watson as forward leader showed well in the loose play. The backs who had two strong centres in Harrison and Day were solid in defence and were prepared to run at and test other teams. During the season some of their more notable wins were over St. Columba's 60-0 and over Castleknock 7-6. On tour in Cork the team won both their matches.

In the cup the team met C.B.C. at Bird Avenue. In the first half High School failed to make use of the wind and it ended with the score at 0-0. In the second half High School got off to a good start when Day kicked a penalty from 20 yards. It didn't take long for C.B.C. to reply with a try, the score was 4-3 and stayed that way until the end of the match. This was a good performance by the High School side who were playing against much larger opposition.

Under 14

The teams performance this year was greatly

affected by the absence of Day and Harrison who were playing for the J.C.T. The team also lost two other players through injury. In the forwards Tracey and Darling proved very capable. In the backs Burleigh showed plenty of ability at out-half and as captain set an excellent example. The team is promising to be a good cup team next year. They had some fine victories over St. Mary's 25-4, over St. Columba's 40-0 and 30-0 and over Belvedere 15-4. The return of Day towards the end of the season made a difference in the performance of the team.

Under 13

The Under 13's were very disappointing this year. They did not play as a team and their forwards didn't combine well as a pack. Although they lost all of their matches except one, a lot of these defeats were marginal. The backs were prepared to attack but there was little or no tackling. The only good result they had was against Ballyclare with whom they drew 8-8.

Under 12

The Under 12's, although in most matches conceding height and weight, had a reasonably satisfactory season and the results after Christmas were most encouraging. The team, having previously been beaten by a strong Belvedere side, showed their improvement by winning their second encounter with the same Belvedere team. The team finished the season well by defeating Marian most convincingly. Vincent and Kilroy the half backs struck up a fine partnership but

the team as a whole improved steadily throughout the course of the season.

Brian Motyer (Hon. Recorder)

Junior School Rugby

The 1976/77 rugby season was the least successful yet – all matches played, to date, have been lost, some by big margins. This is due to the fact that, in order to get matches, we have to play the bigger schools – both in numbers and size. We have been beaten by Willow Park, Belvedere, Terenure, St. Mary's, Gonzaga, C.B.C. and Marian. The standard in these games has been most impressive yet another indication of the improvement in school's rugby.

However, in spite of our defeats there is an abundance of rugby talent in the Junior School. The 85 boys involved have turned out regularly on Tuesdays and have played with great spirit. This would not be possible without the help and co-operation of parents.

J. W. Willoughby.

Rugby Scores 1976-77

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A
S.C.T.	24	14	7	3	241	188
S.C.T. 2nd XV	19	7	10	2	168	302
S.C.T. 3rd. XV	12	3	8	1	114	234
S.C.T. 4th XV	5	3	2	0	74	57
J.C.T.	25	7	17	1	244	379
J.C.T. 2nd XV	11	3	8	0	66	278
Under 14	20	8	11	1	221	213
Under 13	16	0	15	1	-	-
Under 12	11	4	6	1	-	-



RUGBY – SENIOR CUP TEAM 1976-77

Back row: I. Bloom, R. Austen, P. Farrar, C. Motyer, A. Blair, P. Lovell-Butt, E. Whitehead, Mr. L. McClure.

Middle row: Mr. D. Cole, R. O'Donoghue, P. McElearney, E. Boyle, W. Shiridan (capt.), G. Morton, P. Burry, R. Godsil, Mr. A. P. R. Brook.

Front row: D. Pendleton, R. Jacobson.



RUGBY - JUNIOR CUP TEAM 1976-'77

Back row: N. Sweeney, K. Poole, R. Cole, G. Pillow, G. Hunt, D. Kenny, P. Jackson, D. Garret, M. Morrison.

Middle row: Mr. Fennell, N. Harrison, S. Watson, S. Smith, R. Love (capt.), G. Day, A. Mullen, N. Jacobs, Mr. Cole.

Front row: A. Browning, S. Fraser.



UNDER-14 RUGBY XV 1976-'77

Back row: D. Borton, R. Temperley, P. Rennicks, D. Wilson, H. Tracey, H. Tracey, T. Mirrelson, A. Burges.

Middle row: Mr. J. Ryan, J. Worral, P. Harrison, C. Burleigh, T. Darling, K. Jones, R. McCormack, E. Kevelighan, Mr. D. Cole.

Front row: M. Hatch, K. Davies.

The Senior Rugby Tour

No team had won both their matches on tour, until the High School team coached by Mr. McClure and Mr. Cole, arrived in Holyhead on the B+I boat.

Some excellent orienteering by Mr. Cole found our B. & B. house, a very nice place near the B.B.C. Pebble Mill studios. Next morning we walked down to King Edward School, a huge impressive Victorian building with a modern sports pavilion, gym and magnificent

grounds. A brief workout in the morning prepared everyone for the match.

Despite the Christmas dinner, the match turned out to be very quick, and spectacular. It wasn't long, however, till the points started to come, and by the end of the game it was 25 nil for High School. The scorers were: Andrew Blair, two conversions, three penalties; Ian Bloom, two tries; Richard O'Donoghue, 1 try. Our forwards won seventy percent of the ball, enabling our backs to show their running ability. The effort put in by our front and second rows sent their forwards back yards at a time and the support by our back row gained a lot of possession and spoilt whatever possession the opposition got. The backs overlapping and switching just had to produce tries. The team had something to celebrate that night.

Next morning we arrived in Llandudno by train to play against the John Bright School. We were really up against the elements in this match. It was very wet and muddy and it rained through part of the match, with a strong, cold wind blowing. Their team had the advantage of two hundred supporters breathing down their necks. High School overcame these factors and beat the wily Welsh by sixteen points to nil. The scorers were Ian Bloom, 1 try; Gary Morton, 1 try; Andy Blair, 1 conversion and two penalties. Richard O'Donoghue, Gary Morton and Ian Bloom made penetrating runs, while some excellent tackles were made by all our backs.

In Birmingham after the match, we exchanged many rugby songs and enjoyed ourselves tremendously. In Llandudno we joined in their end of term dance, which was really good. In Wales, the parents hosted the team for the night. The organisation and coaching by Mr. Cole and Mr. McClure played a large part in the success of the tour. Over all the two hundred miles, not a bus or train was missed or anybody lost. Everybody arrived home in great spirits, having enjoyed the tour tremendously.

Boxing Championships

The Annual Championships were held in the school on Thursday, 5th May, 1977. We were very sorry that illness prevented Mr. Tony Myles from coming to act as referee.

We thank Garda Dick Conroy for coming at very short notice and so expertly controlling the bouts. The help of Old Boys, Staff and pupils in running the Championships every year is much appreciated, and a special word of thanks is due to Mr. Peters and the boys of Form 3B2 for the speedy erection and dismantling of the ring.

RESULTS:

1. — 5st.0lbs: P. Motyer beat A. Pierce.
2. — 6st. 0lbs: G. Willis beat A. Marshall.
3. — 7st.0lbs: P. Dagg beat J. Casey.
4. — 7st.7lbs: K. Aherne beat D. Jackson.
5. — 9st.7lbs: R. Love beat A. Aherne.

6. — 11st.0lbs: E. Boyle walk-over. Opponent not allowed box by medical adviser.

7. — 11st.7lbs: C. Motyer (capt.) beat D. Packham).

8. — 12st.0lbs: I. Bloom beat P. Lovell-Butt (vice-captain).

The Stafford Shield for the "Best Scrapper of the Year" went to C. Ormiston.

ATHLETICS (Girls and Boys)

1976 was quite a successful season for the athletics team with plenty of enjoyable competition, largely due to a number of inter-schools matches with neighbouring schools.

The school's cross-country championships were held in late March, with Andrew McCracken, Graham Day and David Taylor proving worthy winners of the Junior school, junior and senior titles respectively.

The school sports were held on the 29th May in pleasant conditions.

The cup winners were as follows:

Senior Championship War Memorial

Cup John Lawson
 Senior Championship Taylor Cup Margaret Worrall
 Taylor Cup senior 100m. John Lawson
 Moore Cup Senior 200m John Lawson
 Belgrave Cup senior 100m. Avril Sloane
 Southam Cup senior 800m. Michael Henderson
 Cornick Cup senior 400m. Michael Henderson
 Walker Cup senior 1500m. Trevor Turner
 Sloan Cup senior long jump Paul Farrar
 Travers Cup senior high jump Richard Godsil
 Junior Championship Cunningham Cup Paul Lovell-Butt

Intermediate Championship Staff Cup Avril Sloane
 Second year girl with most points—

Diocesan Cup Tracey Hughes

First year girl with most points—

Mathers Cup Susan Downs

Magill Cup junior 100m. Michael Balbirnie

Whyte Cup (Field Events) Paul Lovell-Butt and John Lawson

Frazer Cup junior relay Harcourt House

Evans Cup senior relay Harcourt House

The J.M. Scott Cup (snr. Hockey player). Sandra Fraser

The J.M. Scott Cup (jnr. Hockey player) Janet E. Smith

In the Leinster zone championships Margaret Worrall, Avril Sloane, David Taylor, Trevor Turner, Paul Farrar and Michael Balbirnie all put up fine performances in qualifying for the Leinster finals.

The season ended on a fine note for the school team when they finished a close third in the Hall — Cooper competition for co-educational schools. Many of the performances suggested that if more people made an effort to start training earlier in the season the team could look forward to even greater success this summer.

CRICKET, 1976

The highlight of last season's cricket undoubtedly was the success of the J.C.T. in winning the Junior Cup. However, the other teams maintained High School's high standard in the Senior and Under fourteen leagues.

S.C.T. 1st

The first match of the season was against Wesley College and High School were disappointingly defeated by 11 runs. But gaining their feet a week later they beat a useful Leprechaun side by four wickets with J. Gibson, N. Henderson and A. Blair taking three wickets each, and B. Jacobson hitting 22 runs. Later High School suffered a bad defeat of 10 wickets by a good St. Columba's side.

In the first league match against St. Paul's, High School won by eight wickets with N. Henderson taking six wickets. In the second league match High School were beaten by a good St. Mary's side. In the third league match High School were again defeated by 74 runs by Masonic despite some good bowling by A. Blair and N. Henderson.

In the annual match against the Old Boys, the Old Boys got the upper hand and the 1st XI were beaten.

S.C.T. 2nd

Unfortunately, this side had only a few matches and never had much opportunity to show their skills as a team. However, many members played for the seniors and proved themselves valuable players.

J.C.T.

High School had an unsteady start to the season. They beat a competent King's Hospital team by nine wickets and beat St. Andrews by the same margin. However, St. Mary's and Sandford Park beat them by small margins.

Like all good High School teams, their true glory came in the league. In their first league match they dealt with a reasonable Wesley side dismissing them for 56 runs and then reaching 60 runs for the loss of one wicket.

In the semi-final against St. Mary's, a more formidable opponent, High School won by eight wickets.

In the final High School really got into their stride. They took up the willow first and after a slow start they began to get their eye in. A. Blair and N. Henderson were the two most prolific scorers by notching up 84 runs between them. Notable batting performances were also produced by Cottell, Glass and Mills all being supported by a strong lower order. They were finally dismissed for a fine 160 runs.

Belvedere went into bat and fell quickly to the strong bowling of A. Blair, N. Henderson and B. Glass, and some excellent fielding removed the whole Belvedere side for a total of 59 runs leaving High School the winners by 121 runs.

Congratulations to A. Blair and his team for putting up such a fine performance throughout the season.

UNDER 14

The under 14 had a useful team this year, losing only two of their eight matches.

In the League they won three of their four section matches which resulted in a play-off for their section against a previously beaten Kings' Hospital side and unfortunately, perhaps due to the fact that they had beaten them before, High School were beaten by two wickets. The team showed a lot of promise with some good wins outside the league. It will be interesting to see how they will fare next year in the J.C.T. league.

UNDER 13

The under 13 XI had a good start to the season, beating Belvedere by 20 runs.

High School batted first and managed to reach a total of 38 runs for 10 wickets. Belvedere then batted and due to some excellent bowling by E. Kevelighan, took five wickets for only three runs. Belvedere could only scrape up 18 runs for 10 wickets.

High School also had very good wins over St. Andrews by 40 runs, Belvedere by three wickets, Wesley by 20 runs and Sandford by two wickets.

This team shows great promise, with plenty of ability and should do well in league and Cup competitions.

UNDER 12

This team played four matches this season, winning three of them and drawing the fourth. Throughout the season they were enthusiastic and turned out well at practice.

UNDER 11

I must apologise to the Under 11 groups for the lack of fixtures. Unfortunately, they are particularly hard to obtain at this level. A special word of thanks for Mr. S. Davies for the help he gave to Mr. Willoughby in coaching the Junior School group on Tuesdays.

The "Davies League" for Under 13 continues to be a very popular event and is proving to be a great encouragement for boys to play cricket at this level. Five teams took part this year with a total of 62 boys. John Allen's XIII were the winners after some exciting games. Again our thanks are due to Mr. S. Davies for

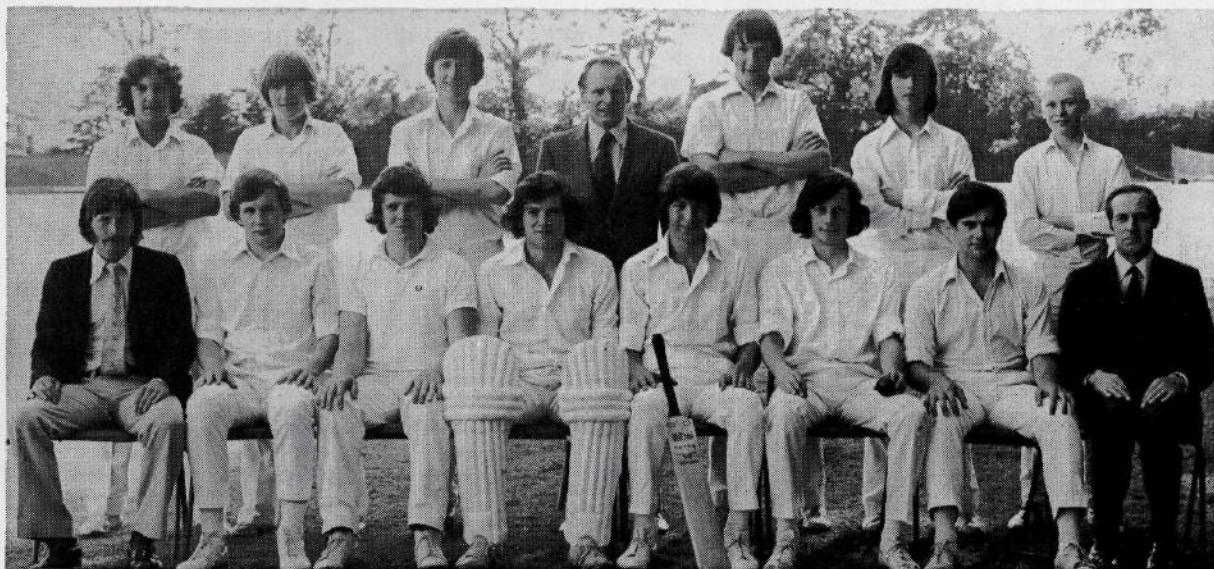
STATISTICS

	played	Won	Lost	Drawn
S.C.T. 1st	8	3	5	0
S.C.T. 2nd	5	3	2	0
J.C.T.	8	5	3	0
Under 14	8	4	2	2
Under 13	7	5	2	0
Under 12	4	3	0	1
Under 11	0	0	0	0

the prizes for this competition.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the groundsmen, Mr. J. Dawson and Mr. J. Malone for

their many hours of hard work on erecting the cricket nets and for keeping the cricket creases in such excellent order.



CRICKET – SENIOR CUP TEAM 1976

Back row: I. Bloom, R. Cooke, P. Farrar, Mr. R. H. Fennell, A. Blair, M. Henderson, B. Motyer.

Front row: G. Blair, W. Sheridan, D. Poynter, J. Gibson (capt.), C. King, W. Fullerton, Mr. A. P. R. Brook.



CRICKET – JUNIOR CUP TEAM 1976

Inset: G. Cottell. Back row: K. Davies, I. Buchalter, B. Glass, Mr. R. H. Fennell, D. Kenny, G. Colclough, R. Frith.

Front row: Mr. W. J. Lowry, J. Mills, B. Motyer, A. Blair (capt.), M. Henderson, N. Poff, D. Temperley, Mr. A. P. R. Brook.



UNDER-14 CRICKET XI 1976

Inset: G. Cottell. Back row: G. Burleigh, S. Smith, R. Love, S. de Courcey, D. Kenny, G. Maltby.

Front row: Mr. R. H. Fennell, P. Vincent, K. Davies, D. Brooker (capt.), S. Fraser, D. Houston, Mr. A. P. R. Brook.

Swimming Report

Terenure Swimming Pool was again our venue for swimming. This year, because of the increase in numbers it became necessary to divide the classes into three half-hour sessions. This proved to be most successful as it gave beginners and the stronger swimmers a good opportunity to improve in standard.

The Annual Swimming Gala was held on Tuesday, 23rd November from 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. This has become a very popular occasion. The competitors were greatly encouraged by the large attendance of supporters.

Cups were won by the following:-

Anna Pyle – Most improved swimmer.

Graham Day – Liffey Cup.

Graham Day – Dodder Cup.

At the time of going to press plans are being drawn up for our first Swimming Competition against Wesley College.

In conclusion we thank Mrs. Mellon, Mr. Kirby and Mr. McMullen for their work during the year, both in instruction and in connection with the Gala.

Jean Nolan (Girls Captain)
Vitya Malirsh (Boys Captain)

Boys' Table Tennis Report 1976/77

Hon. Secretary: Barry Dalby

Hon. Treasurer: Peter Wheeler.

Committee: C. Cottell, R. Cooke, M. Halliwell, M. Deevy and G. Cottell.

We got off to a good start, when just after the season began, we moved to the Assembly Hall. Its larger area enabled us to put up four tables and to greatly improve our defensive play. I thank the Headmaster for permitting us to use the Assembly Hall and for all the help he has given to the Club.

Table Tennis is a very competitive game and we entered two teams, Senior and Junior, in the Leinster Schools' League.

The Senior team, which was placed in the 3rd division, had an easy time, not conceding a single game in any of the four matches. We won the division and next year hope to be successful in the 2nd division.

The Junior team was also placed in its 3rd division and while they enjoyed a match against Moyle Park, they lost narrowly. While they did not do so well and lost all 3 matches, they are better for the experience.

The tournaments, Senior and Junior, were organised with 45 and 16 entries, respectively. In the Senior, Derek Cormack beat Chuah Seung Peng 21-11, 20-22, 26-24 in a very exciting final.

A feature of the scene since Christmas has been the large number of younger pupils coming to play and the club membership has risen to 40.

B. Dalby,
5th Form.

Girls' Table Tennis Report 1976-77

This year we entered a senior team in the Girls' Division II of the Leinster Schools' Table Tennis Association. Owing to lack of time we were unable to play all our matches, yet, we came third in our division.

We have 37 members in the Club, mostly from the lower forms.

It has been decided to amalgamate the Boys' and Girls' Table Tennis Club next season. We hope that by having a joint club the organisation will be easier. We look forward to having many new members from the Senior School.

Janet Dalby (5th Year)
Secretary.

Girls' Badminton 1976 – 1977

Secretary: Janet Gill

Captain: Avril Sloane

There were four girls' teams in the School league this year:

- 2 Under 14 teams
- 1 Under 16 team
- 1 Senior team.

One of the teams, the first Under 14, won their section of the League and got through to the finals after beating –

- (a) Holy Faith, Clontarf.
- (b) Kilcullen

in the play-offs.

In the Leinster School Finals they met the teams from St. Joseph's of Cluny and beat them clearly, thus achieving a very fine victory. The Under 14 team consisted of: Carolyn Burges, Dorothy Smith, Merial Borton, Gwenneth Smith.

Boys' Badminton

With the use of two new courts in the Gymnasium at Danum, interest in playing Badminton increased rapidly throughout the School.

Four teams were entered in the Leinster Schools League, one in Under-14, two in Under-16, and one in

Under-19 levels. The results were mixed but generally the teams gave a good account of themselves.

We thank Mr. Borton who coached the teams on Saturday mornings during the Season. We also thank Mr. Wallace for his help and encouragement throughout the year.

Orienteering

In spite of dwindling numbers at the Leinster School events, the High School Orienteering Club has had quite a successful year. The Club attended all ten of the L.S.O.A. events mainly held in Wicklow.

One of our members Roxanne White, represented Leinster in an international competition organised by the London Orienteers in Surrey. She came third in her class. She also entered the very popular international J. K. Festival at Easter where she came thirteenth in her class.

In the schools events Ruth Williams has been obtaining very good times and narrowing the gap between herself and Roxanne. Other pupils who participated at a number of events include Sandra McCune, John Colton, Dorothy Wright and Judith Williams.

The Leinster Championships

In the Leinster Schools' Championships High School did very well, in the U-12 Roxanne, Ruth and Judith received the gold, silver and bronze medals respectively, thus winning the team plaque for this class. Mark Lyttle received a silver medal which was a remarkable achievement as it was his first inter-schools event.

One of the highlights of the year was a "Come and Try it" event held in Cruagh Wood. This was organised and run by High School pupils and staff for complete beginners in the school. The Twenty five beginners all seemed to enjoy this event and it is planned to hold about two of these events per year in the future. This would greatly add to the numbers in the school interested in Orienteering but this in turn would present a serious problem concerning transport to events. A House Orienteering Championship was also held in Cruagh Wood. This, which attracted thirty seven entrants, was won by Abbey with Harcourt coming second place.

Finally thanks go to members of staff who have helped to organise events and the few parents who helped with transport, special thanks go to Mr. Hickmott and Mrs. White who have done so much to ensure the smooth running of the club.

Wesley O'Brien
5th Year

The High School Canoe Club

This year was the first year when we had members paddling through the whole year and not just during the summer term, despite the cold! The decision to have canoeing as an alternative to rugby was very much appreciated by those who wished to devote more time to the sport.

The Club has fourteen canoes and the necessary equipment needed for every canoe. Thanks to the continuing support, of the Parents' Association and the Old Boys' Union we have been able to keep our equipment fully up-to-date.

River trips took place on the Liffey and the Avonmore in Wicklow. Training for the Inter Schools' Race has been more concentrated than ever before with some training taking place on the canal. We hope to have more support and better results in this race this year. The House Competitions were held on the Dodder and were run very successfully with Belgrave clinching first place after an exciting finish. Second place went to Harcourt, 3rd place to Galway and 4th to Abbey. Apart from canoeing in school, some members paddle in other clubs. Shane White and Peter Siggins have been competing regularly in Division I slaloms whilst Vitya Malerish has been training in spring paddling on Leixlip lake with Salmon Leap Canoe Club. Keith McMullan competed in a school's slalom on the canal which was organised by Ballinteer Community School. We wish these paddlers and the members of the Club every success in the future.

The Club is very grateful to Mr. Broad for his services and also to Mr. Hickmott for his advice and help. Our sincere thanks also to all those who have helped promote canoeing in the school.

Peter Siggins
5th Year.

Mountaineering – Hillwalking

Officers: Captains – Barbara Lee (Hillwalking)
John Colton (Rock Climbing)
Peter Mack (Hon. Secretary).

The Mountaineering Club has had an active and successful programme and there are further ideas and plans for the rest of the year. We have "scaled" most of the local peaks or summits in Dublin and Wicklow. Transport difficulties have limited our range to areas served by C.I.E. "City" buses such as Ballyknockan but we are glad to accept invitations from Scoil Iosagáin to share a special bus to the Glen of Imaal and again to Glenmalur.

We climbed Moanbane in October — in shrouding mist — and sacrificed the ascent of Mullaghcleevaun to make sure to be off the mountain before dark. In November we went by special bus to Camara Hill for an easy approach to Lugnaquilla. The tops were covered in wet, wind-driven mist and needed compass navigation, so we promised ourselves another trip when we might see the views of the Wicklow mountains. January has short daylight so we had a short winter-walk over Verschoyle Hill, Knockree and Ballymorefinn Hill. In March we tried Lugnaquilla again, by special bus to Glenmalur for the Baravore Corrie route and had a good day with hardly any wind and fair visibility.

We had two hostelling weekends: Glencree in November and Knockree in February. These enabled us to reach Kippure and the Tonduffs, and also Maulin, War Hill and Djouce as well as the summits along the County Boundary on our walk home. These outings are educational as well as adventurous. We learn Geography and Geology in 3-D, if not 4-D, with Miss Stevenson, Poetry and Shakespeare with Mr. Blackmore, and Natural History with Mr. Gardner. We have seen many wild animals and birds in their natural surroundings, red deer — no longer a novelty — grouse, ravens, foxes, hares, squirrels and even frogs, not to mention lion (in granite at Ballyknockan).

HILLWALKING

One of the most enjoyable 'walks' was to Kippure via Eagle Crag during the Glencree weekend. The weather was exceptionally good. The sun shone brightly yet there was a cool breeze. The climb itself, although steep, was not tiring and there was a magnificent view. We saw Lower Lough Bray directly below us and Upper Lough Bray, with dazzling reflections of sunshine sparkling from the surface, and eastward to the Sugarloaf the valley was brilliant in crystal-clear visibility.

We also remember forcing our way through thick spruce forestry with, it seemed particularly sharp needles, on the slopes of Verschoyle Hill, and Lugnaquilla; seeing a small forest fire in the distance; looking up, and then climbing up, the seemingly never-ending slope of Moanbane: looking down into Powerscourt deer park from near the top of the waterfall; and coming upon many rather grimy patches of snow on Lugnaquilla a month after it had melted elsewhere.

The club's plans for the rest of the year include a trip to Kerry for the Reeks ridge and Carrantooil. We also plan to go on a bivouac or camping without-tents weekend in June. A special effort is to be made, and has been made as you read this, to support the A.F.A.S. Adventure Day. We are organising a "Six or seven summit sponsored saunter" to the hills around the sources of the Liffey and the Dargle and are confident that this will be a good expedition as well as a

successful fund raising effort for the Club and for A.F.A.S.

We would like to thank all the members of Staff who accompanied us on our outings, especially those mentioned earlier. We wish to thank, also, Mr. Hitchmott, Mr. Broad and Mrs. Blackmore and all the parents who so kindly helped with transport and in many other ways.

Barbara Lee (6).

Peter Mack (5).

MOUNTAINEERING — Rock Climbing (a club within a club for the specialist)

A small number of dedicated climbers have achieved a tremendous advance in climbing standards in this section. There are already four members, capable of leading at V.S. (Very Severe) standard, or higher. Of these, two can lead H.V.S. (Hard Very Severe) with confidence. The Club would like to record its congratulations to John Cole, John Colton, Ingmar Kiang and Colin Motyer on reaching this standard. Two of these H.S.D.M.C. members are members of the Dalriada Climbing Club, a development of the Spilliken C.C. which is open only to those who have led eight V.S. climbs, none of these to be in Dalkey. This is considered an honour for our Club as well as for the individuals.

Since September our members have had frequent visits to Dalkey Quarry; also Glendalough and Luggala in Wicklow, "Crag Acoose" in Kerry; Black Head in Clare and King's Mountain in Sligo. A number of "First Ascents" were put up by our members on these expeditions, and will be featured in the next New Climbs Bulletin. These new routes are not only on Dalkey granite but also on sandstone outcrops in Kerry and limestone, sea cliffs in Clare.

It is early in the climbing season to give a total report but it seems likely that things can only get better for the Club and the fame of HS rock climbers will continue to spread.

Expeditions have been planned to the sea cliffs of Achill and (hopefully) Donegal, and also the Twelve Bens, as well as our local cliffs in Wicklow. We would be glad to hear from any Old Boys (or Girls!) who might be able to help with transport, and who are interested in rock-climbing at advanced standards.

John Colton (6).

A.F.A.S.

"De Minibus Non Curat Danum"

We all know the Latin tag about the law not concerning itself with trifles, but a minibus would not be a trifle in the school. School-owned buses are not uncommon in Ireland, not only the smaller 8 or 10 seaters but large coach-type 30 — 40 seaters and there is at least one double decker in use in the Dublin area. High School claims, with reason, to be one of the leading

schools but in transport the school is far from setting the example or trend which we would like or expect.

The case for a minibus has been made often enough for us to recognise its worthwhile-ness. If not seeing its provision as a necessity, we feel that adequate transport is not a luxury. Public omnibus services from Dublin can take Mountaineers to Ballyknockan or Rockbrook or Enniskerry but the hills around the Military Road south of Glencree and the area between Glenmalur and the Glen of Imaal are only marginally within range and require an 'overnight' in a Climbing Club Hut or a Youth Hostel. The 'Huts' in Wicklow are not generally available for school groups. Hostels, however suitable, have to be reached if they are to be used. Consider Aughavannagh, a splendid Hostel, but it is beyond our range even if we walk in from Baltinglass, reached by the New Ross provincial bus service.

Orienteering has been limited, by and large, to the few pupils who can be carried in private cars driven by Staff members. The sport is based on State forests which are inaccessible by any public transport. If orienteering cannot be undertaken by more than a minimum number of pupils, the school should not be expected to do well, although solitary pupils may continue to maintain the high standards already achieved by individual competitors.

Caving requires transport to Cavan and Fermanagh, or to Clare. It is unnecessary to labour the point that without proper school-organised transport caving will have to be dropped from our list of activities. The school, to run Adventure Sports efficiently, requires a minibus with a well-supported roof-rack. This last should be strong enough to carry bulky and fairly heavy equipment — canoes, tentage and so on. Perhaps you, as you read this may think the appeal is for a miserable crew of rugby-dodgers. Please consider the spectrum of pupils included in the sports of Rock Climbing, Orienteering, Hill-walking, Camping, Canoeing, Hostelling, Sailing, Boating, Caving — and this does not include Cross-country Running nor Young Ornithologists Clubs nor . . . ? Realism suggests that we should accept defeat and be content to follow, late, where others have already led. It would be pleasant if High School could catch up, even keep it up, with many provincial schools. A concerted effort by pupils, Staff, Parents' Association, Governors and past pupils of both schools can still work wonders. Will you join the effort?

"Harambee"! or "We all pull together" — use your pull too!

D.A.F. (April 1977).

Hockey Report — 1976/77

This year for the first time we were able to field eight teams. While the overall results were not entirely

successful, nevertheless, the enthusiasm and interest shown promises well for the game in the future.

The 1st XI, retaining five members from the previous team, took some time to settle. However, while all were enthusiastic and patiently coached by Mrs. Mellon, it took some time to find the correct blend and this was reflected in our early matches. However, things improved considerably and before the end of the first term we started to produce favourable results. In the Intermediate Cup we reached the fourth round, having disposed of 'New Park' and 'Kings Hospital' and then we went out to Marillac by 2-nil. Marillac, playing at home, were the better team and deserved their success. Here, I would like to thank our supporters who travelled to Stillorgan, and also to our other Cup matches, which were all played away this year, for their regular attendance and vocal support.

In October we enjoyed our visit to Cork where we played Bandon Grammar School and Ashton Comprehensive School. Winning 3-2 and losing 3-2 respectively. We are grateful for the hospitality they extended to us.

On 17th February we played a team from Ashley House School, Belfast, on a very wet and windy day. We lost this match by 2-nil.

On 19th March we invited a team from Bandon Grammar School and Ashton Comprehensive School to Danum. We played this return match on a beautiful sunny day, winning 2-1 after a long-fought, enjoyable game.

The 2nd XI, captained by Iris Ormsby, had a fairly successful season playing 14 matches, winning six and drawing two. They were beaten by St. Ann's, Milltown, 1-nil, in the second round of the cup in a keenly fought match, having beaten Holy Faith, Glasnevin, 5-nil in the first round.

The 3rd XI captained by Margaret Hodgins, who did tremendous work in getting this team together for the first time, have done well this season. They were beaten in the first round of the Cup by Teresians, 4-nil. But they were successful in reaching the second round of the Plate where they were beaten by Wesley 'A' team, 2-1.

The Junior 'A', due to the difficulty of fielding eleven players for the various matches, the results have been very disappointing and they were unfortunately beaten 6-1 by Wesley College in the first round of the Cup.

The Minor 'A', who look a very promising outfit, did very well in their friendly matches but were unfortunate to come up against a very strong Glengara team in the first round and lost a close match 2-nil.

The Minor 'B' and Minor 'C' teams did quite well although both teams went out in the first round of their cup matches to Loreto, Dalkey, and Loreto, Fox-rock, respectively.

The beginners' teams, displaying great enthusiasm,

played five matches and though not always successful show promise for the future.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to pay tribute

to Mrs. Mellon for her efforts in coaching and training the many hockey teams, whose help and instruction enabled us to attain much success during the season.

Paula Fraser, Hockey Captain.



1st XI HOCKEY TEAM 1976-'77

*Back row: A. Sloane, M. Worrall, I. Babington, C. O'Sullivan, A. Jackson, F. Harbron, Mrs. Mellon.
Front row: G. Mundy, J. Smith, P. Fraser, J. Dalby, S. Cowan.*



JUNIOR A HOCKEY TEAM 1976-'77

*Back row: Mrs. Mellon, J. Gibson, S. O'Donnell, K. Poff, G. Strong, J. Fox, I. Peyton.
Front row: G. Quill, A. Bates, S. Cloughley, J. Free, A. Cloughley.*



MINOR A HOCKEY TEAM 1976-'77

*Back row: W. Frith, A. Mealtby, S. Sturdy, J. Mogerley, R. White, J. Turner, Mrs. Mellon.
Front row: D. Smith, P. Tough, J. Oakes, C. Burgess, G. Smith.*

The Chess Club

With the loss of such star talent from the Club as Philip Sterne, Lee man Kit, Christopher King, John Griffiths and Walter Lee, all on last year's team, a tough job was facing the teams this year. In conjunction with the team's loss of talent was an appreciable loss of Chess Club supporters. The Chess Club was also forced to move its premises from the balcony to give way to the Sixth Common Room. The new headquarters in B24, Mr. Hilliard's room. The move from the luxury of the balcony to the slightly more austere setting was a disadvantage with regard to promoting this game in the school.

However, the Club started the year well. A meeting was held for those interested in chess and the officers of the Club were appointed. These were as follows: Ian Dunlop, Captain and Equipment Secretary; Mark Chambers, Treasurer; Jeremy Jacobs, Supervisor. The point was stressed that only who were interested in playing or watching chess should use B24 during the lunch break.

The lack of experience was the term's main drawback but no lack of talent was obvious. The team was Michael Henderson, Ian Dunlop, Mark Chrs, Jeremy Jacobs, Barry O'Keeffe. Peter Mack and Niall Sweeney played alternately. Michael was absent during the first term due to examination pressures.

Performance was poor during the first term but when Michael returned the team settled down and achieved satisfactory results. Our position in the 'A' League, South Section, is hoped to be seventh or eighth out of eleven. Considering that our team should have been in the "B" league this is a pleasing result.

Attendance during lunch breaks has declined towards the end of the year but hopefully this will be countered by a programme designed to encourage interest in chess. Mr. Hilliard's encouragement and help have been invaluable to the running of the club and we thank him for his work.

Ian Roper Dunlop.

THE HIGH SCHOOL DUBLIN PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

At the Annual General Meeting of the Association held in October 1976, the following parents were elected to the Committee: Mrs. D. Cole, Mrs. P. Frith, Mrs. D. Scott, Mrs. J. Temperley, Messrs. J. Cleary, M. Kenny, G. Poff, Dr. N. Smith (later elected Chairman), Mr. S. Davies (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. J. Elliott (Hon. Secretary).

At our November meeting, Mr. Desmond Delaney gave an informative talk on AnCO and its activities, entitled "AnCO and its use to School Leavers". Out

speakers for the January meeting was unfortunately snow-bound in Co. Wicklow and we are most grateful to Mr. Ian Broad who, at very short notice, came to speak to us on "Medieval Dublin". In consequence of the interest shown in this subject, Mr. Broad has kindly agreed to take a group of parents on a tour of the parts of Dublin covered in his talk in May. Dr. Ray-

mond Fuller spoke on "The Psychology of Smoking at our March meeting, at which we were pleased to welcome some of the senior pupils.

The Cheese and Wine party in February was again well supported and was enjoyed by some 370 members and friends.

JEAN ELLIOTT
Hon. Secretary.

The High School, Dublin Old Boys' Union

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Member,

I am very pleased to continue the President's tradition of writing a letter in the Erasmian.

At the outset I would like to thank you for electing me to be your President for 1976-77. I regard it as an honour and, am finding my year very enjoyable and interesting.

A busy year commenced with our very successful and enjoyable Auction Sale, on the 18th September at which was raised the magnificent sum of eight hundred pounds.

I would particularly like to thank Mrs. Daphne Townsend and her committee of the Diocesan Old Girls Association, together with the wives of our committee for the excellent supper they prepared.

The trojan work done by Ian Hunter, Alan Grey, Ernie Frith, John Ridgeway and Ken Gregory ensured the financial success of the evening.

A cassette recorder has been purchased and locker and seating accommodation has been provided, together with furnishings, for the sixth form on the library balcony.

A programme of tree planting has already started and the results can be seen on the way into the school.

The Annual Dance was a most enjoyable joint venture, and thanks are due to all concerned.

With Ian Hunter's organisation, the caterers, our musical "friends" and the outstanding speech made by Bunny Carr, for which he received a standing ovation, the Annual Dinner, was one of the most memorable yet held, judging, by the many letters and messages I received.

I found that being a member of the "chain gang" gave a unique opportunity to meet other presidents, teachers, old friends, and to make new ones, a great experience. Also I became aware of the various atmospheres existing in schools, and was particularly struck by the caring attitude that exists in the High School. I feel sure this is brought about by the co-operation that exists between the headmaster, his staff, Parent Teachers Association and the Old Boys



Union.

The problem of school leavers obtaining suitable employment still exists, particularly this term with so many finishing their final year. I especially appeal to All Old Boys, who may have positions available to contact the Careers Guidance teacher with details.

I thank all the Old Boys for their help and co-operation during the year, and am confident they will continue to support the Union and the school in the future.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

GERALD F. M. COLE

THE HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION

Hon. Secretary's Report

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held in the school on Friday, 22nd October, 1976. The President, Mr. A. F. Grey, took the chair and there was an attendance of 21 members.

The following officers and members of the Committee were elected for 1976/77:

<i>President:</i>	Mr. G. F. M. Cole.
<i>President Elect:</i>	Mr. H. L. Drew.
<i>Vice President:</i>	Mr. A. P. R. Brook (Headmaster).
<i>Hon. Secretary:</i>	Mr. W. I. Hunter.
<i>Hon. Treasurer:</i>	Mr. C. B. Craven.
<i>Hon. Auditor:</i>	Mr. R. S. Browning.
<i>Committee:</i>	I. Burns, M. H. Gault, J. Gibson, A. J. Morton, D. Murphy, C. Richards, J. D. Ridgeway, F. E. Sowman, B. W. Wilkinson.

Sports and Social Secretaries:

D. K. Poynter	— Rugby.
J. C. Robbie	— Cricket.
M. F. McDonough	— Golf.
D. Cornick	— Athletics.
R. McConnell	— Dance.

Another very enjoyable Dance, organised by a joint committee, was held on 5th November, 1976. This year the venue was the Dublin Sports Hotel, Kiltarnan, and the function was attended by 218 people. A most enjoyable evening was had by all and the general opinion was that the change in venue was a good idea. Certainly the accommodation and fare provided were ideally suited to the occasion.

ANNUAL DINNER

A most successful Annual Dinner was held in the School on Saturday, 22nd January, 1977. Our President is to be congratulated for his selection of Mr. "Bunny" Carr to respond on behalf of the guests, for Mr. Carr's speech was one of the best ever at an O.B.U. Dinner. There was a very good attendance and the high standard of previous dinners was maintained in all respects.

LADIES NIGHT

After careful consideration, your committee decided that, in view of the dwindling support and the rising costs, no Ladies Night should be held in 1977. Such breaks with tradition are not made lightly and comments from interested members are invited. Your committee would also welcome suggestions, particularly from the younger members regarding a function (e.g. a Disco) which if organised would merit better support and which could be run on a viable basis.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

The attention of all members is drawn to the fact that in November, 1978, the Union will be 50 years old. A sub-committee has been formed to draw up an appropriate programme for the year 1978/79 and suggestions from members would be welcomed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Golf Outing:

10th June, 1977, at Rathfarnham Golf Club.

Annual General Meeting:

21st October, 1977, at the School.

Annual Dance:

4th November, 1977 at The Dublin Sports Hotel, Kiltarnan.

Annual Dinner:

27th January, 1978 at the School.

London Dinner:

17th March, 1978, at Naval and Military Club.

W. Ian Hunter.

VALETE

Form Upper 6th

Virginia G. Davis — T.C.D. History.
Robert S. G. Dunne — T.C.D. Natural Sciences.
Mark D. Gardner — T.C.D. History.
David R. Lowe — T.C.D. School of Engineering.
Rupert B. Maddock — U.C.D. Architecture.
Alfred E. Potter — T.C.D. Modern Languages.
Andrew S. Rowlands — T.C.D. Natural Sciences.
M. Catherine Stuart — U.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.
Wai Hung Tsoi — U.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.

Form 6

Malcolm D. Akerlind — Rathmines.
Patrick McD. Alexander — St. Columba's College.
Sally A. Armstrong — Adelaide Hospital — Nursing.
Richard A. Baird — Bolton Street College of Technology — Motor Industry Management.
Heather L. Bates — Alexandra Secretarial Course.
Carole A. Bardon — Alexandra Secretarial Course.
J. Graham Blair — College of Industrial Relations.
Andrew C. Blay — Sun Alliance London Insurance Group.
Brian A. Belford — Kevin Street College of Technology — Technician Course in Radio Electronics.
Colin R. Bowles — T.C.D. School of Engineering.
Eric J. Briggs — Office Mount Jerome Cemetery.
June L. Brown — Littledale Secretarial Course.
Richard L. Buchalter — Pre-University Centre.
Linda E. Cairns — Alexandra Secretarial Course.
William J. Campbell — Stephen & McHugh, Chartered Accountancy.

Namasiviyam Chetty – Private Study.
 Seong Kai Chuah – T.C.D. School of Engineering.
 Ngok Kim Choong – T.C.D. Natural Sciences.
 Conn Clissman – T.C.D. Economics and Engineering Science.
 Nicola B. Cohen – Littledale Secretarial Course.
 Jennifer E. Cole – Lloyd Armstrong Ramsey Insurance.
 Carol J. Colton – T.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.
 Elizabeth C. de Courcy – U.S.A.
 Nigel G. Crabb – Dun Laoghaire Technical School – Apprenticeship in Motoring.
 Denise V. Crosse – Littledale Secretarial Course.
 Charlotte Dalby – Nursing in Monkstown Hospital.
 Leslie E. Dawkins – Allied Irish Bank.
 A. Colin Day – Kevin Street College of Technology – Telecommunications & Electronics.
 Reginald J. Deane – Switzers.
 Karl A. Daly
 Peter J. de Lacy – Tansley Witts & Co. – Trainee Accountant.
 John W. Dowds – Lyons Estate U.C.D.
 Gail E. S. Ensor – Secretary in T.C.D.
 Lynda P. Espey
 Colin A. Fallon – N.U.I. Social Science.
 Janet P. Flower – Further Musical Study.
 George C. S. Foxton – Pre-University Centre.
 Sandra A. Fraser – T.C.D. History.
 William A. Fullerton
 D. Jack Green – T.C.D. Faculty of Economics and Social Studies.
 James D. Gibson – T.C.D. Engineering School.
 David R. Giles – Apprentice Piano Tuner with McCullagh Piggott.
 John C. Griffiths – T.C.D. Legal Science.
 Joyce G. Gyves – Crowe's Chemist, Sandycove.
 Alan D. Herman – In Germany to study Textiles.
 Carol Herbert – Ross's College.
 Kenneth Holmes – Ringsend Technical School.
 Elaine Hooper – Switzers.
 Cecil R. Jackson – Bolton Street College of Technology – Construction Economics.
 Gillian E. James – Allied Irish Bank.
 Fatima B. Jangda – The Institute of Education, Lower Leeson Street.
 Sanda H. Keatinge – Northern Bank in Dun Laoghaire.
 Conor M. J. Kennedy – Correspondence Course.
 David T. Kent – Ferrier & Pollock Sales Representative.
 Christopher K. King – T.C.D. Mathematics and Theoretical Physics.
 Walter W. Lee – T.C.D. Legal Science.
 Man Kit Lee – T.C.D. School of Engineering.
 Eric J. Lyons – Fitzwilton Holdings.
 David E. Lipschitz – Pre-University Centre.
 Ashley A. Matthews – Family Business.
 Paul G. Mathews – T.C.D. Faculty of Economic and Social Studies.
 Carol M. Medcalf – O'Donnell Secretarial Course.

David P. Moore – T.C.D. Pre-Medical Year.
 Philip R. Neill – U.C.D. Engineering.
 Ian T. Newman – Chartered Institute of Transport.
 Denis J. O'Brien – Pre-University Centre.
 Grace O'Donovan – Dental Receptionist.
 Niall A. O'Kelly – T.C.D. Business Studies.
 Denise C. O'Regan – Dental Assistant.
 Michael D. O'Sullivan – Eccles Street College of Marketing.
 A. Bruce Pierce – T.C.D. Faculty of Economic and Social Studies.
 David K. Poynter – T. Noel Leonard & Co. Certified Accountants.
 Max J. Seligman – Pre-University Centre.
 Margaret L. Shern – Littledale Secretarial Course.
 Sylvia E. Smith – Mercury School Secretarial Course.
 Stephen J. Speller – SAAB Car Factory.
 Philip A. Sterne – T.C.D. Natural Sciences.
 Alvin V.A.D. Styles.
 Glen R. Styles – Apprentice Mechanic Michael Orr's Garage.
 Joyce H. E. Taylor – St. David's School, Greystones.
 Hilary M. Thompson – Bank of Ireland
 Violet A. Thorburn – Church of Ireland Training College.
 Joyce A. Todd – Merrion College Secretarial Course.
 David G. Tough – Bolton Street College of Technology, Mechanical Engineer.
 Trevor W. Turner – Arrow Advertising Agency.
 Brian Weekes – Hewett's Travel Agency.
 Roger P. West – T.C.D. School of Engineering.
 Geoffrey M. F. Van Der Lee – T.C.D. School of Engineering.
 Keith M. Willis – Laboratory Technician.
 Audrey E. Wilson – An Grianan College of Horticulture.
 Stephen W. Whyte – Private Study.
 Gillian A. Wright – Alexandra Secretarial Course.
 Mow Lum Yee – University of Wales. – Engineering.
 Peter L. Young – Bolton Street College of Technology – Motor Industry & Management.
 Ian W. J. Young – T.C.D. Faculty of Economic and Social Science.

News of Old Boys

Michael Adams (1949-1958) who has been working for the Commission of the E.E.C. Directorate - General for Research Science and Education has been invited to stay for a further year.

Peter C. Boate (1963-1969) who obtained a Diploma in Commerce from the College of Commerce, Rathmines, some years ago is Manager of the Marketing Institute of Ireland.

Andrew C. Boyle (1964-1970) is Planning Assistant with the Donegal Co. Council).

Gordon W. Bull (1946-1950) has been appointed a

Director of Ranks (Ireland) Limited and is Joint Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive. He joined the Ranks Hovis McDougall Group in the United Kingdom thirteen years ago and was Regional Director of the Eastern Region of R.H.M.'s Agricultural Division.

William S. Cunningham (1917-1923) is President of Carrickmines Golf Club.

Michael Mauro Giacomo Simone Del Monte, B.A. (Mod.), H.Dip.Ed. (1960-1966), has been appointed a Research Fellow in Psychology by T.C.D. with effect on and from 1st June, 1976.

David Factor (1965-1968) has left Hong Kong and is Second Vice-President in the Chase-Manhattan Bank in Singapore.

Michael Fenner (1961-1967) has obtained his Ph.D in Botany from Cambridge and lectured for two years in Sheffield University has just left to take up a University post in Nairobi.

Mr. David J. Fitzpatrick (1945-1955) is on leave of absence from the Adelaide Hospital and T.C.D. for a year which he is spending at The Department of Research, The Hospital for Special Surgery, New York.

Neville R. Galloway (1955-1960) has been appointed Sales Manager by Golden Pages, the official classified telephone directory. He is a founder member of the Association of inter-church families in Ireland.

Richard F. Greene (1963-1965) is a Management Consultant with Poclairn Hydraulics Ireland Ltd., Drogheda.

William J. E. Hourie (1963-1971) has obtained his Diploma in Construction Economics and is with Seamus Monahan and Partners as a Quantity Surveyor.

Dr. J. Frederick Jackson (1961-1969) has been appointed Demonstrator in Physiology in T.C.D. with effect on and from 1st September, 1976.

James E. Killen (1954-1965), Department of Geography, T.C.D. has been given a Tutorship. He gave a lunch time lecture on "Choosing Transport for Dublin".

Dr. R. J. Ronald Kirkham (1952-1959) has been appointed Research Associate in Physiology T.C.D. (Registrar in Anaesthetics Mater Hospital).

H. Gordon Nason (1954-1965) is an Inspector with General Accident Insurance Company.

Dr. Ian R. McAuley (1943-1952), Department of Physics, T.C.D., was the representative of the College at the International Symposium on Biological Applications of Stable Isotopes which was held in Leipzig, December, 1976. He spoke against the E.S.B. Nuclear Reactor on a Northern Ireland Televast from Coleraine University.

Mr. Desmond A. G. Mackey (1950-1958) has moved from St. Vincent's Hospital to Jervis Street Hospital.

Dr. Dermot J. Moore (1961-1970) has been appointed Demonstrator in Anatomy in T.C.D. with effect on and from 1st October, 1976.

Professor Alan C. Newell (1952-1958) has been honoured by the receipt of a Guggenheim Fellowship.

Mervyn G. O'Brien (1969-1975) is a full-time member of the Garda Síochána Band - playing Bass Trombone.

Dr. Rory R. O'Moore (1947-1958) was appointed by T.C.D. Lecturer in Chemical Pathology (joint appointment with the Board of the Federated Dublin Voluntary Hospitals) with effect on and from 1st December, 1975.

David A. Orr (1931-1940), Chairman of Unilever, is a member of the committee set up by the British Government (Chairman Sir Harold Wilson) to review the role and functioning of the financial institutions. Its first meeting was on 18.1.1977.

Philip Orr (1961-1969) was a member of the Irish International Rugby team against Wales at Cardiff Arms, England at Lansdowne Road, Scotland at Murrayfield, and France at Lansdowne Road. He is one of the four Irish players touring New Zealand with the Lions and had the much coveted honour of being a member of the Barbarians on their Spring Tour.

Hilary G. M. Payne (1948-1950) who was Public Works Commissioner in Windsor was elected to the position of City Administrator. He is only the third occupant of this important position. He obtained (1975) the degree of Master of Arts in Political Science and (1971) a Master of Applied Science from the University of Windsor.

James A. Pickett (1966-1972) who was with B.R.C. is now with Farmwork Services.

Alan K. Pope (1951-1960) has been appointed Managing Director of the recently formed Company Teletron (Communications) Ltd.

John C. Robbie (1963-1973) was captain of the Trinity Team which won the Leinster Senior Cup last season. He was a member of the Irish Rugby International team against Scotland at Murrayfield and against France at Lansdowne Road. He had to retire during the latter due to an injury.

Brian G. Priestman (1966-1973) has left insurance and is now working for the car sales firm of Cavey Retail Ltd., in Camden Street, Dublin.

Julian D. Reynolds, B.A., M.Sc., M.A. (Dub.) Ph.D. (Br. Col.), (1951-1960), has been appointed a Lecturer in Biology in T.C.D. with effect on and from 1st August, 1977, for a probationary period of two years.

Rugby colours were obtained for the T.C.D. 1976-1977 session by **Peter J. Boyle** (1964-1972), **Donald J. Lewis** (1965-1973), **J. Homan Reid** (1964-1973) **John C. Robbie** (1963-1973).

Preyasen Rungasamy (1971-1973) is Captain of the T.C.D. Tennis Club for the session 1976-'77. He obtained his colours for tennis 1976-'77.

J. Keith Sargeant (1959-1969) is a Planning Assistant with the Mayo Co. Council.

Rodney H. C. Walshe (1946-1953) who is with Stars Travel Auckland and lives at 9, Beach Road, Howick, Auckland, New Zealand is the Irish Consul in Auckland.

David Went (1958-1965) has been appointed as a banking director by Ulster Investment Bank. He previously worked with Citibank NA in Dublin and Saudi Arabia where he was resident Vice-President.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

MODERATORSHIPS

History and Political Science (Class II 1) – T. W. Elliott, D. C. Robbie. (Class II 2) G.E. Hughes.

Natural Sciences – Geography: (Class II 1) J. M. Cohen, K. I. Trower. (Class II 2) B. J. Burdett.

Legal Science: (Class II 1) W. J. Cunningham; (Class III) P. J. Boyle.

B.A. – D. K. Conn, I. F. Geraghty, S. T. Govendor, R. F. Greene, L. J. D. McEntee, K. Mealy, B. I. Myers, D. G. Rivlin, I. C. Travers, R. G. Walker, Hok John Wong.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. – D. K. Conn, I. F. Geraghty, S. T. Govendor, L. J. D. McEntee, D. C. Wilson, Hok John Wong.

M.V.B. – A. A. J. Mooney.

B.S. – (Class II 1) S. W. Harris, D. K. McGarry, R. T. Mullen, A. J. Sherling. (Class II 2) P. E. Odium. (Class III) M. J. Sparksman.

B.A.I. – R. F. Greene, D. G. Rivlin.

M.A. – J. I. G. Csizmark, S. L. A. Daunt-Smyth, D. I. Jacobson, P. J. W. Mulvihill.

M.A.I. – B. F. C. Kenny.

M.Sc. – P. T. Cox, Tsoi, Muklam (Antea Choy, Wai Lam).

Ph.D. – G. W. Flewett.

JUNIOR SOPHISTERS

Ancient and Modern Languages – J. W. Mossop, C. H. Slattery.

History and Political Science – C. W. E. Richards (C.A.), E. J. Sterne (C.A.). C.A. = Continuous Assessment.

Natural Sciences – (II 1) D. A. J. Hickie, K. Mealy, J. R. Piggott, J. C. Robbie, Sile A. Yeats. (III) T. S. Hastings, S. S. Iland.

Economic and Social Studies – (II 2) S.B. Alkin, P. J. M. Gault, D. A. Gordon, S. L. Odium, J. Piggott, J. G. Taylor.

Legal Science – (II 2) D. Early, C. V. Galloway, Mart

T. Tory took a Sabbatical Year as Services Officer for the Students' Union.

General Studies – P. A. de Lacy Murtagh, D. C. Sherwood.

Engineering – S. T. Chuah, D. J. Lewis, N. V. Ludgate, H. D. Moseley, C. T. Naik, S. Richards, C. R. Rogan.

SENIOR FRESHMEN

History and Political Science – G. A. Ford (C.A.), R. S. Hanan (C.A.).

Natural Sciences – (II 2) B. A. Crowe, A. S. McW. Dowds. (III) A. H. Andrews, N. T. Monaghan, D. M. Robb.

Economics and Social Studies – G. K. N. Andrews (S), H. L. Block (S), R. N. Goodwin (S), C. L. Gray (S), M. J. Jacobs (S), G. B. Johnston (S), R. Rigby-Jones (S), I. Slager (S).

Legal Science – (II 2) H. R. Dockrell.

General Studies – P. Rungasamy.

Engineering – I. A. Shaw, R. J. Wayman, J. Y. Yau.

JUNIOR FRESHMEN

Modern Languages – L. Jane Luce (English II2, French II 1).

Classics – E. S. Hinds (I), K. M. Davis (III).

Mathematics – C. G. Wheeler (II 1), G. J. Reeves (III).

Philosophy – D. A. Siev (II 2). History and Political Science – M. N. H. Risk (II 2). Natural Sciences – H. Joan Lennon (II 1). E. G. C. Reid (II2). Economic and Social Science – A. K. Cormack (II 1), N. W. Fox, D. S. King, C. G. E. Sullivan (II 2). D. A. Baker, A. W. Gray, I. S. Haslam, I. V. Slattery, Bing Chen Teh, Kop Ping Tsang (III). Legal Science – G. Murray (II 1). General Studies – Joyce Williams. Engineering – A. P. Bannister, E. W. Gordon, J. P. Huissoon, D. E. Keveligan, B. R. McGuckin, Sui Chai Ong, G. J. Rowland, D. W. Skelton, G. S. Willoughby.

Higher Diploma in Education – A. L. D. Bradbury (Pass).

THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

Chemistry 2nd Year Pass – Joseph C. Edwards.

Commerce 2nd Year Pass – Michael F. O'Kelly.

Medicine 2nd Year Pass – Gerardine C. Byrne.

Architecture 1st Year Pass – Derek E. Dockrell.

Psychology 1st Year Pass – Lucinda M. Moore.

Diploma in Town Planning – April 1976: A. C. Boyle. June 1976: J. K. Sargeant.

THE INSTITUTE OF ACTUARIES

September 1976 – Intermediate Subject (3), R. R. Irvine, (4) R. R. Irvine, R. E. W. Smythe.

THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN IRELAND

Summer 1976: Foundation Exam. 1 – A. M. Cole, R. S. G. Ensor, Valerie Joyce, Henderson.

Foundation Exam. II – D. E. Hunt, R. G. Wood.

Professional Exam. I – R. E. Kinlan, D. S. Mackey.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

L. D. S. – S. N. Woolfe with Silver Medal for First Place.

4th Professional Year – R. Kamal Karan.

2nd Prof. Pathology and Microbiology, May 1976 – M. H. Gault.

3rd Prof. Medicine and Surgery Assessment, June 1976 – M. H. Gault.

2nd Professional Year (1st Class Honours in Psychology) – Ann Maria Deirdre Scully.

KEVIN STREET COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Technician Engineering Diploma Course in Telecommunications and Electronics – Second Year: Pass I H. Becett.

Technician Diploma Course in Radio Electronics – Second Year: Pass D. J. Preston.

Marine Radio Electronics Officers Course – Second Year: Pass J. M. Turner.

Honours Diploma Course in Electrical Engineering – First Year: Pass R. B. Abbott.

Diploma in Ophthalmic Optics – First Year: Pass E. M. Moss.

BOLTON STREET COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Third Year Architecture – Mark Duffy.

Architectural Technology – First Year P. C. Roberts.

Neil Jeffares continues his Post-Graduate Studies at Oxford University, holding the Prendergast Studentship.

Duncan Fraser Kennedy continues his Post-Graduate Studies at Cambridge University with the Gardner Scholarship.

YOUNG SCIENTIST 1977

Environmental and Social Sciences, Junior Section – 4th Prize for studies relating to a human skull found at Lough Deravaragh – Roxanne White.

Special Prize for the Best Presented Project in the Junior Section – Roxanne White.

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Second Medical Part II (Pathology and Microbiology)

M. N. Eppel (Second Hons.), G. A. Chadwick, J. D. Chaloner, S. Chetty, D. S. Delmonte, R. H. D. Wormell.

Final Medical Part I (Social Medicine and Medical Jurisprudence) – N. J. Moore.

Second Year – S. T. Naik, C. J. Surgenor, A. B. West.

First Year – M. B. Buchalter (First Hons. distinction in Anatomy and Biochemistry), N. F. S. Couse (Second hons.), D. J. Barton, N. Hargoun, G. A. Roebuck.

Pre-medical Year – P. S. Bowe (I), A. M. Gill (II), S. L. Teh (II 1), M. E. Lee (II 2), A. G. Moore (II 2).

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP 1977

Classics – Stephen Edward Hinds, First Scholar.

He was also awarded the John Isaac Beare Memorial Prize awarded to the candidate who obtained the highest marks in the Greek translation and composition paper.

H. Joan Lennon (Natural Sciences) who obtained second class honours but was not awarded scholarship will receive Commons free of charge for the next two years.

Deaths

CHARLES HENRY ANDERSON (1912–1917) in Baltimore, U.S.A. on 17th February, 1977.

RONALD STEWART BASKIN (1924–1925) of Strand Road, Killiney, (suddenly) in Spain on 17th November, 1976.

WILLIAM MERVYN CARTE (1909–1922) of Avondale Crescent, Killiney, on 23rd May, 1976.

HAROLD EGERTON CONLAN (1921–1926) (formerly of Grange Road, Rathfarnham) in Hospital, I.O.W. on 29th July, 1976.

JAMES DONALD DURIE (1924–1931) of Cliftonville Road, Glasnevin, on 30th July, 1976.

PATRICK EWEN (1921–1926), formerly of Garville Avenue, Rathgar (suddenly) at his home in Cullen, Bannfshire, on 10th July, 1976.

WILFRED DUDLEY HUGHES (1923–1928), Prince of Wales Terrace, Ballsbridge, on 24th January, 1977.

ROBERT VICTOR JACKSON (1913–1915) of Springfield Park, Foxrock, on 6th January, 1977.

HERCULES J. BÉRESFORD KNOX (Jack) in Liverpool in his 95th year. He was a former Irish Rugby International (1904–1906).

REV. ROBERT GRAHAM LOVE (1926–1933), former rector of Whitechurch Parish.

HAROLD MONTGOMERY (1913–1922) of Sandymount Avenue, Dublin, on 29th December, 1976.

ROBERT DAVID NEWMAN (1963–1967) of Green Park, Dublin, accidentally whilst on holiday in Spain on 28th July, 1976.

EDGAR RUTTLEDGE (1919–1922) of Joyce Avenue, Foxrock, on 6th April, 1976.

FRANK VIVIAN SIMPSON (1914–1919), suddenly.

DR. DESMOND JOHN JAMES WAUGH (1938–1939) of Sandford Road at a Dublin Hospital on 7th November, 1976.

HERBERT (BERTIE) ROBERT JAMES WHITE (1937–1943) at Melbourne, Australia, on 6th August, 1975. He was the winner of the War Memorial Cup in 1943.

MASON YEATES (1911–1913) of Grangemount, Balbriggan at Jervis Street Hospital on 25th August, 1976.

Marriages

Mark B. Adams (1955–1964) to Else Hansen on 28th August, 1976, in Denmark.

George A. Aitken (1953–1959) to Susanne Mensen on 9th August, 1976, at Groningen, Holland.

Mark S. Bloom (1958–1967) to Hinda L. Scholar on 15th August, 1976, at Adelaide Road Synagogue.

Peter C. Boate (1963–1969) to D. Heather Hodgins on 24th June, 1976, at Clontarf Presbyterian Church.

Alan W. Bowden (1966–1972) to Carolyn M. Rowe on 12th March, 1977, at Sandford Parish Church.

Robert J. Clinton (1938–1942) to Gertrude E. Taylor on 28th December, 1976, at St. Ann's, Dublin.

Trevor H. Darlington (1962–1968) to Linda Stuart on 7th May, 1976, in Drumcondra Parish Church.

John B. Davey (1965–1967) to Gail E. Grant on 11th September, 1976, at Bray Methodist Church.

David Factor (1965–1968) to Kanchan Aurora on 2nd October, 1976, at Hong Kong.

Randal N. Gray (1959–1970) to Jennifer Boyd on 12th February, 1977, at Christ Church, Taney.

David A. Hilliard (1961–1967) to Mary F. Flanagan on 4th September, 1976, at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Kiltarnan.

David P. Hughes (1958–1963) to Anne Mackay on 6th March, 1975, at Merrylea Parish Church, Glasgow.

Gerald C. Lloyd (1958–1965) to Stephanie G. Hudson on 2nd July, 1976, at the Abbey Presbyterian Church, Dublin.

Stuart G. E. Lloyd (1961–69) to June Wells on 13th August, 1976, at Rathfarnham Church, Dublin.

H. Gordon Nason (1954–1965) to Mary P. Gordon at St. Mary's Church, Sanyford.

James (Jim) A. Pickett (1966–1972) to Glynis E. Jones on 6th May, 1977, at Clontarf Presbyterian Church.

David A. Reynolds (1963–1970) to Carol L. Lowe on 12th July, 1975, at Sandyford Parish Church.

Derek Scott (1955–1964) to Joyce Bradbury on 8th October, 1976, at St. Philip and St. James' Church, Booterstown, Co. Dublin.

William Alan Singleton (1963–1970) to Janet Barbara Graham on 16th August, 1975, at St. Mary's Church, Crumlin.

Colum J. Surgenor (1970–1972) to Carole A. Noble on 12th February, 1976, at St. Colmcille's Church, Swords.

Michael J. Tanner (1962–1968) to Penelope A. Lloyd-Blood on 25th September, 1976, in Leeson Park Church.

Alan D. Taylor (1963–1970) to Amanda J. Bridgewater on 19th March, 1977, at All Saints' Church, Raheny.

John R. Townsend (1956–1964) to Noreen A.

Flanagan, on 12th June, 1976, in Dublin.

James G. Wilkinson (1968–1969) to Ann S. Lloyd on 13th December, 1976 at Trinity College Chapel.

Terence N. Woods (1961–1968) to Hilary N. Lindop on 10th July, 1976 in Jakarta.

THE DIOCESAN SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

(A Short History)

On 8th June 1849, a committee was formed to consider the building of a Schoolhouse in connection with St. Matthias' Church, Adelaide Road, Dublin. A suitable site, "opposite the opening to Harcourt Terrace", was chosen, and granted by Mrs. Hely Hutchinson. Plans were drawn up, and the committee resolved "that the building should begin without delay" in April, 1850. For forty years, a Church School, providing Primary education for Boys, Girls and Infants, served the local community, and especially the children of St. Matthias' parish, but by the end of the nineteenth century, the Rector, the Reverend Canon Maurice Day, was considering change. In 1897, a circular was drawn up, printed and circulated. It stated "The necessity for a Bpys' School of the class which has hitherto been maintained at St. Matthias' does not now appear to exist . . . The Committee, therefore think it best to give up the School for the older boys, and to reserve our School for girls, young boys and infants". The Girls' School was satisfactory and was improved, to include subjects such as were necessary to entitle the School to result fees from the Intermediate Education Board. From 1898 to 1901, discussions took place between the representatives of St. Matthias' parish and the Diocesan Board of Education, to arrange the terms under which the latter Board would take charge of the School.

By 1902, Miss Foster, B.A., qualified in Mathematics and Science, was appointed Headmistress, and the School became a Secondary School for Girls, fulfilling the requirements of the Intermediate Board. It offered basic subjects, and also Instrumental and Vocal Music – taught by Miss Trimble and Mr. Weaving – Drawing, Shorthand, Carpentry, Needlework, Cookery and Callisthenics for fifteen shillings per term.

In 1903, the Diocesan Board of Education resolved to reorganise the School under the lengthy title of the Diocesan Intermediate and Commercial School for Girls, and a joint Committee of Management was appointed. In that same year, 1903, a laboratory was constructed in accordance with the requirements of

the Technical Board, which gave a grant towards the purchase of the necessary equipment, and a graduate Science teacher was appointed. In 1905, the premises were again extended to provide a Domestic Economy kitchen and three other rooms at the Western end of the building. A qualified Domestic Economy teacher was appointed, and Latin and German were also taught. By 1908 girls entered for Middle, Junior and Preparatory Grades of the examinations held by the Intermediate Board of Education. In 1909, apparently for the first time, girls were entered, with success, for the examinations in Religious Knowledge held by the Association for Promoting Christian Knowledge. There were very satisfactory reports from the examiners of Choir, Experimental Science, Drawing and Domestic Economy classes. Also, the Committee gave a grant for the formation of the first hockey Club.

At the eastern end of the building, the caretaker and his wife lived, using three rooms and a basement kitchen. He had his own entrance from Hatch Lane, through a garden planted with trees. However, by 1910, the increased number of pupils necessitated limiting the caretaker's accommodation, and taking one of his rooms for use as a classroom.

In 1912, Miss Mildred Latimer joined the Staff, and began her long attachment to and deep interest in the School. The following year, Miss Emily Latimer was appointed to teach English. In the next few years, Miss Isobel Mathers, Miss Dora Casserley, Miss Dora Jellett and Miss Evelyn Reilly worked with Miss Foster, and the Misses Latimer to build up a vigorous school which kept well up to date with trends in Education. Irish was taught from 1922 onwards, and attention was given to good oral work as well as to written exercises. Under Miss Latimer's direction, Irish plays were well produced and on several occasions Bean de Valera attended the performances. Music, Art, Hockey and Gymnastics were all given an important place, as well as what are often considered to be the more academic subjects, and examination success was very satisfactory.

Girls who have received special prizes or listened to the Prize list will recognise names of some Staff in the early years of this century. They were outstanding women, working with dedication and self denial for the benefit of the girls of the School. In 1928, Miss Foster retired, and Miss Mildred Latimer was appointed Headmistress. To her was given the honour and responsibility of guiding the School through the difficulties of the 1930's and 1940's. Restrictions and shortages of supplies of such basic necessities as fuel and finance must have given Miss Latimer many problems to overcome. That she did surmount them, is shown by the building of the extension at the eastern end of the School, and the addition of three more fine classrooms in 1952. This extension removed the necessity of using a room for Junior Girls in St. Matthias' Home in Harcourt Terrace. For nearly four

years, members of Staff had escorted small girls and, sometimes, carried furniture across Adelaide Road several times each School day. In the early years of Miss Latimer's regime, the words "Intermediate" and "Commercial" were dropped, and the School became The Diocesan Secondary School for Girls.

Miss J. M. Scott had assisted Miss Latimer for a number of years, looking after the Accounts and helping in Administration. In 1954, when Miss Latimer retired from active work, the Committee readily appointed Miss Scott as Headmistress. During her period of office the number of pupils increased considerably, and also there was a renewed need for Science subjects in the Senior School. In response to these changes, extra classrooms were required. First in 1958, one room was inserted, and, in 1961, three more were constructed by putting in a new floor about ten feet below the existing ceiling in the Assembly hall, and adding another stairs at each end of the centre block. In September, 1960, seventeen pupils formed the first Leaving Certificate class, and to make room for a greater number of senior pupils, the Preparatory Department was allowed to diminish, and finally only children ready to enter the First Year Intermediate Certificate class were accepted.

Due to Miss Scott's keen interest, the School bought Belgrave Square Sports Ground in 1960/1961 from The High School, who by then were able to use the playing fields in Danum. A hockey pitch, and four lawn tennis courts were laid and there was also room for athletics. The Diocesan Past Pupils' Association reconditioned, decorated and equipped the Pavilion, and the Old Diocesan Hockey Club was formed.

During the Summer holidays of 1963, an oil-fired heating system was installed, increasing the comfort of classrooms and Staffrooms. Modern Audio-Visual methods of teaching French were introduced in 1964, when Miss Good supervised the installation of language teaching equipment, following on her training in Gormanston College. Assisted by the Department of Education and the Past Pupils again, a television set was bought and used for the teaching of Science, Irish, English, Geography, History, availing of the Radio Telefís Éireann programmes. In 1966, the Science laboratory was extended and further equipped.

In 1967, Miss Scott retired, and Miss M. M. Jagoe was appointed Headmistress. In the same year the Department of Education brought in their Scheme for assisted Education, and Free Books. Department officials held many meetings and initiated much lengthy discussion with those in administrative capacity in Protestant Schools. Comprehensive Schools were promoted and offered free education. Those who sent their children to fee-paying schools could apply for grants if they submitted to a means test. Conditions were laid down for entry into recognised Schools, and changes followed rapidly. It

became obvious that "Diocesan" must develop further in some way, either on a new site, or in conjunction with another School. We increased the equipment, and overhead projector, film strip projectors, record players, etc., assisted class teaching, but the need for greater space remained. So, the invitation to amalgamate with The High School was accepted, and in 1974, Diocesan girls, and Staff, left Adelaide Road for Danum to begin a new Chapter in the History.

M.M.J.

The Diocesan and High School Old Girls' Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on 20th May, 1976, and at it the following officers and committee were elected:

Honorary Treasurer: Miss D. Kerr.

Honorary Secretary: Miss B. Walsh.

Committee: Miss A. Coote, Mrs. R. Farrell, Miss V. Pickett, Mrs. H. Robinson, Mrs. O. Tuach.

The President, Mrs. D. Townsend, automatically assumes a place on the Committee.

It is encouraging to start the season's activities off well and that is exactly what occurred this year. The opening meeting took the form of a Beer, Wine and Savouries Evening for which the Association joined forces with the O.B.U. This proved to be a very pleasant social occasion and a very profitable one also. The proceeds have been used to equip a Sixth Form Common Room overlooking the Assembly Hall. Our thanks are due in no small measure to all the members and friends who worked so hard to make the evening a success.

The October meeting took on a very practical note as it consisted of exhibitions of soft-toy making, machine knitting, baking, bottling of fruit, flower arranging and crochet. - It is obvious that our members and friends are very interested in learning new skills and crafts as evidenced by the numerous requests for such an evening.

The Annual Dress Dance, run in association with the O.B.U., is proving to be one of the social highlights of the year. The dance was held on 5th November in the Dublin Sports Hotel and it was generally felt that the change of venue was a good idea.

In November, Miss Anne Marie Flanagan of Odlum's made our mouths water with her recipes for delicious flans, cakes and breads. Perhaps it was just as well that the December meeting was devoted to slimming. One of our members, Mrs. Eleanor Petrie of Unislim, inspired us to continue our efforts to 'fight the flab' - a difficult task with Christmas around the corner.

In January our thoughts turned to summer holidays. We are grateful to Martins Travel for giving direction to those thoughts through a lovely film show. Perhaps some of our members will be sunning themselves on

the golden beaches of Tunisia, Rhodes or Gibraltar this summer as a consequence.

In March the Association's members enjoyed a fashion show by The Hill Boutique, Stillorgan. Some lovely clothes were shown and certainly many ladies present were tempted to buy.

The Annual Dinner was held on 22nd April in the Royal Zoological Gardens. This is a beautiful venue for such an occasion and the many ladies present were certainly appreciative of the setting. A very palatable meal was followed by some very enjoyable musical entertainment. We were honoured to have Mrs. Bernadette Quinn, a founder member of A.I.M. Group, as our Guest Speaker. Mrs. Quinn proved to be very interesting and stimulated great interest in the activities of her organisation.

The February meeting was perhaps the highlight of the year for the Association. The evening represented the culmination of five years work and discussion on a fitting memorial to Miss Jean Scott, headmistress of Diocesan Secondary School until 1967. The money raised at the time of Miss Scott's death had been invested until such time as the new wing in Danum had been built. The money, augmented by a further sum from Association funds, was used to equip a Mathematics Room in Miss Scott's name in this new wing. A plaque has been mounted on the door, a photograph of Miss Scott has been hung in the room and an ultra-modern digital clock has also been installed. The balance of the money raised has been presented to the school to continue the equipping of this room as further needs arise.

The final item of our memorial to Miss Scott is a beautiful silver rose bowl. This delicate piece of craftsmanship will be presented annually in Miss Scott's name to the senior girl who has been voted the best all round pupil by her classmates and by the School Staff. It is hoped that this Rosebowl will be awarded with due care and consideration each year. In this way it will represent a fitting memorial to an admirable person who gave so much of herself to the School during her career, and whose interest continued long after she had retired from the post of Headmistress.

Barbara Walsh, Honorary Secretary.

OLD DIOCESAN HOCKEY CLUB

We took in seventeen new members at the beginning of last season, mainly due I think, to the fact that we were now using the pitch at Danum for our home ground. We entered three teams for the Leinster League, the first in Middle, the second in Junior, and the third in Minor, and we were able to field a fourth team from time to time to play friendly matches. All

out teams finished the season without disgracing themselves. The first team reached the quarter finals of the Badges but were beaten by the runners-up.

We played a 7-a-side Tournament against the school in September, entered in the Leinster Mens' 6-a-side Tournament in March, and thirteen members went to Galway for Easter week-end to play in the Cross Cup for the fifth year in succession, and had a most enjoyable time. We also trained mid-week this year by playing indoor hockey in the Gym in Alexandra College, and this was very popular with the members.

On the social side, we ran a Scavenger Hunt at the beginning of the season and this was a great success. In October we had a talk on hockey tactics which was followed by a Halloween Supper. We went Carol Singing before Christmas and collected £24 for the Samaritans. In January we organised a Quiz and in March we held a Bring & Buy Sale to raise much needed funds. We rounded off the season with a Barbeque which was well attended, and we were delighted to have with us some of the girls from school, who had played with us during the season.

We are delighted that the Board of Governors have given us permission to use the pitch at Danum again next season, it means so much to us to have the use of an all-weather pitch and to be still attached to the school. We shall be very pleased to welcome to the Club any school leavers who would like to play hockey and keep in touch with their friends. The Hon. Secretary for 1976/77 is Mrs. Janet Holmes. Tel. No. 593944. Please contact her for information.

ETHNI SEYMOUR
Hon. Secretary

News of Diocesan Past Pupils

SUSAN BARRY is Theatre Sister in the Adelaide Hospital.

BARBARA DAGG has been appointed Organist and Choirmistress of St. Patrick's Parish Church, Dalkey.

SIOBHAN KELLY has joined the Staff of Dalkey Primary School.

PATRICIA KILLEEN, having qualified as S.R.N. and S.C.M., is studying at a Bible College in England for a year and hopes to work overseas.

TRUDY KARSTEL is enjoying her course in Carlow Regional College and is working hard as well as making friends in Carlow.

VALERIE HENDERSON is working in a Chartered Accountant's office. In 1976 she was student of the year, having obtained 1st place out of 90 candidates. She is now preparing for Foundation II Accountancy Examination.

MARGARET MYRES and SUSANNE LOWE are working busily and happily in the Adelaide Hospital. They have completed a course in St. Brendan's.

CHRISTINA WORRALL is in a good office job in a "friendly atmosphere".

HEATHER COLLIE is working in the Media Department of an Advertising Agency.

SALLY ARMSTRONG is enjoying her work at the Adelaide Hospital.

AVRIL CROSSE is studying in Colaiste Moibhi.

MARGARET SHERN is assisting in the Secretary's office of a Dublin Hospital.

SANDRA FRASER is studying history at Trinity College, Dublin.

DENISE CROSSE, NICOLA COHEN and JUNE BROWN are completing their training at a Secretarial College.

ELAINE HOOPER is on the staff of a Dublin department store and studies Speech and Drama at the Leinster School's evening classes.

CAROL BARDON, LINDA CAIRNS and GILLIAN WRIGHT are studying in the Secretarial Department of Alexandra College.

JENNIFER COLE is working in an Insurance Broker's office.

CHARLOTTE DALBY is training to nurse at Monks-town Hospital.

LYNDA ESPEY is studying at the Language Institute.

SANDRA JOHNSTON is nursing in Scotland.

RUTH WILLIAMS has passed the final Examination (S.R.N.) at Adelaide Hospital and is going to study for the Diploma in Midwifery at the Rotunda Hospital.

CAROL CUNNINGHAM is working in an Insurance Broker's office.

KAREN FOXALL and HELEN FINCHER passed their preliminary examination at the Adelaide Hospital and have completed a course at St. Brendan's.

CAROL MEDCALF is completing her training at a Secretarial College.

DOROTHY BABINGTON has qualified as a nurse at Adelaide Hospital and is taking a course in Midwifery at Rotunda Hospital.

JANET CHAPMAN passed the final examination in nursing at the Adelaide Hospital.

JOYCE WILLIAMS is in Senior Freshman year at Trinity College, Dublin and is studying History, French and German.

WENDY VINCENT teaches in the Grafton Academy of Dress Designing.

JANE POYNTER is a student in the Grafton Academy of Dress Designing.

AUDREY WILSON is a resident in An Grianan Horticultural College, Termonfechin, Co. Louth, where she is studying for a Senior Diploma in Commercial Horticulture.

EMILY TORRANS is studying at T.C.D. for a moderatorship in English in October.

RUTH BABINGTON has a secretarial post at Beecham Research Laboratory, Dublin.

BARBARA DOWDS gained a Moderatorship in Natural Sciences at Trinity College, Dublin and is studying for a M.Sc. degree.

VALERIE CARROLL is working in Cork as a radiographer.

VIOLET THORBURN is a student at the Church of Ireland College of Education.

AVRIL BARR is working very happily in an umbrella shop.

FIONNUALA ANDERSON has a secretarial post at AnCo.

JANICE MILLS is a senior Secretary at an engineering company at Terenure.

LYNDA COOKE is a Secretary at Emerald Star Line.

BARBARA CAMPBELL is on the office staff of the Meath Hospital.

VIOLET MOULTON is a Primary School Teacher.

ELIZABETH MAHON is at the Church of Ireland College of Education.

VIVIENNE MOFFITT qualified as a Physiotherapist, spent some time abroad and is now working at the Rehabilitation Centre.

JEAN STRONG works in the office of Mount Carmel Hospital.

PATRICIA GIBSON is an assistant at the Glaxo Laboratory.

EDITH ORMSBY is on the staff of the Bank of Ireland's Foreign Department.

VIVIENNE RYAN is a Civil Servant.

SANDRA HARFORD is an assistant in a Dublin Department Store.

SUSAN GILL obtained a Moderatorship in Science at T.C.D., and is now studying for a M.Sc. degree.

ELIZABETH PLUNKETT has qualified as a Medical Laboratory Technician and is now studying for a further qualification.

HEATHER GROVES is a Civil Servant.

GRACE O'DONOVAN is a Dentist's Assistant and hopes to study Natural Sciences at T.C.D. As a third year pupil at Diocesan School she assisted and showed great interest in the work of a Research Group, whose findings were published recently in a book about the North Bull Island.

LESLEY GIBSON is a third year Zoology student at T.C.D.

AVRIL ORMSBY is studying at Coláiste Moibhí.

TERESA LYNCH works in the office of C.I.E. Passenger Marketing Department.

LINDA DALBY has reached her final year in the Medical Laboratory Technician course at Kevin Street College of Technology.

CHERYL DARLINGTON has a post in the office of Philips' Electrical Company, Clonskeagh.

GLYNIS ENSOR is in her final year nurse's training at the Adelaide Hospital.

SHIRLEY EVANS works in an Insurance Company Office.

HELEN FRANKLIN has qualified as a Medical Laboratory Technician.

DEIRDRE FINCHER is a final year student of Occupational Therapy at St. Joseph's College.

GLYNIS DUNBAR has qualified as a physiotherapist and works in a London hospital.

AVRIL PAYNE works in the office of an Insurance Company.

JANET FLOWER assists in a Sports Shop and hopes to study music at U.C.D.

SHIRLEY EATON has qualified as a hairdresser.

RUTH HAMILTON works in the office of the Adelaide Hospital.

GILLIAN JACKSON is a third year student at U.C.D. (She is one of the twenty who passed the second year examination out of fifty).

JOY HEMMINGWAY works in an office of the Guinness Group Sales Department.

SUSANNE LOWE was awarded the Adelaide Hospital Board Prize for first year examinations in June, 1976.

HELEN FINCHER won the SISTER SEVILLE prize for nursing theory in August 1975.

Marriages

HODGINS, Heather to Peter Boate, 24th. June, 1976.

SMITH, Glynis Avril to Ashley Robert Henry Allison, 24th. July, 1976.

WEEKES, Carol to Anthony Gerard Malone, 1st August, 1976.

WELLS, Jane to Rev. Stuart Lloyd, 13th. August, 1976.

FARRAR, Harriet Jennifer to Ronald Edward Greenlea, 4th. August, 1976.

JAMES, Sandra Avril to Donald Richard Smith, 14th September, 1976.

GRAY, Averil to Mervyn Eager, 17th September, 1976.

STRACHAN, Barbara Lynn to Stephen Godfrey Lockhart, 24th September, 1976.

WHITTAKER, Carolyn Evelyn to Richard McKinley Boland.

SPENDLOVE, Ada to Henry Byrne, 16th. December, 1976.

STEIN, Freya to Stopford Spier, 27th. February, 1977.

WILSON, Daisy to John Pearson, 8th. February, 1977.

CASWELL, Carol to Herbert Coghlan, August, 1976.

Births

BARRY – June 1976 to Linda (née Dunlop) and Kieran – a son.

COLEMAN – February 23, 1977, in Johannesburg, to Barbara (née Leach) and Geoff a son.

EVANS – February 5, 1977, to Dorothy (née Calder) and Lance – a daughter.

HARLEY – February 22, 1977, to Frances (née Kelly) and Vincent – a daughter.

RAE – March 19, 1977, to Delma (née Griffin) and Denton – a daughter.
 WILLIAMS – January 31, 1977, to Hazel (née Collie) and Eamonn a son.
 MOORE – March 3, 1977, to Linda (née Webster) and David – a son.
 DEANE – April 11, 1977 to Denise (née Large) and Crozier – a son.

consuming task of looking after the ordering and selling of School Stationery, and compiling some of the School records with meticulous accuracy. "Diocesan" owes much to her faithful service.

M. M. Jagoe.

Engagements

ENSOR, Juliet E.K. (S.R.N.) to Dr. M. M. Stevens.
 HAMILTON, Joan to Robert McConnell.
 JOHNSTON, Sandra to Cecil.
 GYVES, Joyce to Terence Pentland.
 HOOPER, Elaine to Paul Maguire.
 KEARON, Jennifer to Robert Sloane.
 CAMPBELL, Gillian to Philip Quill.
 FAULKNER, Naomi to Rodney Hodgins.
 COLLIE, Heather to Pius Finnegan.
 COLIN, Avril to Martin Kelly.
 BABINGTON, Dorothy to Eric Levingston.
 BARRY, Susan to Peter Heaslip.

Miss Elizabeth M. Cairns

The announcement of the sudden death in December, 1976, of Miss Elizabeth Cairns came as a great shock to her many friends who knew her in "Diocesan" and who deeply regret her passing after such a short retirement.

Miss Cairns was a Moderator of Trinity College, Dublin, in English and French. She obtained the Higher Diploma in Education and also the Teacher's Certificate of Alexandra College, Secondary Training Department. She spent one and a half years in Lausanne and had a wide knowledge of French language and literature before commencing her teaching career.

In 1948, Miss Cairns was appointed to the Staff of the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls and gave twenty-four years of unbroken service in this post. Her Scholarship, her wonderful memory, and her accurate knowledge were most beneficial to the many pupils whom she guided through the intricacies of French Grammar, laying in their minds a firm foundation for further study. Time and time again she proved herself to be a good judge of girls, and a wise conseller as Senior Mistress. As well as her teaching and supervision duties, Miss Cairns undertook the time-

Miss Charlotte Bussell

For thirteen years, Miss Bussell was an esteemed member of the Staff of Diocesan Secondary School for Girls before her retirement from teaching in 1970. During those years she took a keen interest in all her pupils, knew them as individuals and knew their home circumstances, as well as their problems with Irish verbs. Miss Bussell was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin in both Arts and Commerce, and also obtained several Diplomas, including the Higher Diploma in Education. When some pupil needed further explanation or extra tuition to reach a higher standard in Irish, Miss Bussell would be found in a classroom during a lunch break giving that additional teaching. She was always warm-hearted and generous in her support of money-raising efforts and all School functions. When her strength failed, and she was confined to a hospital bed, she kept in touch with her wide circle of friends by writing lively interested letters, and was always glad to receive news or visits. She will be sadly missed by these friends who also rejoice that Miss Bussell is now released from pain and weakness.

M. M. Jagoe.

Miss C. Bussell

One of my most vivid memories of Miss Bussell is of her lying in a bed in the Adelaide Hospital, surrounded by at least a dozen of her pupils who had gone to visit her. She had undergone a severe operation, was no doubt in some pain, and yet she welcomed the girls and was eager to hear what was happening in school and interested in each girl's news.

Miss Bussell always took a tremendous interest in each individual girl. Each person in her classes mattered and each girl's strengths and weaknesses were taken into account. Miss Bussell brought to each of her subjects her own personality and individual style of teaching. When most people would have given in and indeed have given up, she persevered, under great difficulties, managing to get around on two sticks, and continued to teach successfully and to care about the school and about each girl.

HILDA SMITH

The Kibbutz

I went to Israel straight from the pages of Exodus. I was not disappointed. Despite the recent revelations of corruption in Government the society of Israel was indeed founded on uncompromising principle as romanticized by Leon Uris. On the kibbutz, sufficient determination and courage, coupled with imagination and intelligence have been found to carry out the unified desires of the Jewish race.

The kibbutz way of life is an essential part of the past and present of the Jewish people in connection with "Eretz Israel". It is an ideal way of rapidly absorbing and educating new immigrants, of transferring a desert land into production, of defending that precious soil from surrounding hostility and of providing an egalitarian society for the maximum benefit of all concerned. The strange fact is that the idealistic theory has succeeded in practice in so far as success can be judged by statistics and the observations of visitors. Compared with equivalent figures in non-kibbutz Israeli life the production figures in industry and agriculture are higher, the education results in an adult with a higher I.Q. initiative and co-operativity. Up to 45% of the "higher positions" in the country are filled by kibbutz members, despite a mere 4% of the populations belonging to the Kibbutzim.

This low proportion is, I believe significant. While it does not represent a decrease on previous ratios, it seems that too few immigrants wish to undergo the sacrifices necessary for kibbutz living – the reduction in personal material goods and a certain loss of privacy. Though each family has a small private bungalow and garden, freedom is restricted by lack of money, dining and nursing facilities are usually communal and children are reared and educated from infancy till youth in childrens' houses. It is equally difficult, though the wish to do so is extremely rare, for a kibbutz member to leave the security of this society and fend for himself in the outside. This may be true even for day trips into the capitalist world; for example a friend with no conception of prices outside the kibbutz huckster store spent all of his money on a single drink leaving himself without money for a meal or for the 40 mile journey home.

We kibbutz volunteers rose in the clear cool light at 5 a.m. and worked till midday in the services, chicken house or fields of oranges, avocados, cotton, vegetable or grain. Recreation hours were filled with games including swimming in the Club Mediterarée – style swimming pool, travelling, films, parties and home produced entertainment. We had several days

free each month for hitch hiking round the country and were entitled to stay in some of the other kibbutzim.

The country is one of blazing blue sky, shimmering sea, hilly rock, bare earth and occasional oases of palms and tilled fields – low black Bedouin tents, camels and sheep dot deserts and the towns vary between the Arab mud hut variety, the mystic oriental beauty of walled Jerusalem and the ugliness of the instant concrete towns such as Tel Aviv.

The integration of past and present traditions was heightened in the desert kibbutzim. Ein Gedi lies at the foothills of the caves in which perfect 3,000 year old maces and chalices, were discovered along with much later letters of the Rabbi Ahira dispatched during his revolt against the Romans. A few miles further along the Dead Sea is the fortress of Masada built in layers on a sheer 900 ft. high platform of bare rock. Here 967 Zealots survived for 3 years beyond the capture of Jerusalem by Titus in 70 A.D. only to commit mass suicide in place of ignominious defeat. Underneath the remains of Audat, a trade route in the Neger desert dating to the 2nd century B.C. is a University research station which conducts one of the many studies into the immigration systems used by the Israelis before their Dispersal 2,000 years ago. These combined with modern techniques such as water recycling and hydroponics have been used in this century to make the desert "flower" again.

The ethical and aesthetic standards combined with imagination and intellectual vigour (and arrogance) are summed up for me in the lifeguard on the beach at Caesarea. This man with half a dozen scars as witness of several wars (which included an involvement in the Exodus illegal - immigration incident) took the trouble to bring us having noted that we were strangers. Skin diving over the coral reefs. He displayed to us the corolla of the night flower whose petals open visibly at the rate of a clenched fist on one night in the year.

Barbara Dowds.

The Carol Service

ON Friday, 17th December last, parents, pupils and teachers joined to sing praises to the Lord, and contribute in a practical way to the needs of others. This moving service of nine lessons and carols was enhanced by the excellent organ accompaniment of Alfred Potter. The carols were led by the Senior Choir, conducted by Mr. Barra Boydell.

The lessons were read by representatives from each Year, First to Sixth, the Head Girl, the Head Boy, and the Christmas Gospel was read by the Headmaster.

The congregation joined enthusiastically in singing such well known carols as "Once in Royal David's

City", "O Come all ye Faithful", "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing", while who can forget the choir's rendering of the Coventry Carol and the solos sung by members of the choir?

To my mind, the most memorable item in the programme was Carol 16, "Over the Hills, over the Vales". The lyrics send tranquil images of the peace and purity of a winter scene through my mind. The service succeeded in getting the message over to young and old alike that Christmas is more, much more, than a few days off and a time for spending money. On this sincere note, I end.

*Trevor H. Sargent,
6th. Year*

SIXTH UPPERS' VISITS TO THE THEATRE

In November, we visited the Abbey Theatre to see Samuel Beckett's 'Waiting for Godot'. This play, featuring two tramps, and set in a barren landscape where time has little reality is permeated with a sense both of human futility and of human resilience and certainly provoked much discussion even if none of us could claim to understand it totally. The simple set and elaborate, almost balletic acting enhanced the play's sense of boredom mixed with mysterious hope, although perhaps the contrast between the characters alternating gaiety and despair was insufficiently marked.

The Abbey was also the venue, of our next outing in March, when we saw 'The Old Lady Says "No!"' by Denis Johnston. This play, written in the 1920s, concerns the surrealist journey through the streets of contemporary Dublin of an actor, who while playing Robert Emmet in a typically romantic melodrama, is accidentally knocked unconscious. In his nightmare, Emmet's ideals are sharply contrasted with the drab tawdry reality of independent Ireland. Many sections of the play are still piercingly accurate comments on the state of the Irish nation. The techniques of the drama are varied; songs, choruses, shadows on a screen, the transition from reality to dream and back, and a talking statue are all employed, and this stimulated much interest, even if the play's construction was perhaps a bit loose and the ending rather unsatisfactory. Certainly, this was the play I enjoyed most during the year.

The last play we saw, Bernard Shaw's 'The Devil's Disciple' at the Gate, was much more straightforward than the other two. Having also read 'Heartbreak House', some of us were able to confirm further a nas-

cent prejudice against Shaw as a serious playwright. It seems to me that his characterisation (in these plays at least) tends to be wooden and flat, his wit brittle and excessively based on paradox, and his political philosophy, which his plays were written to chothe, rather trite. Some of the acting was also moderate, but for the first two acts we enjoyed a fast moving and entertaining story set in New England during the American War of Independence and the third act was extremely funny, thanks principally to the splendid playing of General Burgoyne, by Aiden Grennell.

It is fair to say that we have been both instructed and regaled by our visits to the theatre, and we thank Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Crowe for their advice and assistance.

*RORY MONTGOMERY
6th Upper*

Tree Planting at Danum

Since last autumn a programme of tree planting has been taking place at Danum, with landscaping and educational objectives.

The trees have been chosen for the following reasons:

Size: The site has a few areas where large forest trees like copper beech or oak could be grown but the majority of the areas are more suited to trees which never grow very tall.

Appearance: The trees are chosen for their shape and colour. Some, being more formal, are suited to symmetrical surroundings like the squares of buildings. Many trees have very attractive leaves and berries in their shape and colour and this aspect may be particularly important against certain backgrounds.

Variety: As large a variety as possible is sought within the limitations of the site and, so far, 35 well known varieties – common beech, copper beech, oak, mountain ash, silver birch (two varieties), maple (crimson and variegated), willow (weeping and upright), cherry (winter flowering autumnalis and Prunus Nigra), flowering apple (Malus floribunda and lemoinei), holly (Variegated King Crimson) and more unusual species, gingko, tulip tree, liquidambar, Parrotia Persic, Flame tree, three types of eucalyptus, and a selection of coniferous trees.

Our knowledge of trees was limited but we soon obtained advice from Dr. Robinson, Dr. Lamb and Mr.

John Seager (an old boy) of the Agricultural Institute Research Station at Kinsealy, Stephen Alexander of the Botanical Gardens (an old boy) and Mr. and Mrs. R. Walker of Sandyford.

The average price of a tree nowadays is £4 – £5 and a stake and tie about £1, so a large amount of money was required. Gingerly a few individual classes and teachers were asked for money. Their response was very favourable and soon most of the classes in the school wished to participate and sponsor a tree. Many classes were anxious to have a choice of tree and were prepared to raise the extra for an expensive variety of their own choosing. The cost has worked out at about 15 – 20 pence per pupil. The pupils have helped also in the actual planting of the trees, in particular the following have given much of their time: George McClelland, Peter Foss, Gilbert Lui 6th year, Barry Dalby, Philip Browne, Peter Wheeler 5th yr., Michael Pratt 3rd yr. and David Elliott 2nd yr.

Help has come from the Old Girls' Association, and the old Boys' Association, Parents' Association and the Board of Governors, Individual parents and past pupils have given money, trees and plants. In particular Mr. Frederick Fox an old boy made a very generous gift of a number of evergreen shrubs and trees. Funds have run out at present and a substantial amount will be needed to continue the project. Past pupils are invited to sponsor a tree and can do so by sending a donation to the School.

I.F.B.

Learning about Judaism

On 4th February, 1977, Miss Barcroft, our R.E. teacher, arranged for us to have a talk about Judaism, to be given by Mrs. Segal. The main thing Mrs. Segal talked to us about was the Jewish Sabbath. The Sabbath begins on Friday at sunset and ends on Saturday at sunset. For this, Jewish people eat a special meal on Friday evening. It consists of certain food, eaten on a decorated table and prayers are said by the father and mother of the household. On the Saturday, the family walk to the synagogue. No work is done all day, and the meals have all been prepared beforehand. Mrs. Segal could only give us a brief outline of the Jewish religion, as it is a very wide subject to cover; but she also maintained that the women especially are always aware of God's presence, even while making a meal.

The following Friday, we went to the synagogue in Terenure, along with some members of the fifth form. Mrs. Segal joined us at the synagogue. When we went in, Mr. Risskin talked to us about the synagogue. He explained that the men sit up near the front, and that the women sit upstairs, or, in some synagogues, near the back, so that they can leave to attend to household matters. We went up to the front of the synagogue, where we saw the sacred scrolls of the Torah, written

in Hebrew, and which could not be touched with the hands. We also saw a small room at the back, which is used as a synagogue during the week when there are not so many people. A very attractive feature about the synagogue was the beautiful stained glass windows. All the boys had to wear hats to cover their heads as a sign of respect.

We would like to thank Miss Barcroft very much indeed for arranging this visit, and also Mrs. Segal and Mr. Risskin for telling us more about such an interesting subject.

Carol Haine, Carol Hooper: 4B2.

Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Company Cookery Competition – March 1977 PRIZE WINNERS

6t Year

- 1st – Ruth Yodaiken
- 2nd – Janet Kerr
- 3rd – Hazel Byrne

5th Year

- 1st – Susan Lowry
- 2nd – Shirley Cowan
- 3rd – Averil Kidd
- Commended – Yvonne Williams

4th Year

- 1st – Margaret Boyland
- 2nd – Lillian Ellis

3rd Year

- 1st – Gail Danker
- 2nd – Linda Stubbs
- 3rd – Sandra Ireland
- Commended – Angela Lynch

2nd Year

- 1st – Sandra McCoy
- 2nd – Linda O'Halloran
- 3rd – Oonagh Anderson
- Commended – Ivor Hemmingway

Ruth Yodaiken goes forward to represent the school at an Inter-Schools Competition in May in the Dublin Gas Co. Kitchen.

Music Examination Results Leinster School of Music June 1976

First Class Honours:

Primary Grade: Alison Gardner, Ruth Gyves, Patricia Macken.

Associated Board:

Distinction – Grade I Tracey Hughes.
Merit – Grade IV – Christine Hughes.
Pass – Grade V – Stephanie Sharpe.

— Grade IV — Heather Bowen, Joyce Gyves.
Grade I — Rhoda Howlin.

Christmas, 1976

Leinster School of Music

First Class Honours:

Primary Grade : Wendy Clarke, Jonathan Sharpe,
Sharon Sturdy
Preparatory Grade : Alison Gardner, Ruth Gyves,
Patricia Macken
Junior Grade I : Roger Davies.

Senior Debating Society Report

The Senior Debating Society has had a very successful year, with average attendances of 60 to 70 at our lunch-time debates.

The first debate of the year was held in the library after school, and there was a very lively discussion on the topic "that International Women's Year was a waste of time and effort". The motion was very narrowly defeated.

Our next debate was the first held at Senior Lunch-Break. Over 100 people were present to contemplate "that this house believes that originality is lacking in the youth of to-day" which was very narrowly defeated.

Our next debate was the first held at Senior Lunch-Break. Over 100 people were present to contemplate "that this house believes that originality is lacking in the youth of today" which was defeated by 64 votes to 31.

Encouraged by the interest shown, the committee decided to hold more lunch-time debates. There was a large attendance at the motion "that the permissive Society does not exist", which was strongly carried.

After the resignation of President O'Dalaigh, we discussed "that the Presidency has outlived its usefulness", which was defeated.

Our last debate to date was a humorous treatment of "that Incubus is detrimental to the morals of the School" which was very narrowly defeated.

In the Inter-schools' debates Rory Montgomery (VI, U) reached the final of the Trinity College Historical Society's Debate, giving a very meritorious display of the art of oratory. Stephanie Sharpe (V) achieved third place in the St. Michan and St. Paul's Debating Society's competition and in the Speech competition held in the Player - Wills theatre our team of Barbara Lee (VI) Vishvani Naidu (V) and Ann Fitzroy (V) were placed second.

It is to be hoped that in future years the fifth formers will take a more active part in this and all other School Societies.

I thank the following members of staff who so ably chaired our debates throughout the year: Mr. Lowry, Mr. Hickmott, Mr. Ryan, Mr. McMullen and Mr. Gardner, and also our secretary, Peter Mack (V) who so conscientiously writes out the minutes.

Philip Katz (VI)

Auditor 1976 - 1977

The Junior Debating Society

SINCE it was formed, the Society has been very active, holding debates which give pupils in the lower forms of the school the opportunity of airing their views on subjects varying from "Space Exploration is a waste of time and Money" to "Cars should be banned from the Cities".

Under the excellent guidance of Mrs. Conway we have gained the enthusiasm of many of the pupils. Recently an Inter-Second forms Debating Competition was held which was a great success. We are hoping to have one for the third formers.

Our Committee meets regularly to decide on topics for our debates, and if you would like to help to decide on a topic, you are welcome to attend one of our meetings.

ROGER ARMSTRONG 3A1

Secretary

Biology Today Schools Conference

The school was represented at this annual two-day conference by some 5th and 6th formers. The conference, which is organised by the Institute of Biology of Ireland, is concerned with up-to-date views, ideas and changes in the Science of Biology. This year it was held in Belfield on 22nd and 23rd December.

1977 is designated Wetlands Year and so the talks were mainly on this topic. The first talk of the morning dealt with grasslands in general, illustrated with slides. This was followed by a talk on diseases of grasses, causes, life cycles and the steps being taken to prevent the diseases. This was a subject most of us town-dwellers were ignorant of and so proved very interesting. The last talk of the morning dealt with how grasslands affected the Irish economy. Question time with each of the speakers brought us up to lunch-time.

The afternoon session opened with a lecture on wetlands at which the flora and fauna of many different habitats of wetlands, such as bog, fen,

turlough, rivers, etc. were examined. This was followed by an interesting talk on birds in wetlands, with a prize of £1 for distinguishing a slide, which to us looked like a spider but eventually turned out to be the design caused by lightning striking a golf flag-pole.

On the second day the main topic was Experimentation. The first lecture on statistics was interesting for the mathematically minded ones among us. Then came a talk on Biology and Medicine which was fascinating. It dealt with how blood pressure affects kidney disease, illustrated with colourful slides. The last talk of the morning was by Professor M. Harwitt from the University of Cornell who talked about some of the astronomical research being carried out and its possible biological implications. The final session of the conference was a helpful general discussion on Careers in Science.

Generally, the greater majority of the talks were enjoyable and invaluable, and well worth attending. We must thank all the people who gave up their time to come and address us in such an interesting manner. We would also like to thank Mrs. Massey and Mrs. Geoghegan for arranging our attendance.

*Petrina Armstrong, Avril Sloan
5th Form.*

ARCHITECTURAL TOUR

Mr. Broad and Mr. Wallace took the Upper Sixth on a guided tour around parts of Dublin in February. We started off at St. Patrick's Cathedral and studied the adjacent streetscape, particularly beside Marsh's Library.

We then proceeded to Kevin Street Garda Station – as guests not inmates (!). We looked at its Georgian features and tried to correlate its present desolate facade with what it must have looked like when Grattan was holding forth in College Green.

We were particularly interested in the way modern architecture fits in with the existing buildings, and we saw a notable example of this in Bride Street, and in a fine Architectural office looked at plans for other areas of Dublin, there, some of which Mr. Broad strongly disapproved.

We studied the relation of a row of buildings and St. Patrick's Cathedral seen from the neighbouring Park, and for the first time appreciated the aesthetic value these buildings have. Indeed, we are inclined to take so much for granted in this city, and this "Tour of Dublin" inculcated an awareness in our minds of our Heritage, and the need to keep it.

We studied some of the features of 19th Century Churches, built in the heady days of Emancipation and Repeal. We then studied the various Georgian features of Henrietta Street in the North side of the city and were amazed at how much of it needed to be restored to its former beauty.

We also studied the imposing facade of the King's

Inns. Some of the party viewed St. Stephen's Green and Kilmainham Hospital from the roof of Mr. Broad's car.

Thanks to Mr. Wallace and Mr. Broad for an enjoyable and educational tour.

C.R.S.

A visit to a recital by the Consort of St. Sepulchre

On one dark cold night in October last an enthusiastic group of members of sixth upper went to a performance in Christ Church Cathedral by the Consort of St. Sepulchre, those amiable minstrels of medieval music, of which our music teacher, Mr. Boydell, is a member.

The entertainment was divided into three sections comprising pieces of Italian, French and English origin. We were intrigued by the unusual harmonic structure of the songs and the diverse musical instruments used.

We were treated to a number of Italian love songs and the climax of this section was 'Al di dolce ben Mio', a quick and lively song, sung with great Italian gusto by Lucienne O'Kelly. The French section, which followed was not so greatly appreciated, with the possible exception of three chansons. The English section contained such lively pieces as an Estampie and Callino Custurame.

Sixth Upper now educated in the diversities of Musical styles returned on the following Monday to the more mundane events of ordinary School life.

Carl Smythe (Sixth Upper)

A visit to Kilcornan Training Centre

THIS year the fifth formers while on their Burren Trip visited Kilcornan Training Centre by kind invitation of Mr. Myles.

Kilcornan is a training centre for mentally handicapped people from the ages of 16 to 60 run by the Brothers of Charity and financed by the Western Health Board and the Department of Education. The Staff were shown round the chalets while some pupils swam in the large heated indoor pool.

About eight people live in each chalet with a house mother and father in each. Each chalet contains a sitting room with television, a small kitchen, a dining room and a few bedrooms. Each room is brightly decorated with a different colour in each room and there is wall to wall carpeting.

At Kilcornan there is one acre under glass where the patients can grow various crops. We saw lettuce and tomatoes and seedlings for flower beds in the grounds. There is also a woodwork shop where specially trained men teach the people certain skills. A

large sports hall has been built where Mr. Myles supervises all the recreational and remedial activities. In this hall there are badminton courts and basketball courts which the pupils make good use of.

The Brothers of the Charity also own ten houses in Galway City. A person trained at Kilcormac may move to Galway and go to work daily in the city, returning each evening to live as one of a small group in one of these houses with house parents in charge.

JEAN NOLAN, 5th YEAR

Sixth Year Dinner Dance

ON Thursday, 14th April, a sixth form Dinner Dance was held in the Montrose Hotel, Stillorgan. The Compere was Ian Young, an 'Old Boy' and the music was provided by 'The Others'.

The function was attended by members of sixth year, their friends and members of staff. There was a large attendance. There was a draw and several spot prizes.

Mr. Brook expressed his thanks to all who helped to organise such an enjoyable party.

The Committee thank the pupils and Staff for their support and co-operation, also Mrs. Farrar for her very hard work on our behalf and Mr. Wallace who also helped us in every way possible.

*PAUL FARRAR
Upper Sixth*

3A1 Cake Sale

On the 31st March, 1977, Form 3A 1 held a cake sale in aid of Concern. The total sum raised was £15.

A letter from Concern, received by Miss Stevenson, our form teacher, thanked us warmly and said "We are extremely grateful for your help always, but your contribution was particularly timely in view of recent unexpected expenditure for Bangladesh. A tornado killed 700 people, injured 10,000 and left many homeless. Concern immediately sent in an emergency relief team and a feeding centre is still being run by 2 Concern nurses."

Altogether we have 130 volunteers working overseas and we rely largely on voluntary help to enable them to continue their work."

We were very pleased to hear how helpful our contribution had been, and we certainly hope to have further fund-raising activities in the future.

Alison Gardner (3A1)

The Hobbies Exhibition 1976

The hobbies exhibition of 1976 was the second in which the girls had taken part, but already the impact they have made is astounding.

The handknitting, crochet, dressmaking, em-

broidery and tailoring sections seem to have exploded. They occupied by far the greatest part of the exhibition, and while the number of girls entries are constantly growing, the part taken by the boys leaves room for improvement.

However leaving aside this gloomy note the standard of entries rises every year, and rivalry in the cake and pastry classes is intense, with the entries becoming larger, more elaborate and colourful every year.

In 1976 new classes for leatherwork, preserves and photography were introduced with moderate success.

Some outstanding and noteworthy entries were those made by Timothy Lawson in the unaided crafts section, where he entered a re-upholstered chair which met with great approval and was admired by many of the judges.

In the individual projects section Roxanne White with a project on Howth and Jonathan Sharp with a project on a Feudal village won joint first prize.

The Samuel Evans Memorial Trophy was awarded to a fifth form girls' project on Maria Edgeworth's Ireland. It dealt with dress, architecture, the law and life in general in Ireland in the early 1800's. The project was produced by five girls in Mrs. Crowe's English group.

We are very grateful and indebted to the Parents' Association for their generous contribution of £60 to provide the prizes.

We also thank Mrs. K. Hunt for distributing the prizes.

*Peter Foss
Sixth year*

THE SIXTH FORM CENTRE

In Autumn 1976 the Headmaster received an offer from the Old Boys' Union and the Old Girls' Association to raise funds for a major project. This offer was gratefully accepted.

A Cheese and wine party and an auction of gifts, received from friends of the school, to raise the required funds, were organised. By these efforts a large sum of money was realised.

The Headmaster and members of Staff considered several projects and decided in favour of providing a 'base' for sixth form. A committee of Sixth formers was asked to express views on this matter. The Headmaster gave us the use of the balcony as our 'base' for which we thank him very much. Soon boxes were made for us as seating and lockers, a tape recorder, an electric kettle and colourful posters were bought.

We quickly settled into our new 'home' and continue to enjoy making full use of it.

We thank most sincerely the members of the Old Boys' Union and the Old Girls' Association for their great kindness to us.

*ANDREW CROSLAND
6th Year.*

A VISIT TO DUBLIN CASTLE

On the 31st of January we went on a tour of Dublin Castle. When we arrived at the Castle (founded in 1208 approx.) we were met by a guide who brought us upstairs, and were shown the family crests of all the Presidents of Ireland, of which three are yet to arrive (Erskine Childers, Cearbhall O Dalaigh and Patrick Hillery). We next saw St. Patrick's Hall, with all its coats of arms and family crests. On the ceilings were paintings by Vincent Waldre and the carpet was "St. Patrick's Blue". Most of the state occasions take place in St. Patrick's Hall, e.g., inauguration of Presidents. After passing through the hall we reached the Bermingham Tower Room. This room was originally smaller with thicker walls but after a gunpowder explosion in 1775, it was rebuilt with more slender walls which gives more floor space. In the 16th century it was used for the detention of State prisoners, e.g., Silken Thomas, who was held after trying to storm the castle and eventually was executed, and "Red" Hugh O'Donnell, who was held prisoner in 1592 with his friends and eventually made his famous escape across the Wicklow Mountains.

All the State records were at one time held in the room. It is situated in the south-west corner of the castle, and has been described as "the stateliest, highest and strongest Tower in this fortress". The whole theme of the Tower-room seems to be the union between England, Scotland and Ireland as is shown in the design on the brasswork of the chandelier which is from the 19th century, the design is of an entwining shamrock, rose and thistle. This design is incorporated in the pattern of the ceiling. The carpet on the floor is a copy of the shape and pattern of the ceiling. On the wall are pictures of all the leaders of the 1916 Rising.

Then we passed through the Wedgewood Room which takes its name from the four framed black

wedgewood plaques on the wall which one attributed to John Flaxman, an English sculptor who worked for the Wedgewood family. The room was originally a billiard room. The carpet has the design of a phoenix rising from its ashes. There is an Adams style marble mantelpiece with his characteristic urns and palladiums.

Then we passed through the Picture Gallery with its Ionic pillars which formerly divided it into three separate rooms. On the walls are the pictures of all the Viceroys. There is a beautiful Italian chandelier. After passing through the Gallery we reached the Throne Room. On the ceiling there is gold leaf and there are Belluci's paintings of the planets. The Throne dates from the time of William of Orange and could have been donated by him.

We then reached the Drawing-room with its Donegal carpets, French furniture and Beleek china and paintings by Panini. After seeing this room we reached the "Apollo Room". The room got its name from the painting of Apollo on the ceiling with the signs of the Zodiac. The ceiling and mantelpiece are from Tracton House and the panelling is exactly copied from the same house. The blinds on the windows are festooned like Venetian blinds, and our guide told us this was because they didn't want to cover up the panelling and frame of the window they went to so much trouble to install. There is a modern floor. There is Louis XIV furniture.

After passing through the State Corridor we reached other Drawing-rooms, one of these contains the "Arts and Sciences" ceiling from Mespil House, there is also an Adam's fireplace from another room. The judge who tried Robert Emmet also left a table, which is in this room. In another room there is some very valuable furniture and paintings donated by Beatrice, late Countess of Granard, and her husband. There is also a Van Dyke.

Declan Jones. 2A2.

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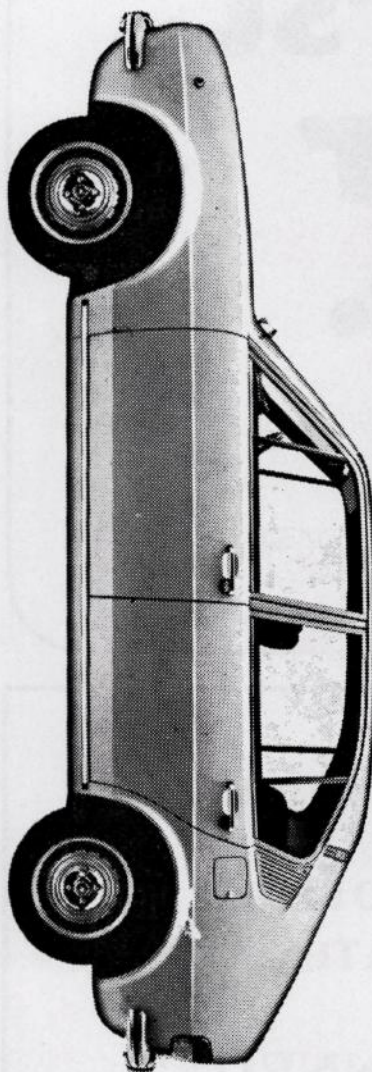
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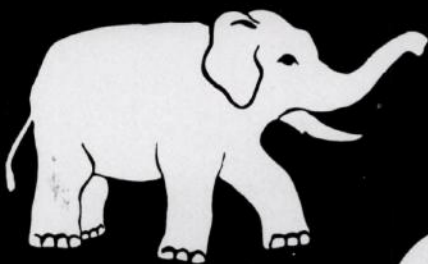
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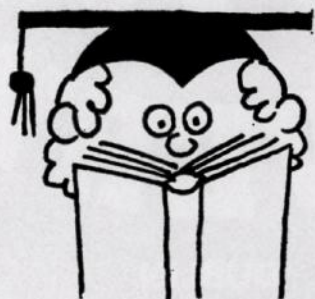
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