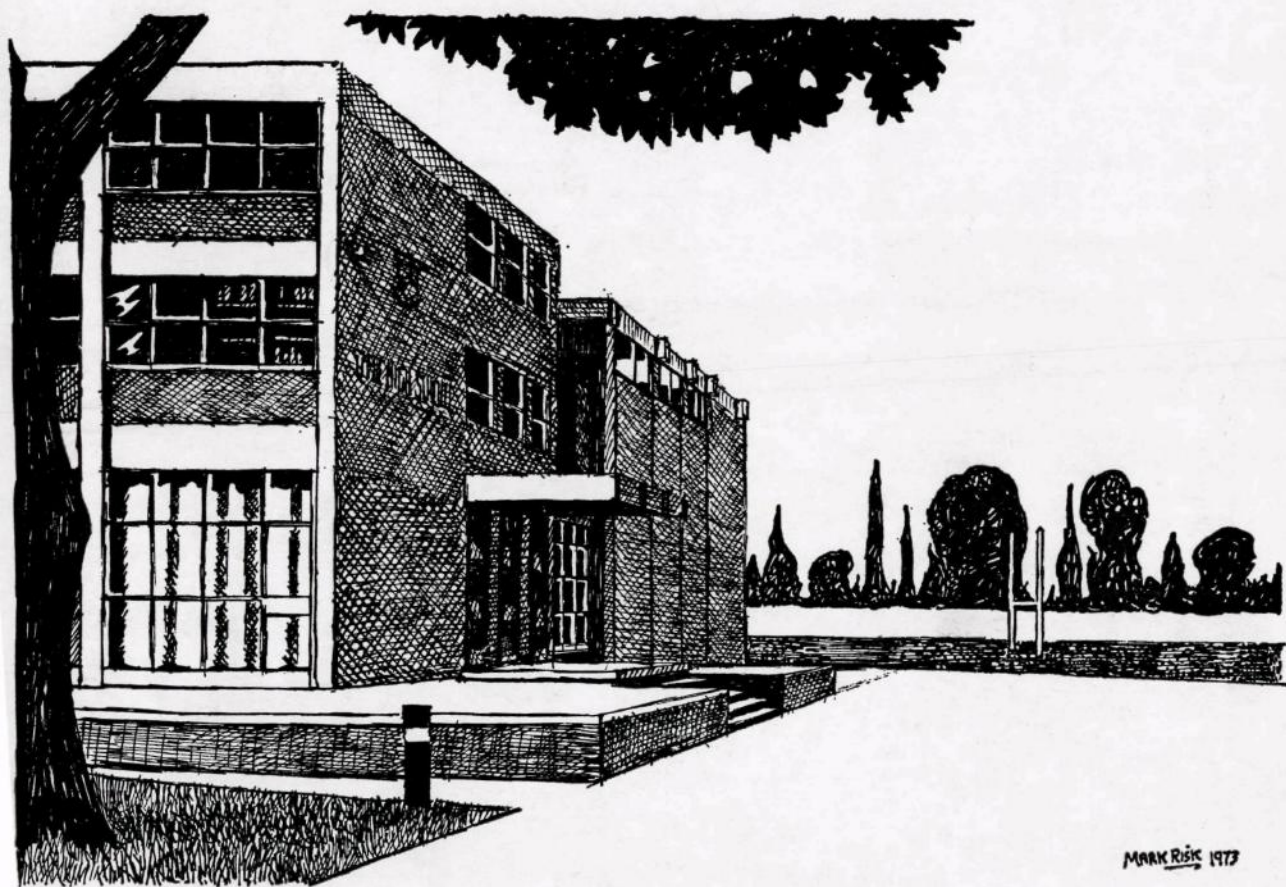


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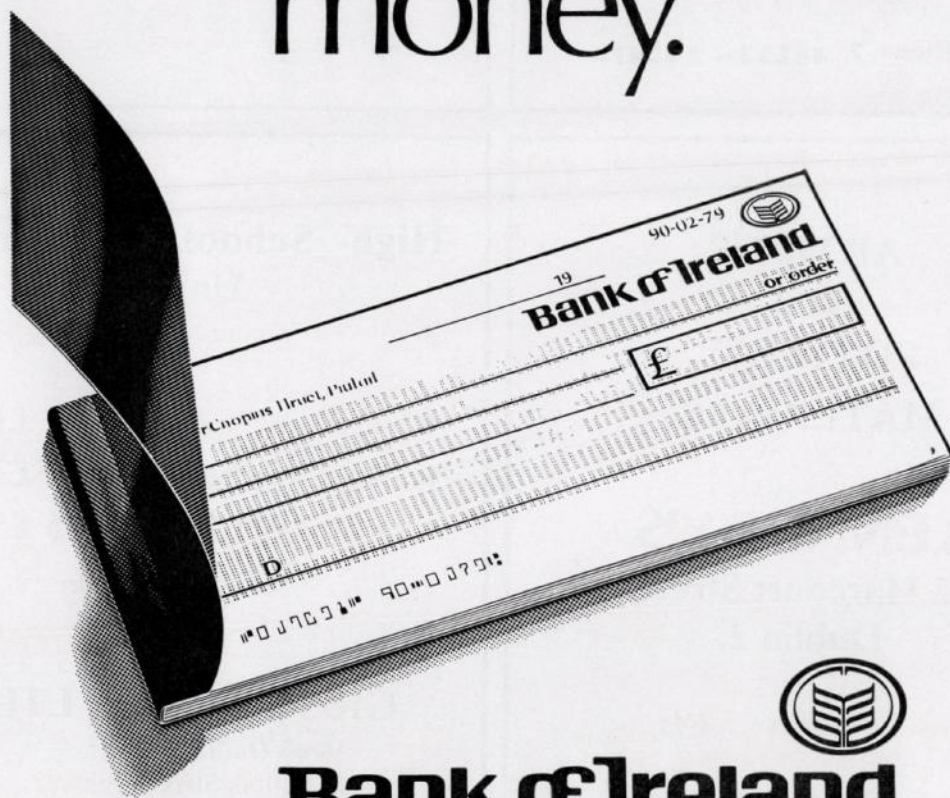
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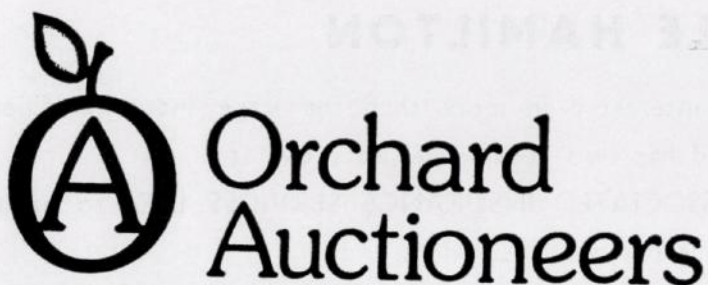
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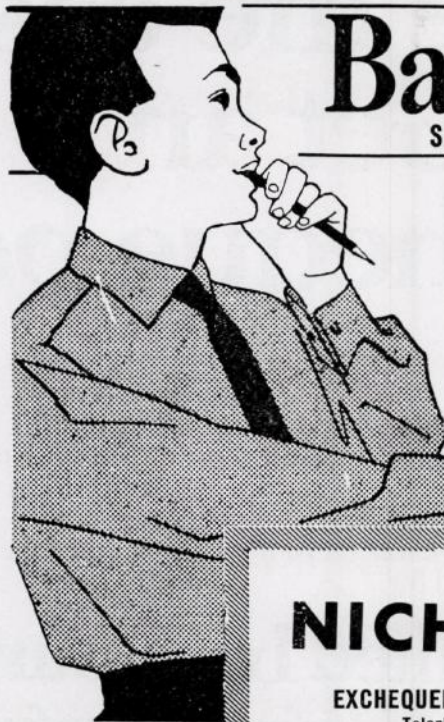
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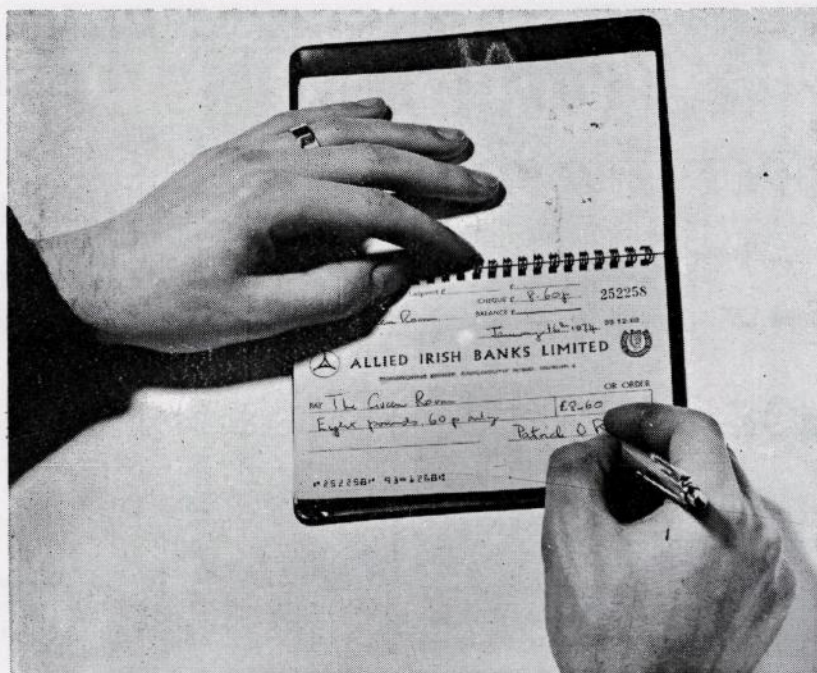
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EDITORIAL

**"All changed, changed utterly,
A terrible beauty is born"**

W. B. Yeats

The advent of co-education signified not only the arrival of a fuller education for all pupils but also the merging of two long-established secondary schools. The beginning of the year was, as my predecessor predicted "a hectic and somewhat confused time of re-orientation, re-organisation and change". Administrative teething troubles arose, but were assuaged as swiftly as possible. The boys gathered in groups, and, eyes downward, shuffled along with their hands in their pockets, while the girls acquainted themselves with their new building. As the two groups began to overcome their natural shyness and communicate with each other, the real merger began. Things settled down remarkably quickly and the novelty of co-education was soon forgotten as boys and girls began the serious business of learning. The Debating Society rejected the notion "that this House supports Women's Liberation" and the more comical aspects of our first co-educational year were soon admirably dealt with in the new periodical "Incubus".

The problem of blending the traditions of two long established schools together has proved too difficult for one meagre year to solve. Time must be allowed to complete that process for itself. The two parent schools have merged and this year has seen the

embryonic development of one, new identity. The building of a new wing in Danum has already begun. It would be very clumsy and thoughtless to damage or destroy two old schools simply in order to secure the immediate establishment of a new one. The existence of two schools in one building must therefore be tolerated for a little while longer.

The arrival of co-education in Danum heralded a realistic and very pleasing surrender to progress. One large school is financially better equipped to face the years ahead than two small ones. But it is important to remember that in a school, financial affairs must take second place to educational considerations. There is neither the time nor the space to present a long (and probably boring) dissertation on the merits of co-education but this much must be said. The main purpose of education is to prepare boys and girls for future life and to lead them out of childhood and into responsible adulthood. Therefore, a single sex school can hardly provide a complete education in itself. Boys and girls who are educated separately cannot be adequately prepared for a life in which men and women must live and work together.

G. Murray VI Upper

School News

The Erasmian and Diocesan Times is the school record of the High School and the Diocesan School for girls published annually in June.

Mr. Toomey attended a Council of Europe Symposium on "an integrated approach to science education for 13-16 year olds" held in Exeter in September as a delegate representing the Department of Education.

We regret to note the departure of Miss Barklie and Mr. Marino from our teaching staff, but welcome Mr. Boydell, Miss O'Grady, Mrs. Comerford and Mrs. Young who are jointly responsible for music.

We congratulate Mr. Rose on his appointment to the Education Secretariat of the E.E.C. We welcome Dr. Stephen Barcroft in his place.

We congratulate John Robbie on being selected as captain of the Leinster Under 19 rugby team for the 1974/75 season.

Graeme Murray

6th Upper Tour

At exactly 4.00 p.m. on a grey afternoon in the beginning of November, three cars slid to a respectful halt below the steps of Aras An Uachtaráin. Timidly sixteen immaculately-groomed persons filed up to the door and engaged themselves in divers last-minute hair adjustments while one of their number applied his knuckles to the oaken panelling. The knock was heard and from the bowels of the building came a military gentleman who unchained the door. A keen observer would have noted Aras an Uachtaráin swallowing up the little party and closing its door once more.

Thus Upper Sixth and a select group of staff arrived at President Childers' residence in the Park.

First we listened to a short speech from the President in which we learned something of his broad-minded and ecumenical approach to the affairs of his office. Then the President took us on a fascinating tour of the house. Of particular interest were a sample of the moon presented by the Apollo 11 crew, a ceiling depicting Aesop's fables, sculptures of the Riverine Gods, another ceiling of the "Seasons", which was taken from the house of Miss Sarah Purser at Mespil Road - prior to its demolition. (This ceiling transplant was a major engineering feat). Of the wall-coverings, the embroidered gift from the Belgian Royal Family and the collection of Nathaniel Hone water-colours were particularly memorable.

While signing the visitors book, as we left, we encountered another visiting group about to commence a similar tour, and recalling that 4,000 people had already been shown the house since the President took up office, our admiration for the man suddenly reached new heights.

In the past year the School Library has become an invaluable asset to the whole School. It is being used increasingly at breaks, free periods and after school by both pupils and Staff. The Diocesan School not only brought with them their good looks but also their good books! This influx has caused the numbers to soar and now the Library possesses about 5,500 books which cover all facets of study. At this point I wish to express the committee's gratitude to those who helped in the re-organisation of the library, following this influx of books, before the term began. These include: Kenny Harris, Mark Gardner, Mark Risk, Keith Davis, David Baker, Michael Baker, Lance Grossman, David Lipschitz and David Lewis.

We thank also the Old Boys who in this year's appeal raised the useful sum of £134.70; this is the largest amount so far recorded. We are grateful to Mrs. Gault, Mr. Hudson, Mr. H. E. P. Anderson, Mr. Rose, Edward Moss (6), A. Cole (6), D. Lipschitz (5), T. Sargent (4A), A. Crosland (4A), S. Malkinson (4B) for their contribution of books.

Lastly, I extend my sincere thanks to the Library Committee for their help during the past few months.

A.C. (6).

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Report for the Debating Society

Committee:

Auditors: Stephen Hinds and Helen Fincher.

Secretary: Joyce Williams.

Committee: Naomi Faulkner, Margaret Myers, Catherine Ross, Geoffrey Reeves, Rory Montgomery, Graeme Murray and Desmond King.

The debating society committee was a little unusual during the 1974-75 school year in having two

auditors. This was decided at the first meeting, so that both boys and girls would be equally represented on the committee, as in September girls did not know which boys to vote for, and vice versa.

The amalgamation of the two debating societies has been extremely successful. The first meeting of the year, on the subject of the women's Liberton Movement, proved very lively, and had a large attendance of about sixty pupils. It was also encouraging to note that many speakers from the floor, both senior and junior pupils, participated in the debate.

However, the initial good attendance did not last and at the second debate where the motion that "This house is opposed to the resuscitation of the Irish language" was proposed, only nine people attended. For those present, however, it turned out to be an enjoyable and active debate.

Our third debate was held in the Easter term and the motion was that "Private cars should be banned from the road". The attendance rose again at this meeting and many lively heated and amusing arguments shot back and forth across the Demonstration Theatre. The outcome of this debate was the defeat of the motion.

Also in the Easter term a hot debate was held. Topics such as "Danny Osmond should be suppressed", "Wombleism stimulates social conscience", "This school should have uniform uniform", "All pupils should use the main door", "The school should participate in educational cruises", "Boat boys are lonely", "Rugby is a form of masochism" were discussed. These subjects provoked many ingenious ideas and also alternated light-hearted arguments with serious ones.

Trudy Karstel, Walter Lee and Barbara Lee participated in inter-schools debates in Wesley College, Newpark and Rathdown respectively and all spoke ably on their subjects. We congratulate Graeme Murray for gaining second place in the Irish Times Oratory competition on 10th February, 1975.

The society wishes to extend its thanks to Miss Carroll, Miss Nic Aogáin, Mr. Wallace and Mr. McMullen for very kindly agreeing to taking the chair for the debates. We are greatly indebted to them for the orderly procedure of the meetings.

In September, it was decided to hold one debate a month, but this unfortunately did not materialise due to the large number of other activities taking place after school hours. However, the committee is pleased with the success of the society and hope that in the future, more debates may be organised.

Joyce Williams.

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MOCK INTERVIEWS

On the evening of 16th April, 39 members of Sixth Form were interviewed by people working in the Personnel field. The School wishes to thank the following who gave generously of their time and advice:

Miss Hilary Andrews, Mr. Gerald Abbott, Mr. David Barnes, Mr. Joe Brady, Mr. Colin Dunlop, Mr. Brian Herman.

It is interesting to note that included above are 2 parents of pupils in the school, 1 past pupil of Diocesan, 1 old boy of High School, and 2 willing friends.

In future years, it is planned to repeat this exercise, and anyone working in Personnel who is interested in helping is asked to get in touch with Mr. Miller, the Guidance Teacher, at the School.

THE CAREERS LIBRARY

I am sorry to say that the careers library has not been used to its full extent. People fail to realise the importance of such a facility.

During the year, I would say that hardly 70 different people have used it, and I doubt whether 60% of 5th and 6th formers know for sure what they want to do when they leave school.

"What will you do when you leave school?" – a question often asked, but rarely answered. So many people end up in jobs that don't interest them. I can't say that use of the library will completely solve your problems, but it can certainly help clear your mind.

D. Green

"Incubus"

With the amalgamation of the Erasmian and the Diocesan Times a need arose for a pupils' magazine.

"Incubus", the recently formed pupils' magazine gives them an opportunity to voice their views and grievances.

The magazine is run by the students and we are hoping that it will pay its own way.

The first edition has been successfully published and the second is now in the making. The future of Incubus rests with the pupils of all forms.

We thank Mr. Blackmore for the guidance he has given us. We also thank the boys who raised funds by playing a twelve hour soccer match.

Des King – Editor.

H.M.S. Pinafore

The thirty-second annual Concert was held on Friday and Saturday, 14th and 15th February, 1975, in the Clockroom.

The programme opened with three pieces from the First Year Choir: "The Swans" by Thimon, "Where the Bee Sucks" by Arne (arr. Moffat), and Dunhill's "Pilgrim Song". Their singing was, as always, of a very high standard, and showed tone appreciation of the music. Miss Barklie deserves great praise for her work with the choir during the year.

Alfred Potter has played the piano in many High School concerts, and he has developed into a very fine pianist. This year he gave superb renderings of two works by Chopin: "Deux Valses (Waltz No. 9)" and "Polonaise in A Major (Military)". It has become customary for the reviewer of the School Concert to criticise the manner in which the audience every year attempts to drown the music with rustlings of crisp bags, sweet wrappers and mink coats. I fear that I must must reiterate this complaint, though I am happy to say that the martial strains of the second piece seemed to intimidate the offender to comparative silence.

After these pleasant introductory items came the centre-piece of the evening: Miss Barklie's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore". Graeme Murray in the part of Sir Joseph Porter showed his immense ability in the field of characterisation. From his habit of looking meaningfully at the audience over his pincenez, to the way in which during the finale he succumbed to an imaginary (I think) attack of lumbago, he was all aplomb and charisma. I liked particularly his touches of modern "in-humour" (for example, who recognised his Morecambe and Wise walk?). Any deficiencies in his singing were more than compensated for by his exceptional acting prowess.

Charles Wheeler (Captain Corcoran) was undoubtedly the most talented singer in the cast. He, too, had a fine sense of the parody which is so vital to Gilbert and Sullivan, particularly in his use of telescope and whip. Carl Smythe as Mrs. Cripps (not Cupps as printed on the programme) was the third member of this highly talented trio, which provided the backbone

(or do I mean main-mast) of the production. His performance with the Captain in the song "Things are seldom what they seem" was especially memorable.

Peter Mack gave a fine performance as Josephine, and his prowess in the higher regions of the musical scale was quite astounding. Peter Wheeler, as Ralph Rackstraw, the young hero, showed every sign of following in his brother's footsteps. His singing voice is very good, and only needs to acquire a little more resonance. Geoffrey Reeves presented a notable interpretation of the role of the universally hated Dick Deadeye. Donald Irvine was an excellent Hebe and Wayne Sheridan a very capable Bosun. The chorus strongly supported the principals both in acting and singing.

Finally, a mention for those behind the scenes. The backdrop designed and painted by Mark Risk and Steven Rowe, greatly enhanced the production. Those responsible for costumes and make-up deserve the highest praise for their efforts, and Mr. Peters the stage manager, the electricians and the stage hands, are to be complimented for their unobtrusive but vital work. Without Mr. O'Kane, the organiser, the Show could not even have begun. Most of all, our thanks are due to Miss Alice Barklie. This, sadly, was her last High School production, for she is leaving us this year. The high standard of her Gilbert and Sullivan presentations has never ceased to amaze audiences, inside and outside the School, and her departure leaves a gap which it will not be easy to fill.

E.E.H.

The Music Society

The Music Society met twice during the Christmas term. The first meeting's programme opened with the "Entrance of the Queen of Sheeba", which was followed by what is becoming the Society's theme music, namely "The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" by Benjamin Britten. Exerpts from music by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Ravel followed. "Capt n Noah and his floating zoo" sung by the King's Singers rounded off a very pleasant evening.

Our second meeting was presented by Miss Nic Aogáin and three of her friends who had made up a quartet - chello, violin, viola and flute. Their performance, which included their amazing arrangement of a Louis Armstrong jazz piece, was much admired by all who attended and the society is very grateful to the quartet for a very enjoyable performance.

On March 13th an important public concert was held in the school. The New Irish Chamber Orchestra,

an internationally recognised ensemble, presented a programme of music by J. S. Bach, J. C. Bach and W. A. Mozart. The highlight of the evening was the bassoon Concerto by Mozart. The concert was attended by about 400 people and was recorded by R.T.E. for broadcasting at a later date.

G. J. Reeves

The Choral Society

This year has seen the passing of another High School tradition, for in February the boys of the Choral Society took the stage for the last production of one of the Gilbert and Sullivan's operettas. This year the society performed H.M.S. Pinafore, for two nights at Danum and for one night at Glenageary, where we thank the kind ladies of the parish for providing tea. The passing of this tradition coincides with the departure of Miss Alice Barklie from the teaching staff. Her loss is indeed great, since it has been her devotion and patience which have made the society the success it is.

Charles Wheeler, 6U

Drama Workshop

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 1974

ON the evening of the last day of the Christmas term the Drama Workshop presented its second Christmas Concert; an event which now seems destined to become, by popular demand, a regular yearly 'happening'. Well over a hundred pupils were involved in producing, writing, staging and acting in more than fifteen separate items: ranging from two-minute solo acts to a three quarter hour play. As is the tradition with the Drama Workshop, this was mostly 'all their own work', with some help from Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Broad and Miss Keegan.

The lengthy proceedings opened with a display of gymnastics by David Nolan (IB2) aided and abetted by Donald Irvine (IB2) and Mr. Myles. These agile feats were warmly appreciated by an audience which gasped involuntarily at some of the remarkable somersaults and twists performed by this very promising young athlete. Next followed IBI's contribution: a dramatisation of Browning's "The Pied Piper", which was done for the most part with verve and dash, Graham Burleigh's Pipermaking a cool contrast Raymond Foley's angry Alderman. 2A1 followed with a satire on the television programme "This is Your Life" in which Stuart Ruttle, as Gary Litter, had his revolting

life revealed to the millions of viewers by suitably revolting friends, wives and acquaintances, and ended up by being chased from the studios by this irate mob, much to the embarrassment of Aimless Andrews, played by Alan Borton. 2B2 then did another amusing sketch based on a television show. This time it was 'Frank Spencer in Hospital', in which the luckless Frank, played by Wendy Clarke with great conviction, wrought his particular brand of havoc on doctors, patients and innocent bystanders indiscriminately. All the cast were girls, incidentally ! These were followed by the first of the musical offerings of the evening, a delightful song from the girls of 3B3 which went down well with the audience. Now a solo act. We were treated to the enormously satisfying sight of Mark Shankey (2B1) laying an egg in front of the curtains : at least, that's what he told us he was doing, and though no egg was actually seen, his extraordinary contortions and grunts looked so very like the real thing that the spectators may be forgiven if, for a moment, they really imagined an egg was produced ! The successor to this item was Stuart Kevelighan (4B2) who did a fairly well known Brendan Grace monologue in which he describes a visit to the zoo by himself and his somewhat rough classmates. This was an excellent imitation, the timing and accent were immaculate, and the audience responded warmly.

Alan Bolton was one of the stars of 2B1's production, called, somewhat presumptuously, "Talent". He did some very clever conjuring and managed to bring the audience in on his act with a great deal of self assurance and witty asides. He then played the part of a director of a film who has trouble getting his cast to act at the right speed. The antics of the cast, played by Peter Herman, Mark Shankey, Sam Smith, Robert Collins, Freda Harbron and Graine Carrickford were enjoyed hugely. The second musical item on the bill was a group of girls who sang some modern popular tunes, and very sweetly too. Caroline deLacy (3B2) sang solo and then joined in in various groupings with Alison O'Halaran, Glenys Mundy and Denise Brown (all 3B3) to the valued accompaniment of Mr. Marino on the piano. This was followed by an entirely impromptu appearance by Irwin Johnstone (6) who gave us an astonishingly life-like impersonation of Frank Spencer, impersonating a magician. The audience enjoyed this immensely, the more so when "Frank" offered to demonstrate how he could cut a neck-tie in half and put it together again and called for a volunteer to help him effect this miracle. The brave Mr. Hilliard, leaving aside his chess board for a moment, gamely rushed on stage and put his tie (and for a while it seemed his throat also) at the mercy of this erstwhile

lunatic. The scissors clipped the air, waved dangerously, then . . . snip ! The audience held their collective breath : would Irwin get six weeks detention ? But look ! Mr. Hilliard is smiling. Does he know something we do not ? Yes, he does : it is not his own tie.

Six sixth form girls then brought us a sketch which suffered only a little from having been performed in a shorter version by 2B1. The director put his very willing cast through even more hoops much to the delight of everyone, including the cast of Naomi Faulkner, Joyce Williams, Ruth Babington, Cheryl Darlington, Helen Beardsley and Edwina Mundy. "Orange Blossom", performed by members of fifth year, was next, and its reception must give the organisers of the evening cause to reconsider the suitability of this type of production in this particular concert. The play itself was highly humorous and the cast had worked hard, though perhaps they were a little upset by the absence through illness of their mentor, Reggie Deane, his part being courageously and ably filled at the last minute by Elaine Hooper. The play, however, was not really given a chance by a restless audience who complained that they could not hear the actors but who made little effort to be quiet in order to do so. The acoustics in the hall and the poor amplification can make concentration very difficult, but it seems that the audience were not really in the humour for a play of this length and perhaps it would be better to leave such productions to a later, more sober, occasion. As it was, the spectators were the losers, for they missed a storming performance from Brian Weekes as worm that turns on his fiancée, Katherine Ross and strikes a blow for Men's Liberation. They also may have missed Ken Holmes as a bearded lady. (Well, would you believe a moustache ?)

After this we had three more musical acts to end the evening, all mimes. First some girls from 2A2; Lorraine Hughes, Yvette Fyfe, Carol Spencer (no relation), Judy Payne, Gail Quill and Joyce Harte, gave us an elaborately and most effectively costumed mime of some 'Wombles' songs, which was every bit as good as or better than that seen on television. There followed several numbers by "Glittermania" and "The Mime of the Century". The former consisted of Peter Brennan (4B2) giving a startling impression of Gary Glitter, and the latter of Brian Beardsley, Eric Boyle, Johnny Harte and David Taylor (all 4B2) who did remarkably good impressions of different groups. Both these acts moved well and had taken some trouble to make their actions on stage correspond accurately

with those of the people they were imitating. They certainly had a similar effect on the audience as do the stars they copied and everyone was quite taken with them. Not a few screams were heard: what caused them will always be a matter of speculation for this observer.

SPORTS REVIEW

RUGBY REPORT

SENIOR CUP TEAM

THIS year's Senior Team had a season of variable success. They were on occasions extremely good and a match for any opposition, while at other times they were a bit disappointing. The season started badly with a number of defeats, our first win coming against Terenure after five games. Just as the team began to play well, however, it was hit by injuries to some of its best players. When these players returned the team had three good results before the English tour, v Bonzaga 11-7, v Newbridge 9-7 and v Clongowes 16-16.

On the English tour before Christmas the team played King's School at Worcester and King Edward's School at Edgebaston whom we thank for their hospitality. The S.C.T. lost the first match 3-28 and won the second 12-9. This last game was one of the team's best performances. It was followed by a magnificent victory over Palmerston under 19 XV 14-4.

After Christmas the S.C.T. played a visiting New Zealand team, Christchurch High School. In an exciting match we were beaten 18-0. The visiting team stayed with members of the High School for two days. We thank them for their visit and hope they enjoyed their stay.

Before the first round of the Senior Cup the team recorded good wins over Gonzaga 6-3, C.B.C. 13-0 and Newbridge 22-7. In the Cup High School was drawn against De La Salle, Churchtown at Stradbroke. The first half was even with the High School team, especially the back row and centres tackling and running well. Midway through the second half De La Salle scored a try near the touchline. The remainder of the game was all High School pressure, with Paul Bowe, Wayne Duffy and Adrian Cole all rarely scoring. Despite these efforts, however, we were out of the Cup and it is little consolation that De La Salle went on to reach the Cup final, although the team failed to achieve any great success a number of individuals

The pupils went home happy: they had had a good time amusing themselves in a more or less traditional way. The hall had been full, in spite of the ban on parents and friends, and this proves that there is a demand for this type of activity from all levels of school life. Its popularity, to a large extent, proves its value.

shone. David Cornick and Wayne Duffy gained final Leinster trials with Duffy playing for his province and being named as a substitute for the Irish Schoolboy Trial.

2nd XV

The 2nd XV had a reasonable season. Early on the team had two good wins over Wesley 30-0 and C.B.C. Monkstown 19-6. These wins were followed by a number of defeats but the side ended the Christmas term with two good wins over St. Columba's 18-0, 20-7, although the side was often changed the pack was able to give a good stream of possession to the backs who were strong running and scored a good number of tries. After Christmas the side became settled and had good wins over Wesley 16-4 and King's Hospital 28-3.

The team was drawn in a group with Belvedere and Masonic in the League. In the first match the side was unlucky to lose a player after 30 seconds with a broken ankle. Despite playing well we lost 21-6. The side against Masonic was also depleted with injuries and lost 20-6.

3rd. XV

Up to Christmas the 3rd XV were a little disappointing winning only two matches against Sandford Park 22-6 and King's Hospital 10-0. After Christmas the team improved and before the 3rds league, which we entered for the first time, had two good wins, 4-0 over Masonic and 18-6 over Belvedere.

In the League we were drawn in a tough Section with St. Mary's, Clongowes Wood and King's Hospital 2nd XV. We lost heavily to St. Mary's and unluckily to King's Hospital 4-3. The team's best league performance was against Clongowes Wood whom we beat 22-0.

The under-16 team played most of its games before Christmas and its best victories were 8-0 v Clongowes, 26-9 v Wesley and 29-3 v Skerries. Most of the Under-16 team played for the 2nd and 3rd XVs after Christmas.

The 4th XV played four matches having their only win 16-6 against King's Hospital.

J.C.T.

The J.C.T. was a small team this year. The pack had some trouble winning scrums but was successful in the line out. The backs were quite good especially Meredith who tackled very well. The side also had a good place-kicker in Bloom.

The team was unlucky to incur some heavy defeats, but did have good wins 19-6 v C.B.C. Monkstown, 14-8 v Newbridge and 9-4 v Templeogue. In October the side went on a Cork tour with the Senior Hockey team. The J.C.T. had a fine 13-4 win over Bandon Grammar School. In the other match they were narrowly beaten 22-20 by an older Midleton College team. We thank both schools for their hospitality.

In the cup the team had a very difficult fixture against Terenure College at Donnybrook. After a good start High School were forced to defend for most of the game which we lost 18-0. All the team played well with Roy Cooke and captain Richard Godsil performing the best.

The J.C.T. 2nd XV played 10 matches, winning two 24-0 against C.B.C. and 18-3 against Carlow.

Under-14

The season's under-14 team has been one of the best teams in the school. Half the team has played on occasions for the Junior Cup side. The pack has been very determined in the tight and loose and have scored a large number of tries. The backs have been very fast and have used their ample supply of possession to score many tries.

Since Christmas the team has been undefeated. Among the seasons fine victories were 36-0 v De La Salle, 18-0 v C.B.C., 34-0 v Templeogue, 14-10 v St. Mary's and 39-0 v Skerries. On some occasions the team's tackling has been weak and if this can be improved next year could bring us a successful Junior Cup run.

Despite some bad defeats the under 14, 2nd XV has beaten Templeogue twice, 30-0 and 16-10.

Under-13

The under-13 XV had quite a good season. The team was inconsistent. The side had a number of good wins which included victories over Belvedere 32-9, St. Conleth's 29-0, Carlow 26-0 and Wesley 21-6. What would have been a good season was spoiled slightly by a number of heavy defeats which, with improved tackling, could have been turned into wins.

Under-12

This season's under-12 XV was the most successful team in the school. The side showed great maturity, organisation and skill. Some of this, perhaps, is due to their coach Mr. Ryan. The pack has been particularly strong though, the backs too have con-

tributed many points. The team has not lost a game since early October and during this run its most notable wins have been: 42-0 against Castleknock, 22-4 over De La Salle, 20-4 over Wesley and 26-12 over Terenure.

Under-11

The under-11 team was unlucky not to win more matches. In a number of games they were beaten by very narrow margins. Since Christmas the side has only lost one game, unlucky 8-4 against Carlow. The side's wins were against De La Salle 12-10, and Terenure 14-6.

Under-10

The under-10's started the season badly with four heavy defeats. In November, however, the side settled down and since then the matches have been close affairs. The teams only win was 4-0 against Swords.

We thank all the schools we have played for receiving our teams so well especially, King's School, King Edward's, Bandon G.S. Midleton College and Carlow.

J. D. Gibson, (Hon Sec.)

	P	W	D	L	F	A
S.C.T.	26	11	1	14	228	336
2nd XV	19	7	0	12	200	292
3rd Xv	14	5	2	7	137	146
4th XV	4	1	0	3	33	64
Under 16	12	5	1	6	132	189
J.C.T.	22	8	1	13	191	330
J.C.T. 2nd XV ..	10	2	0	8	72	178
Under 14	22	13	1	8	315	217
U-14 2nd XV ..	13	5	0	8	187	214
Under 13	23	8	1	13	208	351
Under 12	18	16	0	2	246	60
Under 11	14	2	5	7	112	176
Under 10	11	1	0	10	36	213

Boxing Club

Captain: Paul Ross
Vice Captain: Yagenderan Paddayachee

If quality wasn't this year's main attribute, quantity certainly was. There were over thirty members in the club, a number not reached for many years.

This was a most successful year highlighted by our annual boxing championships which took place in the main hall on Thursday, 20th March. (I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr. Peters and his sec-

tion of 5th form for their hard work in erecting the ring). There were twelve bouts ranging from Junior school pupils at $4\frac{1}{2}$ stone to 6U at $11\frac{1}{2}$ stones. It has been many years since the club has catered for such a large variety of pupils. It was good to see a crowd of three hundred and fifty on the night.

The bouts and results are as follows:

1. K. Aherne beat H. Milofsky.
2. R. Love beat A. Aherne.
3. P. Milofsky beat R. Greene.
4. P. Jackson beat A. Mullen.
5. P. Finn lost to N. Poff.
6. M. Shaw beat P. Brennan.
7. P. Lovell-Butt lost to M. O'Brien.
8. I. Bloom beat C. Motyer.
9. C. Fallon beat C. Whitehead.
10. R. Ensor lost to J. Gibson.
11. P. Bowe beat G. Eustace.
12. P. Ross beat L. Lambro.

Bloom won the Jackie Stafford Shield.

It was very unfortunate that our vice-captain was not able to box in the championships due to a throat injury.

I thank Mr. Myles and Mr. Miller for their hard work through the year and for the championships.

Boxing will restart next September and new members will be gratefully accepted.

Paul Ross

Athletics

On Saturday, 22nd June, 1974, the annual School Sports took place at Danum, and the competition at all levels was very good. The eventual winners of the Best Athlete awards for Senior and Junior were:

War Memorial Cup (Senior): Ian Burns.

Cunningham Cup (Junior): Peter de Lacy.

Prior to the school sports the All Ireland Schools Championships were held at Belfield. The School was represented by five boys, David Harrison and Tom Wren in the Senior 110 metre hurdles. Jan Huissoon in the Inter 800 metres. David Lawson in the Long Jump Junior and David Taylor in the 1500 metres Junior. All the boys did extremely well but the best performances came from David Harrison and Tom Wren who came 2nd and 3rd in the Senior Hurdles final.

Since September under the supervision of Mr. Toomey there has been Cross-Country running and quite a number of boys took an active interest in this event, so it was decided to enter two teams in the Inter Schools Cross-Country Championships in

Templeogue. However, the competition was of too high a standard for most of the boys, although they all ran well. The best performance was by Alan Moore who gained 17th place and thus qualified for the Leinster finals to be held at Belfield.

Following these runs in the championships the School cross-country events for Senior and juniors took place. Unfortunately there was a marked decrease in the number of participants in both races (possibly due to the increasing of the distances) the events were run well and most boys finished!! The winner of the Senior cross-country was Michael O'Sullivan and of the Junior was Niall Dudgeon, Harcourt (House) won both the House competitions with the first four runners finishing, scoring for the team. The House with the lowest number of points being the winner.

The track season has just begun and quite a few athletes are turning up for training regularly, and as soon as exams are over, we are hoping for more people to participate. We are looking forward to an even better season than last year and the more athletes we have the easier this will be. We hope there will be competitions against other schools on a fairly regular basis over the next few months.

David Cornick.

Chess

During the 1974-75 season, the School's Chess Club has been very successful in both matches and in the great increase in numbers. The numbers have doubled since September and they are now at a grand total of 90. Mr. Hilliard the chess master has been a tremendous help to the Club in getting new equipment, new chess sets and a demonstration board which the club badly needed.

Mr. Hilliard was also responsible for our entering the senior section of the Leinster Schools Chess Association. We were pleased with our results in the Leinster league, winning $6\frac{1}{2}$ matches out of the 7 played. Unfortunately we have been without our No. 1 player, Philip Sterne who has been absent through illness since October. The Members wish him a speedy recovery. However, despite this drawback our chess team has done quite well.

Judging by the popularity of the game in the School we hope to have an extra team in September when we look forward to further success. We will be glad to welcome new members.

Mark Chambers, Secretary.



RUGBY 1st XV 1974-'75

D. O'Brien, G. O'Leary, A. Cole, D. Poynter, G. Willoughby, J. Huissoon, P. Bowe, R. Nolan, H. Booker.

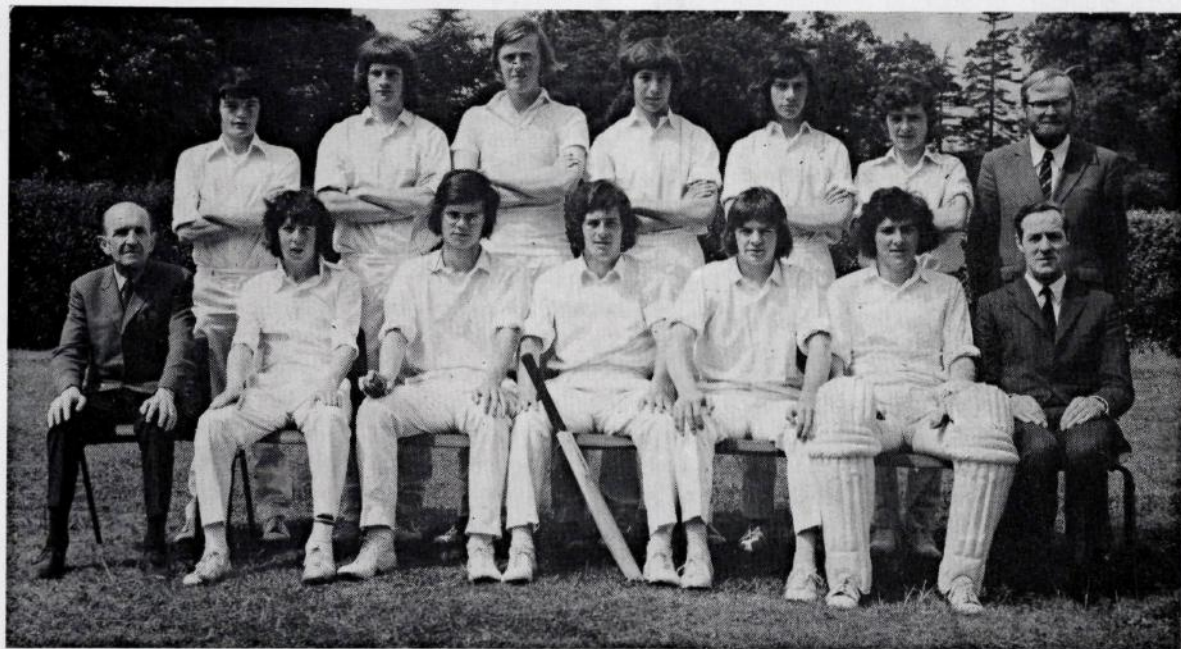
Seated : Mr. A. P. R. Brook (Headmaster), P. Ross, D. Cornick, W. Duffy (Capt.), G. Burgess, P. Robbie, Mr. D. Cole.

P. De Lacy, I. Slattery.



JUNIOR CUP TEAM '74, '75

*D. Roberts, P. Lovell-Butt, R. Austen, A. Blair, M. O'Brien, A. Roberts, D. Ruttle, N. Henderson.
Mr. D. Cole, R. Cooke, I. Bloom, R. Godsil, C. Motyer, J. Cole, Mr. R. Fennell.
D. Cormack, I. Delaney.*



CRICKET SENIOR CUP TEAM '74

*H. Booker, P. Robbie, G. Willoughby, J. Gibson, D. Dockrell, I. Jackson, Mr. D. Cole.
Mr. J. Cornish, M. Block, A. Ford, I. Burns (Capt.), G. Burgess, D. Poynter, Mr. A. P. R. Brook (Head Master).*

Swimming Report 1974-1975

Interest in the Swimming Gala this year was heightened by the merging of the two swimming groups – the Boys' and girls'. It was held in the Church of Ireland Training College pool on Tuesday, 18th March, from 6.00 p.m. to 8 p.m. The attendance was very large and competitors and spectators enjoyed the programme.

There were 31 events, including the inter-schools relay. Girls of Alexandra, Newpark and High School competed in an exciting race, and Newpark came first in this and the boys' relay. In the house relay Belgrave came first with Harcourt second. In the Old Boys' Race the old boys proved to be the better, but in the Old Girls' relay the present girls were successful. The Liffey Cup was won by Harvey O'Keeffe, the Dodder Cup by Geoffrey Thompson; and the Morris Cup by David Nolan and Jean Nolan won the Junior event and proved herself to be an outstanding competitor. Denis O'Brien won the Senior American Medley.

This Gala could not have taken place without the excellent teaching of Miss Correll, Mr. Myles and Mr. McMullen and the interest shown in our activities by several members of Staff, all of whom we thank.

We are grateful to all members of Staff who helped in the organisation, and took an active part in making this such a successful function.

We thank Mrs. A. P. R. Brook very much for distributing the prizes.

Karen Foxall (Captain of Swimming Club)

BOYS' BADMINTON CLUB

This year the Boys' Badminton Club had a very successful season. The senior team won the Leinster Schools League, and the rest of the teams did well in their own sections.

Badminton colours have been given out to the Senior team – I. Jackson (Capt.), B. C. Teh, M. Gill, P. De Lacy. I congratulate Ian Jackson in being selected for the Leinster Schools Team to play in the Inter-County Schools Championship at Nottingham this Easter.

Finally, I thank Mr. Wallace, who continually gave up his time to bring the teams to the schools to play their matches and without whom the Badminton Club would never have been such a success.

Canoeing

The season 1974 – 1975 has been one of the most active and interesting periods for the High School Canoe Club. At Easter (last year), the annual General Meeting was held, and a new Committee elected with Wyn Hughes as Chairman, Jan P. Huissoon as secretary. Walter Lee treasurer and Malcolm Hunt, equipment officer, and John Dowds.

During the summer term there was a group of people out on the River Dodder every day of the week, and we also had several trips to the Liffey and the Boyne. Members of the club took part in a race on the River Slaney. During the summer term Colin Day was co-opted on to the committee.

In September there were 80 members in the club. During the autumn there were several trips on the Liffey, and also on the Boyne. Some senior members took part in several races, and in a race on the river Barrow in October, John Dowds and Malcolm Hunt came in the first 20 out of over 70 starters.

This year we have had several trips to the river Avonmore in County Wicklow. This is a very rough river with very large rapids on it.

The committee thank the governors and the Parents' Association who very kindly paid for a week long course at Tiglin Adventure Centre for members of the committee.

The committee also thank Mr. Broad for all his help and expertise during the year.

M. H.

TABLE TENNIS (BOYS)

Hon. Chairman:	Geoffrey Reeves.
Hon. Secretary:	Gordon Richards.
Hon. Treasurer:	Gordon McCoy.
Committee:	George Willoughby, Lester Horsfall, Andrew Blair Barry Dalby.

This year the club entered two teams in the league and despite some tough opposition they both did very well. Our "A" team gaining fourth position in its league. However, we do feel that more could benefit from the facilities we have to offer and so increase the competition within our Club.

G. B. Reeves

We thank our Patrons for their Advertisements, to which we would particularly draw our Readers' attention, and ask them to support these Advertisers as they have supported us.

Orienteering

We are very sorry to announce the loss of Mr. Rose this term, due to his taking up an E.E.C. post in Luxembourg. It was the dynamic little man (known to all orienteers as J.B.L.) who started Orienteering in the school on a snowy Sunday morning on the 25th November, 1973. It is now almost a year and a half later and the momentum is building up and our regular numbers are beginning to increase. On that cold morning in November, 1973, there were four orienteers and J.B.L. On our last event there were roughly 12 minus J.B.L., with Mr. Peters. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Miller, whose support we greatly appreciated and who covered a course at a fantastic speed (considering the odds!) Since September, 1974, we have had at least one event a month.

We started with a novice's event in September at "Kilmurry", a 'wet-mucky' event in Hollywood glen, an anniversary event in November in carbon copy conditions, at Cravagh Wood, a 'fast-moving' event in Tiglin, a 'windy, prickly' event on Howth Head in

January, a time event in Kilruddery in February and our last event was the one we organised ourselves in Cronybyrne Woods in March.

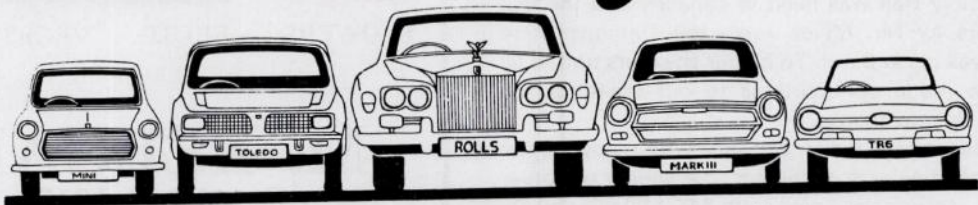
There is now an Orienteering map of Danum, it is not good but it is a start. Finally, we thank Mr. Hickmott, Mrs. White and Chris King for their dedicated help, especially since Mr. Rose left us.

Ken Holmes.

Mountaineering

The mountaineering club hasn't had one of its most active years, mainly due to the high cost of transport. However, there were some very enjoyable ventures. An introductory rock climbing outing to Dalkey, a very exciting (and wet) night walk, and attempt at Lugnaquilla which was unsuccessful due to the weather. On this last venture, I thank Mr. Blackmore and Mr. Gardner for the unselfish use of their time and their cars without which the Club couldn't continue.

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The High School, Dublin, Parents' Association

Many parents may not be aware of the objects of our Association – they are “to promote and further in any possible way the welfare of the School and its pupils, both while attending and leaving the School, and to foster social and other activities among the members of the Association”.

To fulfil these objectives the Association needs the maximum support from parents. They can do this by joining the Association, attending and contributing to its various meetings and making practical suggestions aimed at improving its effectiveness.

Last autumn we were very pleased to welcome amongst us parents of the pupils of the Diocesan School for Girls following its merger with the High School. Their interest in the Association has been shown by the substantial growth in membership and in swelling our attendances at the various meetings held throughout the year. In addition, several of them have very kindly agreed to serve on the Committee this year.

However, as regards membership generally, it has to be stated that there are still less than 250 members in the Association although there are now more than 700 children at the School. We feel that in many instances failure to join is largely an oversight in not remitting the annual subscription (which is still only 50p.) with the first term's fees. We would suggest that parents make a diary note now to make sure that they join for the year 1975/76.

All our meetings this winter have been well attended and none more so than the talk on Crime Prevention which was linked with a tour of the School, when the Assembly Hall was filled to capacity and the talk on Careers by Mr. Miller when the Demonstration Theatre was packed out. To all our speakers and to all who have made contributions to our meetings we offer our sincere thanks.

We have again made donations to many of the School activities – in particular, the supply of career tapes for use in connection with Mr. Miller's careers work which will be of benefit to all students and the Hobbies Exhibition. We plan to assist in many other directions and full details will appear in the Hon. Treasurer's Report at the Annual General Meeting next autumn.

The annual Cheese and Wine Party was very well attended and was the usual outstanding social success. Your Committee and their friends worked extremely hard – none more so than the ladies whose “goodies” received very favourable comment and

treatment on the night – and to all who helped we offer our deepest thanks. It is gratifying to know that the financial result is a substantial increase on last year's profit for this event.

The annual Sports Fixtures will have been played again as usual this year by the time this Report reaches you. These are – the Mothers v Pupils Tennis Match and matches between Fathers and Masters at Cricket and Golf. Details of these events will have been advised to parents and we hope the result will be a considerable increase in the attendances at them. This is an ideal opportunity for parents to become better known to each other.

These events are taken very seriously and parents and staff who would normally be seen at church or elsewhere at weekends will be missing while they complete their rigorous training schedules! This year we have also found it necessary to implement a course of instruction on cricket rules following the sending off of some parents and the issue of yellow cards to others arising from over-vigorous disapproval with umpires' decisions at last year's match.

We hope you have a most pleasant summer holiday and look forward to seeing you next autumn.

E. M. Sullivan
Hon. Secretary.

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MR. E.W. FRITH, PRESIDENT

President's Letter

Dear Member,

This is the first occasion since the Golden Jubilee number in 1949 that the President's letter appears in the June edition of the Erasmian. Owing to rising costs there will only be one edition per year in future, and the title of this new publication is the "Erasmian and Diocesan Times". Old Boys abroad may not yet have realised that the School now has 750 pupils, of whom 240 are girls.

The Old Boys' Union Dinner is, for the President, the highlight of his year of office, and I was delighted to have as my principal guest another old Boy, Professor F. S. L. Lyons, the new Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. It was, in every way an excellent evening for the 244 diners. Leafing through some old copies of the Erasmian it was interesting to note in the 1936 issue that the Dinner had that year its largest attendance ever - 112. The same copies brought back happy memories of many of my contemporaries, some of whom I have not seen or heard of for many years. Perhaps some of you when sending in your £1 or Bankers Orders would like to write to me. I would certainly like to hear from you.

Our annual Golf Outing was held on Friday, 25th April, 1975 at Rathfarnham Golf Club.

The old Boys' Cup was won by A. J. Beg'ey (18) with a score of 35 points. The Bunbury Cup was won by M. Gault (18) with a score of 33 points. Fifty-four members and guests competed and sixty-four sat down to supper after a match played on the hottest day of the year.

Ladies' night was held on the 12th April on the Royal Dublin Society where 83 members and friends had a very pleasant evening. We were happy to have with us Mrs. Hazel McConnell, President of Diocesan School Past Pupils' Association.

It is a pity that every Old Boy cannot become President of the Union, as it is only in that position that one fully realises just how much could be done by Old Boys to help the School. I am deeply grateful to the Union for giving me the opportunity to be your President, and I hope that, even when my year is over, I can continue to be of some help.

With best wishes to all Old Boys, wherever you may be.

ERNIE FRITH.

Honorary Secretary's Report

Our annual dance was held again in the School in November. It was most enjoyable.

The President presented the Old Boys' Cup at the School Prize Distribution to Ian Burns whose exploits with Wanderers provide regular copy for the newspapers.

It is hoped that a type of Cheese and Wine function will take place in the School in September. It will be run by a "young" subcommittee to obtain funds towards providing Audio Visual Aids for the School.

Mr. Robin Miller, the School Careers Master, thanks the members who have already volunteered to give advice to pupils on their particular vocation. He has received more than 30 replies, but would appreciate more.

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My committee would welcome any suggestions regarding the organisation of the Union, or about any other matter, that would encourage active participation and support more particularly from the younger members, whose involvement is the life blood of and essential for the survival of a successful Union.

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Limerick.

News of Old Boys

KINGSLEY T. ATKINS (1963-70) has spent some time in Vichy playing with the 1st XV club side, having been selected as a suitable player by the F.R.F.U. He was seconded from the English Civil Service for the period.

DR. NIGEL H. K. ARMSTRONG (1949-53) is Vice-President and Director of Venus Electric Ltd., Scarborough, Ontario.

JAMES CARLILE (1926-27) has retired after forty-five years of service, from the Dublin Savings Bank where he had been Deputy General Manager since 1966.

GEOFFREY COLEMAN (1958-64) is now an Assistant Manager (contact) with the Price Forbes Sedgwick A.I.B. Group in Johannesburg.

ADRIAN J. DAVIS (1956-68) has opened the Wicklow Arms Hotel in Delgany.

DAVID W. DUFFY (1959-70) has spent some time in Clermont Ferrand playing with the 1st XV club side having been selected as a suitable player by the F.R.F.U. He was seconded from Price-Waterhouse (London), an international firm of Accountants.

MALCOLM FERGUSON (1963-70) is a Development Electronic Engineer with Brown Boveri etc., Baden, Switzerland.

RICHARD A. FLEURY (1958-60) obtained his International Cap in golf for the Home International tournament in Harlech, September, 1974. He is the English representative for Telecommunications Ltd., Finglas.

KENNETH W. N. GORDON (1960-68) has been a programmer in the Computer Laboratory, T.C.D., since 1972.

ARNOLD R. GRIFFIN (1960-68) is teaching in Sligo Grammar School.

P. RUSSELL IRVINE (1962-70) is a Trainee Actuary in the Irish Life Assurance Co., Ltd.

DR. DAVID J. G. IRWIN (1945-55) is Assistant Professor of Physics at the College of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada.

MERVYN G. JOHNSON (1952-64) is Assistant Manager of the Celbridge Branch of Allied Irish Banks Ltd.

DONALD J. LEWIS (1965-73) obtained his Rugby Colours in T.C.D. for 1974-75.

PROVOST F.S.L. LYONS (1941-) has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy. A coveted distinction, it is equivalent to Fellowship of the Royal Society in the Scientific field).

DR. IAN R. McAULAY (1943-52) has been appointed a Member of the Group of Experts on Basic Safety Standards of Article 31 of the Euratom Treaty by the Scientific and Technical Committee of the Commission of the European Communities.

BRIAN M. McCracken (1946-52) was called to the Inner Bar on 27th February and is now a Senior Council.

JOHN H. MAYBURY (1963-70) is a Mechanical Engineering trainee with I.C.I.

ADAM S. MESBUR (1965-70) was a member of the two-man team which won the Revington Cup (men's 1974 National Bridge Championship) in Galway with 831 match points.

PHILIP A. ORR (1961-69) was a Leinster Inter-Provincial last season and was also a reserve member of the Irish International Rugby team.

J. KEITH SARGEANT (1959-69) has received one of the six Town Planning Scholarships sponsored by Foras Forbartha, Irish Life Assurance Company and the Industrial Development Authority. He is at present with Foras Forbartha.

ARTHUR C. TRAVERS (1960-69) is teaching in Drogheda Grammar School.

IAN C. TRAVERS (1962-72) obtained his international vest for high jumping in the match against Portugal, July 1974.

COLIN C. WALKER (1948-53) who was warehouse manager of Merchants' Warehousing Co., is now Director General of the Association of Dublin Stevedores.

WILLIAM WARNOCK (1922-29), Ambassador to Switzerland, has also been accredited non-resident Ambassador to Israel.

DAVID W.H. WHYTE (1966-73) is a Professional Trainee with Sun Alliance and London Insurance Group.

JAMES G. WILKINSON (1968-69) is a Junior Programmer in the Development Laboratories in Winchester.

Examination Results

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

DEGREES:

MODERATORSHIP — Classics (Class III) C. J. V. Packham; Ancient and Modern Literature (Class II, Div. I) D. J. Thomas; Modern Languages (Class II, Div. I) F. D. Chapman, (Class II, Div. 2) B. J. Ferguson, (Class III) P. J. W. Mulvihill; General Honour Mathematics (Class II, Div. I) R. R. Irvine, (Class II, Div. I) D. A. Reynolds, (Class I, First Place) J. G. Wilkinson; History and Political Science (Class II, Div. 2) T. V. Hamilton, (Class II, Div. 2) J. G. King; Theoretical Physics (Class II, Div. I) P. T. Cox, Chemistry (Class I) M. Jeffares; Geology (Class II, Div. I) B. C. Storey; Zoology (Class II, Div. 2) N. S. Moyse; Legal Science (Class II, Div. 1) A. J. Shatter, (Class III) C. G. Woodhouse; Geography (Class II, Div. I) J. I. G. Csizmarik, D. E. Jones.

Brian J. Ferguson obtained Distinction in both French and Spanish.

B.A. — L. M. Benson, J. W. K. Carson, A. K. G. Goh, M. Ferguson, J. H. Maybury, B. S. Teh, K. W. Davey, M. J. Tanner, C. G. Orme, A. D. Taylor, A. R. Towell, D. J. Fry, D. I. Jacobson.

B.A.I. — ENGINEERING (Class II, Div. I) M. Ferguson, J. H. Maybury, B. S. Teh; (Class II, Div. I) A. D. Taylor, A. R. Towell.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. — A. K. G. Goh, J. W. K. Carson, H. G. Loh.

B.D.S. — C. N. W. Armstrong, L. M. Benson.

B.S.S. — (Class II, Div. 2) K. T. Aikins, I. R. Jackson.

B.B.S. — (Class II, Div. 2) D. W. Duffy.

M.A. — A. B. Eppel.

M.Ed. — Rev. E. C. T. Perdue.

M.Sc. — L. M. Grubb.

Ph.D. — J. C. Fisher.

Addenda

B.B.S. (Class II, Div. 2) S. P. G. Parsons (Conferred Nov. 1970), D. J. Stewart (Conferred Trinity Term 1970).

HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE: Mod. Class II, Div. 2 conferred in absentia.

Junior Sophisters

CLASSICS (Class I): D. F. Kennedy; Modern Languages (English, Class II, Div. I; Mod. Part I) P. P. F. J. O'Duffy; Mathematics (Special Honour), (Class I, First of First) N. Jeffares; (Class I) R. E. W. Smythe; History (Continuous Assessment) N. J. Cox, G. A. Fish; Natural Sciences (Annual Exam in Physics and Mathematics A, Class I): N. Jeffares; (Class III): J. M. Cohen; Economic and Social

Studies (Class II, Div. 2): D. E. Hunt, D. S. Mackey, R. G. Woods; (Pass): A. A. Nagur, S. G. Wright; Engineering (3rd year): S. E. Darby; Legal Science (Class II, Div. 2); M. W. D'A. Tyrrell; (Class III) A. G. Harrison; General Studies (Pass) P. M. McCrodden, A. P. Walker.

MEDICINE (Fifth Year) Final Medical Part I: J. F. Jackson, D. J. Moore, D. J. Sinclair.

Senior Freshmen

ANCIENT AND MODERN LANGUAGES: (Latin, Class II, Div. 2, French Class II, Div. I) J. W. Mossop; General Honour Mathematics: (Pass) A. G. Allen, J. R. McColl; History and Political Science: (Class II, Div. 2) T. W. Elliott, (Class III) G. E. Hughes, D. C. Robbie; Natural Sciences: (Class III) S. Padayachey (Class II, Div. 2) I. C. Travers, (Class III) B. J. Burdett; K. I. Trower; Economic and Social Studies satisfactory under continuous assessment: S. W. Harris, D. K. McGarry, R. T. Mullen, P. E. Odlum, A. J. Sherling, M. J. Sparksman, J. G. Taylor; Engineering (2nd Year): M. A. Golay, D. G. Rivlin. Legal Science: (Class II, Div. I) W. J. Cunningham, (Class II, Div. 2) P. J. Boyle; General Studies: (Pass) A. T. Godsil, R. G. Walker.

MEDICINE (Fourth Year) Part I and II: D. K. Conn, I. F. Geraghty, S. T. Govender, L. J. D. McEntee, H. J. Wong.

VETERINARY SCIENCE (Second Year) A. A. J. Mooney.

Junior Freshmen

ANCIENT AND MODERN LANGUAGES: (Latin, Class II, Div. 2, English, Class II, Div. 2) C. H. Slattery; History and Political Science: (Class II, Div. 2) C. W. E. Richards, E. J. Sterne; Natural Sciences (Class I) J. R. Pigott (Class II, Div. I) K. Mealy, (Class II, Div. 2) A. H. Andrews, T. S. Hastings, S. S. Iland, D. J. Wright, Sile A. Yeats, (Class III) D. A. J. Hickie, D. H. Hughes, J. H. Reid, J. C. Robbie; Economic and Social Studies: (Class II, Div. 2) D. C. Aikins, D. A. Gordon, B. I. Myers, S. L. Odlum, J. Piggott, (Class III) S. B. Alkin, P. J. M. Gault; engineering (1st Year) S. T. Chuah, D. J. Lewis, N. V. Ludgate, H. D. Mosuley, C. T. Naik, K. C. Naik, S. Richards, C. R. S. Rogan; Legal Science: (Class II, Div. 2) D. Early, C. V. Galloway, M. T. Story; General Studies (Pass) P. A. de L. Murtagh.

MEDICINE (Third Year) continuous assessment: S. Chetty, N. J. Moore (Distinction in Physiology), M. N. Eppel; (Second Year) (Class II, Div. 2): J. D. Chaloner; (First Year) Continuous Assessment: D. S. Delmonte, R. H. D. Wormell; (Pre-Medical Year): S. T. Naik and C. J. Surgenor—both Class III.

HIGHER DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION: (Pass) A. C.
 Travers, P. J. Mulvihill, N. E. Gamble.
 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN
 M.B.A. — D. A. Fleury
 UNIVERSITY OF STANFORD
 B.Sc. in Biological Sciences — N. O. Duncan III.

Societies and Clubs T.C.D.

STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

President: D. H. Vipond B.A.

External Relations Officer: P. A. de L. Murtagh.

CHESS CLUB

Captain: G. A. Fish.

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Treasurer: T. W. Elliott.

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Auditor: D. F. Kennedy.

Record Secretary: S. E. Darby.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Treasurer: K. I. Throwing.

Entertainments Secretary: B. J. Burdett.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

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SQUASH RACQUETS CLUB

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ATHLETIC CLUB

President: Col. D. McNeill, M.A.

Secretary: I. C. Travers.

Treasurer: R. H. D. Wormell.

Field Secretary: S. L. Odlum.

SUB-AQUA CLUB

Equipment Officer: S. Richards.

HAROLD E. J. GRAHAM (1922-25) on 6th January, 1975.

SPENCER C. R. HORRELL (1924-29) (ex-Inspector Palestine Police) in Canada on 17th January, 1975.

CHARLES B. JONES (1932-33) of 28 Clarinda Park, East, Dun Laoghaire, on 21st January, 1975.

JOHN G. McNAB (1921-23) of 34 North Avenue, Mount Merrion, on 15th March, 1975.

JAMES W. SPENCER (1936-39) of 62 Redford Avenue, Edinburgh, formerly of Cremore Drive, Glasnevin, on 16th January, 1975.

HENRY A. (HARRY) STAFFORD (1920-27) of Hilbarth, Malahide, on 23rd June, 1974.

MICHAEL WACHMANN (1900-09) in a Dublin nursing home on 11th June, 1974.

REV. JOHN W. WARREN (1938-42) of St. Margaret's Rectory, Addington, Kent, on 22nd December, 1974.

OWEN L. WYNNE (1926-28) in Woolwich, London, on 9th December, 1974.

HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY!



Deaths

NORMAN S. ALLEN (1912-15) of Sunningdale Park, Belfast, on 4th November.

ROBERT J. (BOBBIE) BEATTIE (1935-39) in Birmingham on 30th September, 1974.

HOWARD BESTE (1954-58) of Ardmore Park, Bray, on 4th February, 1975.

RICHARD H. W. (DICK) EATON (1908-12) of 22 Warrenhouse Road, Baldoyle, on 31st May, 1974.

A Visit to Dáil Éireann

On December 5th a group of us went to visit Dáil Éireann by kind invitation of Senator Mary Robinson.

On arrival we entered a large hall where we were welcomed and told that Senator Mary Robinson was very sorry that she could not be with us as she had wished.

First we were shown into the public gallery of the Dáil chamber to listen to question time. There is bullet-proof glass between the public and the minister. The ministers sat in an arc facing the Ceann Comhairle. Also present were the clerk of the Dáil and the Dáil reporters. Behind the Ceann Comhairle was the press gallery. Only the ministers interested in the questions being asked attend and they may come and go as they wish. Microphones are provided for each member. Questions were asked about the improvement of some roads including the Swords road. A bypass at Naas was also discussed. There was an argument about the present bus services and an improvement of them.

After a while we went to the Senate room where we were told about the history of Leinster house as the Senate was not sitting that day. It was designed by Cassels for the Earl of Kildare (later the Duke of Leinster) in 1745. In 1815 it was sold to the Dublin Society and in 1921 Leinster House was taken over by the State.

When being told about the passing of bills we were interested in two doors marked "Ta" and "Nil". It was explained to us that when voting those in favour of the motion go through the 'ta' door and those against the motion go through the 'Nil' door.

It was very interesting to see some of the activities of our parliament and we are very grateful to Senator Mary Robinson and our staff who made this visit possible.

Hilary Elder 4D

The Young Ornithologists' Club

We are pleased to see an increase from 64 members to 73 members this year and we welcome the boys who have joined us.

During the summer term, Miss Williams, our

Organiser, showed us slides of our outings in recent years. We also paid our annual visit to Ireland's Eye. Though one of the two planned visits had to be cancelled, the other party had a very pleasant day. We had lunch on the beach and then walked to the cliffs on the other side of the island. As always we had to be very alert while walking because birds such as oyster Catchers and ringed Plovers lay their well camouflaged eggs on the sand and seaweed. We saw a variety of birds, guillemots, razorbills, herring and greater black backed gulls and terns. The time flew by because we were enjoying ourselves so much.

In September we went by bus to Bray and walked around Bray Head by the Cliff walk lunching on the way. We had been invited to visit a farm near Greystones and enjoyed it very much, seeing everything from cattle to hens. We were shown the machinery and told about the crops grown and saw the grain being harvested. Two groups visited the farm on successive Saturdays because there were so many of us, and we are most grateful to our hosts who gave up so much of their time at a very busy season.

One Wednesday afternoon a small group went to Tirbradden by bus and walked through part of the forest up to Hell Fire Club. We went to collect rose hips for Concern, unfortunately they were not ripe enough, but we had an enjoyable afternoon. Not many birds showed themselves, but we saw a fox dart across the path in front of us. From the top we had a splendid view of the City.

Another small group went to Phoenix Park on an October Saturday to see the fallow deer rutting. Not only did we see the bucks fighting and heard them bellowing, but we also watched squirrel and bat as well as some woodland and pond birds.

We are very grateful to all the parents and members of staff who provided transport to the Wexford Slobs in November. Unfortunately, it was a very wet, cold day, but a reception centre and viewing tower had been built since our previous visit, so we were warm and dry and we saw many interesting birds, mainly the white fronted geese for which this reserve has been set up.

During the winter we have looked at waders and ducks of many species on the shore at Sandymount, on Booterstown Marsh on two occasions, from the West Pier at Dun Laoghaire and of course at Dublin's famous sanctuary, the Bull Island, where we have walked two expeditions. The first party walked along the salt marsh from the Causeway to the point and returned by the strand. As well as ducks and waders we saw the Brent Geese, including three wearing collars which were fitted in the summer of 1974 by a Canadian team working on the Arctic islands west of Ellesmere Island.

On our other visit to the Bull Island we walked from the bridge to the causeway.

We say thank you to Miss Williams for inviting Y.O.C. members to her house to see the birds who regularly visit her delightful garden – blue, coal and great tits, green and bull finches, hedge sparrow, cock blackcap, collared dove, wood pigeon and many others. We also saw some bird specimens including razorbills and guillemots which have been destroyed by oil pollution.

Perhaps our most unusual expedition was to O'Connell Street on a cold December afternoon to see the famous Pied Wagtail roost. From the shelter of a cinema entrance we watched hundreds of small birds fly in at dusk to roost in a plane tree above the rush hour traffic!

Our thanks also go to Mrs. Massey and Miss Seymour, who have given up much of their spare time to make our expeditions so enjoyable.

Esme Worrall, 3A2

The Young Ornithologists' Club is a Junior branch of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. As well as individual members there are groups in Schools and youth clubs in many parts of British Isles. Miss Jagoe started a group in Diocesan 9 years ago.

Speech Training

The tension was high during the practices held for the Public Speaking Competition on the 14th February and run by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. The theme was "The challenge of Women's Responsibility in Modern Society", Helen Fincher, Joyce Todd and I practiced very hard, and I am sure that Miss Williams must have grown sick and tired of hearing our voices and speeches. We did very well in the Dublin heat and went on to the final – on the same theme – held in Trinity College on the 8th March. We do not know where we came in the final as the judges only read out the first and second places; but somebody had to win – and it was not us! We know that we could not have reaching the Final – for two years running, coming second in the final last year – without Miss M. Williams' help. We are all very grateful to her for guiding us along the correct lines of Public Speaking.

Elaine Hooper

A Visit to Dunsink Observatory

On Saturday, the 5th January, Miss Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Massey and Mr. Myers kindly took a small party of girls to Dunsink Observatory in Castleknock.

On arriving at Dunsink we proceeded to the South

Dome where we were shown the very large telescope and given a demonstration of how it is capable of being turned to several positions. We were also shown how the roof turns around and how one section slides across to leave a space through which the night sky can be seen more easily through the large telescope. After this short demonstration some very interesting slides were shown and a tape-recorded lecture was given on the history of the observatory and the type of work done in it. On the wall of the dome were photographs and diagrams of the many spectacles of the sky such as the Moon, the Stars, the Meteorites, the Planets and others. These were very interesting and we spent some time looking at them. Usually, on a clear night, the space in the roof is opened and it is possible to use the telescope but 5th January was a very cloudy night with very few stars to be seen and so unfortunately we were not able to use the telescope. A group of girls and boys who went later in the term were lucky enough to see the craters on the Moon, the rings around Saturn and the Orion Nebula through the telescope. Despite the cloudy night, however, we all enjoyed the visit to Dunsink which we found most interesting. We all thank Miss Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Massey and Mr. Myers for taking us to the Observatory and for the very much appreciated cup of coffee and biscuits provided afterwards.

Margaret Myers, 6D1

"Biology Today" Schools Conference

Several members of 5th and 6th years went to the conference on modern biology held on Friday, December 20th and Saturday 21st in the College of Technology, Kevin Street. This Conference is organised by the Council of the Institute of Biology, as an important part of their voluntary work.

The conference was a series of lectures on subjects ranging from drug abuse to the wild life on Bull Island. It began at 9.45 a.m. on Friday with a lecture on drug abuse and the influence of nicotine, alcohol and barbiturates on addicts in the U.S.A., Britain and Ireland. After the lecturer had answered our questions we were free to go for lunch at 1 p.m. The conference resumed at 2 p.m. with a lecture and slides about Bull Island, its formation and the great variety of plants and animals which exist there. At 4.30 when the lecture was over and our queries answered, we were finished for the day.

On Saturday morning we were shown an enjoyable film about agricultural research, dealing with such topics as the effects of humidity length of exposure to sunlight and temperature on plants and the feasibility of large scale cultivation of mushrooms and other



SENIOR HOCKEY CUP TEAM

**Back Row (Left to Right) : C. Medcalf, P. Fraser, Miss G. Correll, C. Worrall, H. Fincher, L. Foxall.
Front Row : S. Fraser, E. Mundy, C. Darlington (capt), W. Vincent, J. Williams. (Absent, V. Matthews, D. Crosse).**



JUNIOR A XI '74 - '75

Back Row (Left to Right) : Janet Smith, Janet Dalby, Margaret Worrall, Miss Correll, Jean Nolan, Avril Sloane, Esmie Worrall.

Front Row (Left to Right) : Carol Pollock, Hazel Byrne, Janet E. Smith (Capt.), Glenys Mundy, Freda Harbnon.



MINOR XI '74 - '75

Back Row (Left to Right) : Carol Spencer, Diana Mews, Yvetté Fyfe, Miss J. Correll, Anne Godsil, Lorraine Hughes, Sandra Cloughley.

Front Row (Left to Right) : Rhoda Howlin, Caroline De Lacy, Janet Gill, Joyce Hart, Heather Haskin.

fungi for export. In the afternoon several lecturers spoke about the variety of careers available connected with biological work in laboratories and research institutes.

On the whole we found the conference most interesting and well worth attending, and appreciate the time and information given generously by so many highly qualified specialists.

Hazel Rankin 6D, Linda Dalby 6D.

The Book of Kells and the Book of Durrow

1A1 visited the Library of Trinity College to see the Book of Kells and the Book of Durrow.

The Book of Kells is a copy of the four Gospels written in Latin in the eighth century at one of the monasteries founded by St. Columicille. Its pages are beautifully ornamented in many bright colours. The capital letters are elaborately designed and often fill a page.

Originally the book had a solid gold cover. Later it was stolen, the cover was removed and the manuscript was thrown away. It was found many centuries later in a bog.

The Book of Durrow is also a copy of the four Gospels and was written in Latin in the seventh century. It is not so elaborately decorated as the Book of Kells and fewer colours are used.

Jane Gray, 1A1

Bible Union

Since the girls moved to Danum last September it was decided to have a joint Bible Union.

We now have about twelve members who meet every Friday at lunch-time. Each of us in turn leads the meeting and once or twice some speakers have come in to talk to us. Our meetings generally take the form of prayer and Bible study, though, as our time is short, we can only cover a short passage each day. From time to time, we have discussions, or hear how the plans for Eurofest are progressing. Eurofest is a ten-day gathering of young Christians which is to be held this Summer in Brussels.

We are all pleased with the success of Bible Union this year, and we extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come to our meetings.

Joyce Williams.

C.M.S.

On Saturday 22nd February, 1975, a Service was held in Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines, in thanksgiving for the work of the C.M.S. over the years and to mark the opening of Overseas House, Belgrave Road.

After the Service the Primate, the most Reverend G. O. Simms, D.D., unveiled a plaque at Overseas House and the Archbishop, the Most Reverend A. A. Buchanan, D.D., dedicated the house. Later a reception was held at which tea was served.

We are carrying on the Diocesan fund raising tradition since "settling" at Danum and have already raised £36.20. The boys helped very generously with these sales. The Second Year girls played a 'sponsored' hockey match for three hours one afternoon, to raise funds. We thank Miss Graham for organising these efforts so efficiently for us.

The youth-in-action committee hold meetings once a month at which "youth problems" are discussed, church services for youth arranged and holiday camps planned. Our School representatives Lynda Espey and Violet Thorburn attend these meetings, accompanied by Miss Graham.

L. Espey 5th year.

Dublin Gas Company Competition

For 45 years the Dublin Gas Company have held a schoolgirls Cookery contest annually. During my time at school we automatically entered this competition. Each class received monetary prizes, and the outright winner in each school was asked by the Gas Company to enter the "Schoolgirls Cook Competition of the year". To qualify this year we had to bake "Paris buns".

Each class had a winner:

Fionnuala Anderson in 6th Year.

Heather Bates in 5th Year.

Sandra Harford in 4th Year.

Margaret Beattie in 3rd Year.

Joyce Harte in 2nd Year.

To our delight Fionnuala Anderson from 6th year was the outright winner in the final competition among the 15 schools which entered. Her prize consisted of the very latest model Gas Cooker, valued at £120, a Gas Lighter and Cookery Book together with a cash prize of £2.

We sincerely congratulate Fionnuala and hope the school will continue to be successful in the future.

Wendy O'Neil 6D2

Dressmaker of the Year

In May, 1974, Cassidy's held their annual "Dressmaker of the year" competition in Wynn's Hotel. Sixty contestants, ranging from first to sixth year, entered and first, second and third prizes were awarded to each year. The six winners then competed against each other for a prize of £25 and a special Prize of a £10 fabric voucher.

The overall winner of the competition was a pupil from Diocesan - Avril Payne. Avril's ensemble consisted of a yellow trouser suit, a navy blouse and a contrasting waistcoat and hat.

Doreen McCann 6D1

Linda Salisbury 6D1

Field Expedition to Seapoint

On the twenty-sixth of September, sixth year Biology class went on a field trip to Seapoint seashore with Mrs. Massey and Miss Williams. Unfortunately, on arrival we found that the tide was coming in but nevertheless we made the best use of our time and had a very interesting and educational field trip. We divided into two groups, and complete with plastic bags and Biology books we explored the seashore, examining such organisms as various different seaweeds, crabs, limpets, winkles, anemones, shrimps, barnacles and many other seashore animals and plants. When we had done as much work as possible before the tide advanced on us, we made our way home after a little refreshment. We thank Mrs. Massey and Miss Williams for taking the trouble to bring us out to Seapoint for this field work.

Susanne Lowe, 6th year

The Natural History Museum

One day in December Miss Williams and Miss Stevenson took 1B3 to the Museum. When we got there we divided into two groups of about 10 each, and we were all given questionnaires. First we looked at the puffins. You would easily recognise them with their roundish beaks. Some of the ones we saw were covered with oil.

Then we looked at the guillemots. They are like puffins and belong to the same family, but puffins are small and fat with brightly striped bills and guillemots are taller with slender dark bills.

Next we saw the herring gulls, which have red spots on their beaks. When the young bird wants food it pecks at the spot, and the parent regurgitates food.

These birds can die if they get oil on their bodies and when they try to clean themselves they swallow oil.

Altogether we had a very nice day.

Linda Stubbs, 1B3

(By kind permission of Mrs. Olivia Goodwillie of An Foras Forbartha with the 1st Year classes we have been using the Nature Trail leaflets which she has prepared for use in the Museum.

J. Williams

INVITATION TO A DANCE

A Visit to 'Giselle'

On November 15th, 1974, a small party of girls representing the High School, Dublin, in Association with the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls went to see the Irish Ballet Company perform Giselle. Thanks to Miss Williams and Miss Johnson, who escorted us, we managed to arrive and assemble in front of the theatre in good time. It was perhaps unfortunate that there were no boys representing the school, because I'm sure that all the young, aspiring Male dancers-to-be, would have benefitted enormously by this experience.

The dancing was superb and the girl who danced Giselle was very good and dramatic. In fact her performance was very convincing. The other dancers however did not come up to her standard of excellence although they too were extremely good. Miss Williams very kindly brought a pair of field glasses so that we could get a close view as we were seated high in the theatre.

The Irish Ballet company has been in existence for only a few years. It is under the Management of Denise Moriarty and used to be called the Cork Ballet Company. They have produced ballets all over Ireland both modern and classical and they are appreciated by ballet lovers all over Ireland.

Barbara Lee 4D1.

A Visit to the Dublin Viking Exhibition

Last November ninety boys and girls visited the Viking Dublin Exhibition in the National Museum.

All the exhibits were excavated in Winetavern Street and Christchurch place under the direction of Mr. Brendan O'Riordain.

All sorts of articles were found including coins, combs, games, dice, chessmen and fish hooks. A money box of coins was discovered which had to be

broken to extract the money, fortunately, however it was possible to repair it. Also a large jar containing pewter tokens was unearthed. These tokens were used in taverns by the customers.

We saw seals which were used to seal letters, also small badges, some of which depict St. Peter. Pictures of ships were drawn on stone and designs were often 'tried out' on pieces of bone and if they were successful were transferred to an ornament or chalice.

There were vessels and ladles carved out of wood, a scales and tiny weights made of gold and brooches and chains made of precious metals.

The Vikings' bootees and cloths were made of leather, their weapons were spears of metal and their knives were of wood filed at the edges to sharpen them.

We enjoyed our visit to this Exhibition very much and thank Miss Williams, Miss Stevenson and Mr. Rose for taking us to it.

Rhoda Howlin, Diane Mewis, Linda Seymour, 2A1.

History Of Art

Our activities in History of Art Class had to be somewhat curtailed this year, since we are no longer in such a central position in the city and transport has sometimes presented a problem.

The activities began with a visit to the National Art Gallery where we studied Italian, Dutch and Flemish works.

Last January we attended a lecture in the R.D.S. It was given by Desmond Guinness, of the Irish Georgian Society. On the subject of "Preservation of buildings in Ireland throughout the Ages". He illustrated his lecture with transparencies and we all found the afternoon most enjoyable and instructive.

The highlight of the year was our trip to the Boyne Valley in March. We set off from Danum, after lunch and went first to the Hill of Slane. Here we explored the friary, the church and the graveyard, taking note of the remaining decoration on the buildings.

Newgrange was our next stopping point. Here we were shown the tumulus and the surrounding satellite mounds.

During our guided tour, we saw many characteristics which are unique to Newgrange, these included: the roof box and some of the decoration on the autostats. We all agreed that the corbelled roof and indeed the whole mound are fine examples of pre-historic engineering.

The next place we visited was the site of the Old Cistercian Abbey at Mellifont. We looked at the

remains of the Abbey, Church, Chapter House, refectory and kitchen, cloisters and lavabo. The lavabo was by far the most spectacular building on the site.

Before returning to Danum, we studied the High Crosses and the Round Tower at Monasterboice. These High Crosses illustrate various scenes from the Bible and Irish Abstract Art.

We take this opportunity to thank the members of staff involved in these trips which were most beneficial and instructive.

Fionnuala Anderson

Naomi Faulkner

Wendy Vincent

Christine Worrall

6D.

The National Museum

In January, 1B3 went with Miss Williams and Miss Graham to the National Museum. We left school at five to two and went to get a bus. When we got into the Museum we left our bags behind the door and took our jotters and pencils to answer questions which Miss Williams gave us. We went in groups of three or four. We looked at the Ardagh Chalice which the bishops and monks used for Holy Communion. The approximate date for the making of the Ardagh Chalice is the 8th Century. It is called the Ardagh Chalice because it was found in Ardagh, Co. Limerick. It is made of silver, gold and enamel. There are inscriptions of the 11 Apostles. Then we went to look at the Tara Brooch. It was found near Drogheda. It is made of gilt, silver, glass and gold. It was made in the 8th century. Then we went to see St. Patrick's Bell and Shrine. It was made of bronze, the Shrine was made in 1091. On the Shrine are the names of the High King of Ireland and the Archbishop of Armagh. Then we went to see the Cross of Cong, Turlough O'Connor High King ordered it to be made. It was made from a piece of wood which was believed to be part of the cross of Christ. Then we went to the Crozier Shrines. A Crozier is a bishop's crook, which he uses in Services.

E. Pope

Diocesan Sports Day 1974

Our Annual sports were held on Wednesday, 5th June, at 7.10 p.m. at Diocesan sports ground, Rathmines. It was a fine but cold June evening, just right for the 34 events which as well as the straight races, included a fancy dress, six legged, obstacle races, high jump and long jump. These events provided good entertainment for both competitors and spectators. During the evening the Archbishop, arrived

with his dog Fiddler. The Archbishop, it seems, is no stranger to Belgrave Square Sports Grounds as it was here that he played his first cricket match.

The prizes of "Gold" and "Silver" medals were kindly distributed by Mrs. D. Weldon who as a physical education teacher takes a keen interest in sport at school level.

The Cup results were as follows:

Taylor Cup for Senior Girl with most points – Cheryl Darlington.

Staff Cup for Intermediate girls with most points – Gillian Rutledge.

Diocesan Cup for 2nd year girl with most points – Janet E. Smith.

Mathers Cup for 1st year girl with most points – Yvette Fyfe.

Tate Cup for Form with most points – 5A.

Belgrave Cup for winner of Senior 200 Metres – Cheryl Darlington.

The J. M. Scott Cups for Junior and Senior Hockey Player were awarded to Sylvia Smith and Denise Crosse respectively. The Past Pupils Association was in charge of the Refreshment Stall which was well patronised.

We thank Miss Correll and the members of staff whose work made Sports Day, 1974, a very successful event.

Denise Crosse.

Hockey Report 1974 – 1975

This year High School/Diocesan has shown that it is a force to be reckoned with in hockey.

The 1st XI had a good season winning nearly all their matches. They reached the final of the Intermediate Cup after beating four other tough teams. Cup final day was arranged for March 12th at Railway Union Grounds on a grass pitch. Unfortunately, the good weather did not last and the venue was changed to Mount Anville hard pitch. This was unlucky for High School/Diocesan because their opponents, Rathdown, normally play on a hard pitch and therefore had a great advantage. After a great match, in which High School/Diocesan played really well; Rathdown won. It was very disappointing for the team but we congratulate Rathdown on their success.

The 2nd XI have also been winning many matches this season. They were drawn against Our Lady's Terenure in the first round of the Cup and drew twice. They were successful the third time but in the next

round were drawn against a very experienced team; Holy Child, Killiney. Unfortunately, they were beaten but they played extremely well. Next year they will be strong competitors in the Cup.

The Junior A were unfortunate to be drawn against Alexandra in their first round of the cup and were beaten. Throughout the year they have won a good number of friendly matches.

The Junior B were drawn against Ursuline Convent, Cabinteely and High School/Diocesan won. They were against a Notre Dame 'A' team in the second round and though they lost they played very well and gave this 'A' team a worrying time.

The Minor team played their first round at Drogheda and were successful. They then played Loreto Convent, Foxrock but were unlucky. Many of our players are very promising.

The 1st XI visited Cork for two days in October. The first day, they played Bandon Grammar School and won 5-3. Next day they played Ashton Comprehensive School and won 3-nil. They all enjoyed the trip and were delighted at the successes.

On 14th February the 1st XI played a Senior Team from High School, Coleraine at Belfield and were beaten. Although we lost, this match gave us the much needed experience against a Senior Team.

At this point, I thank Miss Correll for all her hard work in training the teams throughout the year and for all her encouragement to the players.

Finally, I thank our supporters, without whose regular attendance and vocal support, many matches would have ended in defeat for High School/Diocesan.

The members of the team enjoyed their visit to Cork, and are grateful for the hospitality and friendliness given by Cork parents and Miss Wallace in Rochelle.

*Cheryl Darlington
Games Captain 1974-75.*

Table Tennis (Girls)

More girls have played table tennis this year than previously. A team was entered in the inter-schools league, and, although they were not successful, they enjoyed matches played against Wesley College and Mount Sackville.

Table Tennis team 1974-1975: Linda Dalby, Janet Smith, Edwina Mundy, Sylvia Smith, Cheryl Darlington, Naomi Faulkner. Subs: Joyce Gyves, Chantel O'Sullivan.

Naomi Faulkner (secretary)

Girls' Badminton 1974 – 1975

Girls' Badminton received a boost this year with the amalgamation of the two schools. With facilities for playing badminton in the Assembly Hall, the number of players in the club increased greatly. However, the hall at Charleston Road was also used regularly throughout the season. There were three teams this year competing for the Leinster Inter-Schools Championships.

The 1st team played a very strong Wesley team and unfortunately lost both matches. We also played a team from the Church of Ireland Training College, faring far better in these matches.

The 2nd team which played Alexandra College and the Training College did a little better, although they did not reach the finals.

The under-sixteen team, playing Kings Hospital and Our Lady's, Tempogue did very well, and we were very pleased with their results.

We are very grateful to Miss Malcolmson and Miss Graham for their help and perseverance throughout the year. Our thanks also go to the Trustees of Charleston Road Methodist Church for giving us the use of the Hall. All in all, it has been a good year for Girls' badminton and we hope that next year we may be even more successful.

Captain: Edwina Mundy; Committee members: Cheryl Darlington, Janet Gill, Jean Nolan.

Secretary: Edwina Mundy (6th)



Winners of Leinster Schools' League and runners up in All-Ireland competition. Back: Teh Bing Chen, Michael Gill. Front: Ian Jackson (capt.), Peter de Lacy.

Diocesan School Past Pupils' Association

It gives me great pleasure to take this opportunity of letting you know what we in the Past Pupils' Association have been doing over the past year.

The A.G.M. of the Diocesan School Past Pupils' Association was held on 14th May, 1974, when the following Officers and Committee were elected:

<i>President:</i>	Mrs. Hazel McConnell
<i>Hon. Treasurer:</i>	Miss Dorothy Kerr
<i>Hon. Secretary:</i>	Miss Barbara Walsh
<i>Committee:</i>	Mrs. Ruth Farrell, Mrs. Hazel McConnell, Miss Gladys Norton, Mrs. Ruth Thompson, Mrs. Daphne Townsend.

The season got off to a flying start in September when Mr. Brook very kindly took us on a tour of Danum. This was followed by a Sherry Reception. We were very glad to see so many recent school-leavers at the meeting in our new surroundings and very pleased to be able to meet in Danum.

Our October meeting was a Fashion Show, with clothes provided by the Hill Boutique, Stillorgan, and the models from our own members. We particularly appreciated being allowed to look at the clothes more closely after the Show.

Our fund-raising event of the year was a Dutch Auction in November, which proved an evening of bargains and laughs. The Annual Dress Dance was held on 15th November in the Hotel Victor, Dun Laoghaire, and our final meeting of 1974 was an evening of Cake Decoration, with an eye to Christmas.

The New Year opened with a Film Night to set everyone thinking of holidays. Our February meeting was devoted to Health and Fitness, with a talk by a representative of the Slender Health Club, Stillorgan. In spite of this, we rounded off the evening with lashings of pancakes – after all, it was Shrove Tuesday!

At the time of writing we are looking forward to a repeat of a very popular Antique Evening in McDonall's of Molesworth Street. The Annual Dinner will be in the Clarence Hotel on 18th April and our season will close with the Annual General Meeting and an Arts and Crafts Exhibition by the girls of the school. The idea of combining the exhibition with the A.G.M. was first tried last year and I am sure will prove equally successful this year.

The Past Pupils' Association exists as a means of keeping in touch with old friends and making new ones. Everyone, whether fresh from school or a past pupil of some years' standing is welcome. So please do not feel shy about coming along. We will do our best to entertain you and to make you feel at home.

Barbara Walsh (Hon. Secretary)

Births

MAHER – June 28, 1974, to Heather (née Chapman) and Jim, a son (John Francis).

ACHESON – October 22, 1974, to Patricia (née Kearon) and Louis, a daughter (Lynn Michele. (1964–1968).

BECK – January 17, 1975, to Joan (née McLaren) and Donald, a son (Andrew Donald).

YOUNG – January 27, 1975, to Hazel (née MacAlpine) and Jimmy, a son (Ivor Kenneth); a brother for Lynda, Trevor and Roger.

O'HARA – January 28, 1975, to Jane (née Patterson) and Rodney, a daughter (Emma Louise); a sister for Lynne and Michelle.

FOX – February 21, 1975, to Patricia (née Blackmore) and Derek, a son.

STROUGHAIR – March 14, 1975, to Pamela (née Malcolm) and Eric, a son (Christopher Neill).

MOSS – (née Davis – To Carol (1960–66) and Raymond, a son, Nigel, brother for Stephen. 31-1-'75.

MOLLOY (née Warren) – To Christina (1964–68) and Clive, a son, Kieran. 25-2-'75.

FOX (née Gaw) – To Carol (1958–65) and Donald, a son, Bruce, brother for Nicola and Craig. 31.10.74.

NUZUM (née Foxall) – To Miriam (1966–71) and Samuel, a son, Ian, brother for Daniel. 12-11-74.

KELLY (née Graham) – To June (1964–69) and Edward, a daughter, Alison Grace. 18-2-'75.

COLEMAN (née Leach) – To Barbara (1962–68) and Geoffrey, a son, Andrew Stuart. 5-11-'74. In Johannesburg, S. Africa.

COLEMAN (née Calder) – To Dorothy (1964–68) and Lance, a daughter, Nicola Clare. 4-3-'75.

EVANS (née Calder) – To Dorothy (1964–68) and Lance, a daughter, Nicola Clare. 4-3-'75.

TEMPLEMORE-WALTERS (née Bolster) – To Lorna (1959–72) and Martin, a daughter, Tracey Alice. 17-6-'74. In Salisbury, Rhodesia.

ENGAGEMENTS

GRAHAM, Ann (1966–70), to Robert Payne, Rathangan, Co. Kildare, in December, 1974.

EAGER, Susan (1966–72), to David Maxwell, in December, 1974.

CROSS, Meriel (1966–72), to Fred Deane, in March, 1975.

Marriages

MALCOLM, Cherry, to Frank Ruane, 12th March, 1974.

WILLIAMS, Patricia, to Norman Wesley Guard, 19th October, 1974.

ANDERSON, Joyce (1964–68), to David Twamley, 21-9-1974.

BURTENSHAW, Joyce, (1964–68), to Thomas Murphy. 14-9-'74.

BROWN, Lynda (1966–72), to Don Black. 28-2-'74.

MOYTER, Elizabeth (1966–72), to Stuart Lyle-Watson. 15-6-'74.

LARGE, Sandra (1955–62), to Gordon Watkins. 20-9-74.

Ola Foxall was successful in her finals at Adelaide Hospital last May. She is now spending a year in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne doing a course in midwifery.

Grace Matthews was successful in her finals at Adelaide Hospital last May. She is now spending a year in Glasgow doing a course in midwifery.

We are delighted to announce that the following have passed their Final Nursing Examinations and are now Registered General Nurses (R.G.N.):

Susan Barry, Patricia Killeen, Joy Taylor.

Old Diocesan Ladies' Hockey Club

Report for Season 1974 – '75

This was our thirteenth season since the club was founded and we were very pleased to welcome Joyce Coates, Valerie Cookman, Deirdre Fincher, Olga Fraser, Gillian Jackson, Sandra Moore, Judy Neil, Glynis Smith, Hilary Switzer, Sandra Williams, Ingrid Harte and Sue Eager as new members. This gave us a total membership of 50

We began the season with a tremendous problem i.e. no home pitch due to vandalism at Belgrave Square it was impossible to invite visiting teams there. We were allowed the use of the pitch at the Church of Ireland Training College (by kind permission of the Principal, Rev. Percentor R. J. Ross) though as this

pitch was used also by the College's own students, the Colaiste Moibhi Students, the Primary School pupils and the Diocesan School girls it was often unplayable. We found ourselves hiring the hard pitch at St. Anne's, Milltown, though this presented organisational and financial problems, because it could only be hired a week or a fortnight in advance and was unavailable some Saturdays as it was used for the International team training sessions.

Because of these problems it was decided to have 3 teams only – 2 in the Middle League and 1 in the Junior League. So far judging by results the 1st XI has had the most successful season winning most of its matches. The 2nd XI members report that they have enjoyed their games even if they have not done so well. The 3rd Team which was composed mostly of new members found the change from School Hockey to Ladies' League somewhat daunting but they have improved vastly during the season and the experience gained will produce much better results next year.

The social side of the club was tremendously successful due to the hard work of the Social Secretary, Pat Coghlan and her Committee. It began with a Make-up Demonstration of Boots No. 7 Products which was so popular it was packed out. This was followed in November by the Past Pupils' Dress Dance and in December by carol-singing. This is an annual event which is ever popular and the Simon Community benefitted by it. To cheer ourselves up in January we had a very happy evening when Joe Walsh Tours showed films giving us some ideas for the Summer holidays. Elida Hair Products sent a representative to us in February and in March we held a very successful Bring and Buy Sale in aid of Club Funds.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to sending a team to play in the Cross Cup Tournament in Galway at Easter where we will be competing against some of the best teams in the country. Our final social event for the season is a Travelling Dinner on Friday, April 11th.

The A.G.M. of the Club will be held in May when we hope we will have definite news about the hard pitch at Danum. The future of the club depends very much on this and on its continuing to receive new members from the school. We were thrilled with the school team's performance in the Intermediate Cup and many of our members went to watch this match. We look forward confidently to the School's name on the Cup in 1976.

Pat Coghlan, Secretary.

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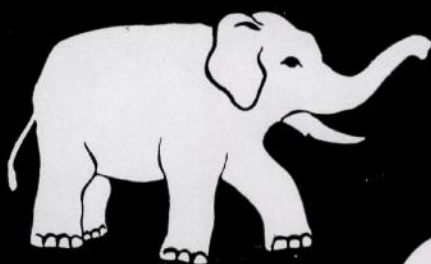
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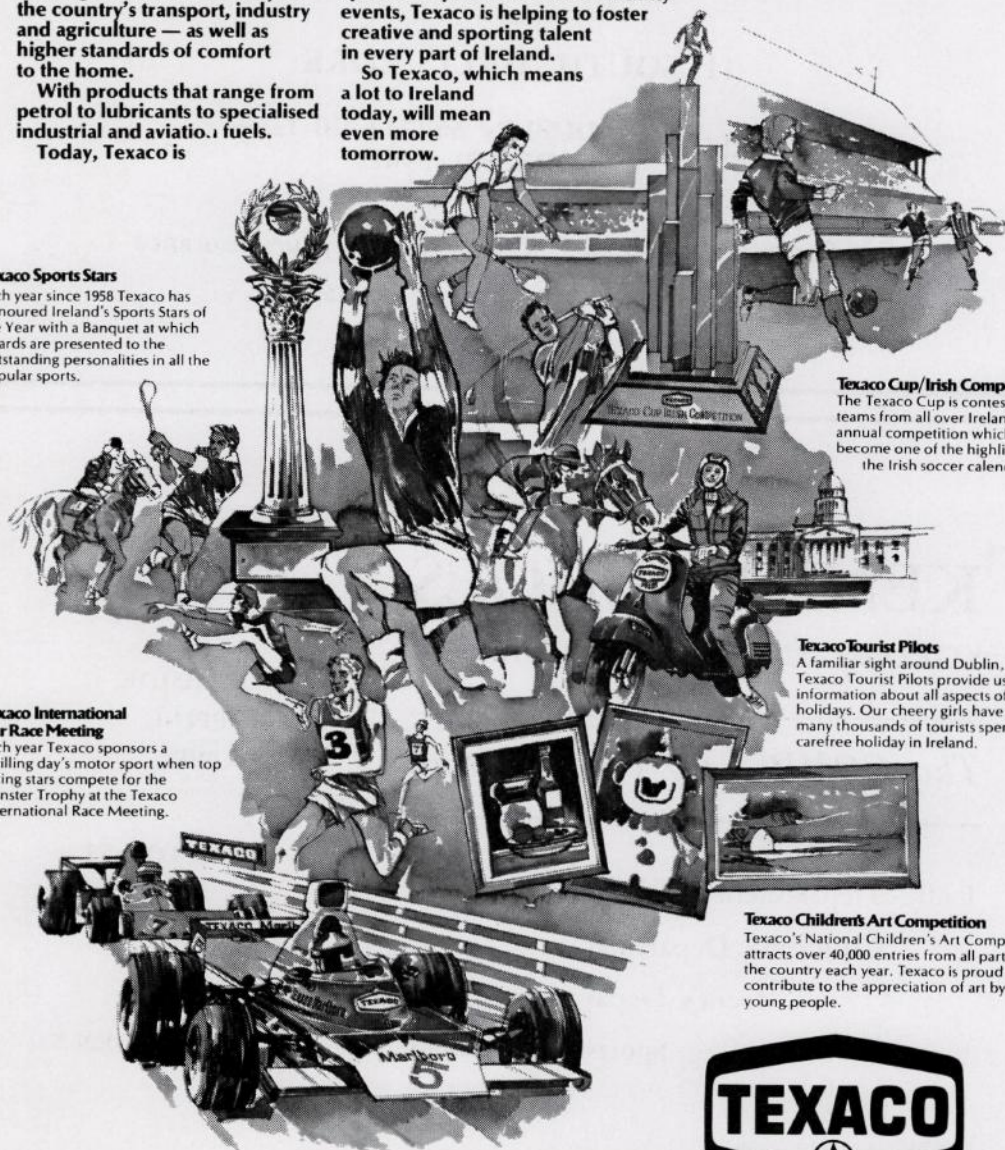
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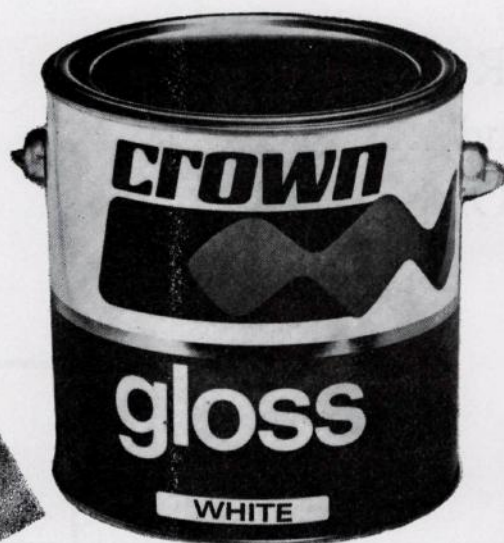
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